



MIDTOWN PONCE SECURITY ALLIANCE

Suspicious and Criminal Activity Infosheet

RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **Any** obvious criminal activity, including prostitution and drug activity
- Snooping, hiding, or wandering on private property or in alleyways
- Peeking into parked cars
- Solicitors, especially those going door-to-door
- Unusual noises, such as glass breaking, screaming, or unusual barking
- Irrational or menacing conduct
- Walking down street with unusual object
- Property being taken out of houses or buildings where no one is at home or the business is closed
- Cars, vans, or trucks cruising or casing the neighborhood or a particular location
- Sitting in a car day or night, especially when transactions are taking place
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger stopping to talk to, or lure a child
- Running as if from something
- In short, trust your instincts...

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO BE CURIOUS NEIGHBORS WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS

IF IN DOUBT, ERR ON THE SIDE OF CALLING THE AUTHORITIES.

RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO HANDLE THESE THINGS ON THEIR OWN

REPORT SUSPICIOUS AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO 911

WHEN CALLING 911 REMAIN CALM AND GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- **WHO** you are – briefly identify yourself and your location
- **WHAT** you are reporting
- **WHERE** this is happening
- **WAIT** for additional questions by the 911 operator

To the extent necessary alert your neighbors and the MPSA at earliest feasibility. Even though you may call 911 anonymously, it is helpful if you are available to police for clarification and information.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY:

Suspect(s): sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, scars, injuries or bleeding, items carried or accent.

Vehicles: if a vehicle is involved note color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers, markings, and dents.

PLEASE ADVISE THE MPSA OF ONGOING PATTERNS

- Urban Camping
- Nuisance Properties
- Litter Accumulation
- Graffiti and street spam
- Abandoned and junked vehicles
- Suspicious and nuisance activity, such as panhandling and drug activity
- Dark places especially along streets

These things adversely affect neighborhood safety, quality of living, aesthetics and property values, and need to be addressed as early as possible.

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO START AND MAINTAIN BLOCK WATCHES

MOST IMPORTANTLY, GET OUT AND ENJOY THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PARTICIPATE IN ITS VITALITY AND DIVERSITY, AND KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. THIS IS ULTIMATELY WHAT MAKES A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE MPSA AND ITS PATROL PROGRAM IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED