



CITY OF CHICAGO

THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

September 27, 2021

Subject: Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Training

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We wanted to send along another correspondence regarding Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) training and resources to our private sector partners in advance of the Chicago Marathon.

As you know, the OEMC has partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Chicago Police Department's Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) to establish and conduct in-person Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) training over the last several years. This training focuses on how to identify suspicious activity which could be an indicator of a terrorist attack or other criminal activity and share that information with law enforcement. Since 2017, the OEMC in partnership with DHS and CPIC has trained more than 5,000 individuals from city departments and the private sector. We have focused our training thus far on security personnel, field personnel, and the hotel and hospitality sector.

Additionally, DHS has developed training videos and suspicious activity indicators to assist with recognizing the kinds of suspicious behaviors that may be related to terrorism activities; understanding how and where to report this information; and protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties when reporting information. I invite you and your constituent networks to visit and review these free online training videos and informational resources featured at the following links (please copy and paste the individual links into your web browser):

- <https://www.dhs.gov/nationwide-sar-initiative-nsi/online-sar-training>
- <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/are-you-ready-to-seesay>
- <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something#>

Many of your organizations employ a contingency of field staff. We encourage you to share this message with your teams in the field. They are our eyes and ears on the ground in the communities every day and we encourage everyone to be alert and aware of the possible indicators of potential threats as they carry out their normal duties. Employees should be encouraged to report anything suspicious through their chain of command and call 9-1-1 for any immediate, obvious threat.

If you are interested in arranging in-person training for your staff, please reach out to Therese Kordelewski (Therese.Kordelewski@cityofchicago.org) from OEMC.

We appreciate your attention and taking the time to contribute to our city's overall safety. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Guidice". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered above the typed name.

Richard Guidice, Executive Director
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