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Texas Fusion Center: Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network

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Purpose and Roadmap



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network (TxSARNet), how it may be used to enhance school safety and encourage the collection, reporting and dissemination of information related to potential threats to the safety and security of any student, faculty member, administrator or school, college or university in Texas.

ROADMAP

- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network
- Texas School Safety
- Governor's Safety Action Plan
- Texas School Safety Network Reporting Examples
- Reporting Methods
- Vetting



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What is Suspicious Activity Reporting?



- **Suspicious Activity:** Observed behavior reasonably indicative of pre-operational planning associated with terrorism or other criminal activity.
- **Suspicious Activity Report (SAR):** Official documentation of observed behavior reasonably indicative of pre-operational planning associated with terrorism or other criminal activity.

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Who can report suspicious activity?



Suspicious Activity Reports can come from a variety of sources:

- Public (Community Member)
- Law Enforcement
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Private Security
- Child Protective Services
- Probation, Parole, and Corrections
- School Administrators, Faculty, and Students
- Liaison Officers

ANYONE CAN REPORT!

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Why are SARs Important?



- Prevent threats through early identification and intervention
- Initiate criminal investigations
- Provide leads to ongoing investigations
- Track individuals that may pose a threat

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Suspicious Activity Reporting | What to Report



What information should an individual include when documenting suspicious activity?

Everything you can!

It is important to include all information obtained so that the full context of the incident is apparent to anyone who reviews the report. This includes detailed descriptions of people, vehicles, facilities, etc. It is also important to include your or complainant's information (name, phone number, etc.) if available.

When completing a suspicious activity report, individuals must remember the following:

- The information must be legally obtained
- The information must be relevant to the identification of the subject or the subject's criminal conduct or activity
- **The information gathered cannot be based solely on the political, religious, social views, race, ethnicity, or activities of any individual or any group**

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<http://www.dps.texas.gov/docs/TxFCPrivacyPolicy113010.pdf>



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Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network



The Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network (TxSARNet) is a statewide suspicious activity reporting network recommended by the Texas Fusion Center Policy Council in order to create a holistic view of terrorism or crime-related suspicious activity in Texas.

TxSARNet facilitates a comprehensive collection, analysis, and response to terrorism, crime, and school safety related activity.

TxSARNet will assist Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to detect, deter, and disrupt criminal activities.

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Fusion Center's and Jurisdictions



Category 1 – Primary Fusion Centers

- Texas Fusion Center (Austin)

Category 2 – Secondary Fusion Centers

- Austin Regional Intelligence Center
- Dallas Fusion Center
- El Paso Fusion Center (MATRIX)
- Fort Worth Intelligence Exchange
- Houston Regional Intelligence Service Center
- North Texas Fusion Center



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SAR Collection and Collation

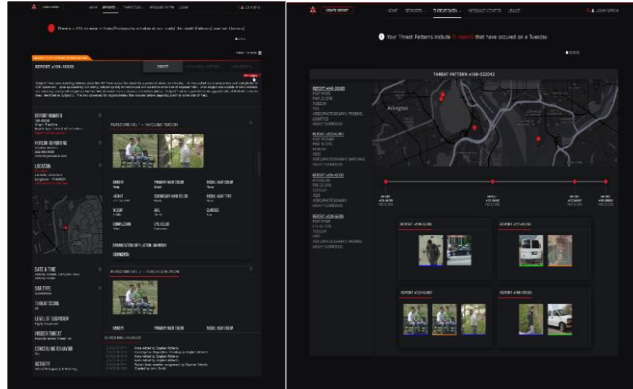


“Collecting the dots”

- Reports are quick and easy

“Connecting the dots”

- Every report automatically analyzed against all other reports across Texas and Nation
- Threat Patterns created real-time and shared with those who need to know



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Texas School Safety



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Background



On May 18th a 17 year-old Santa Fe High School student walked in to an art class at his school with a shotgun and a .38 revolver that were legally owned by his father. He opened fire on students and school employees, killing ten people and injuring 13 others. He also had crudely constructed IEDs that failed to detonate.



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Roundtables



Texas Governor Greg Abbott hosted multiple roundtable discussions with victims, parents, educators, lawmakers, law enforcement and policy experts to help generate solutions that improve safety and security at Texas schools. On May 30, 2018, Governor Abbott unveiled his School and Firearm Action Plan.



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Texas Office of the Governor Action



As a result of recent incidents, Governor has Abbot has released the following action plans:

- School and Firearm Safety Action Plan – May 30, 2018

Preventing Threats in Advance

The iWatchTexas is a statewide system that enables citizens and police officers to report pre-incident threat indicators and other suspicious activity through a mobile application, over the internet, or by telephone confidentially or anonymously. Using a single, state-wide reporting system, as opposed to a school-specific system, ensures that tips from various parts of the community are all integrated, providing a more holistic picture.

- Texas Safety Action Report – September 12, 2019

Order #5 - The Department of Public Safety shall work with the Texas Education Agency and the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** on ways to better inform schools, students, staff, and families about the importance of Suspicious Activity Reports and how to initiate the process.

Order No. 5 enhances the public's knowledge of SARs. It does so by providing information to those who work at, attend, or have a child attending a school, college, or university. Not only will this increase public safety across the state, it will also enhance safety at the state's schools, colleges, and universities.

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Uvalde police arrested two students accused



- 04/19/2018 – Uvalde LE became aware of two teenagers, ages 13 and 14, allegedly planning to detonate improvised explosive devices before conducting a mass shooting at Morales Junior High
- Pair planned to steal weapons from a neighbor's home
- Developed a list ranking students by order of priority and then killing as many as possible before committing suicide
- Texas Rangers assisted local LE and it was discovered the pair was obsessed with the Columbine High School shooters and often referred to themselves using the shooter's names
- The pair had conducted internet researches related to tactics used by the Columbine shooters and read about how to make IED as recently as three weeks prior to their arrest
- Pair arrested on 04/25/2018 and placed in custody at a juvenile detention center. Ongoing investigation.



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Public Citizen SAR – Threat to School Safety



Suspicious Activity Report received from anonymous source

- Concerned about Facebook postings made by identified 16 year old
- Comments made about hating school, bullies, and his teachers
- Profile picture is one of the Columbine shooters
- Unknown if subject has access to weapons

Action

- Analytical research conducted and an Instagram account was located where subject mentions killing animals, feeling homicidal, wanting to be a serial killer, and wanting to watch his teacher die.
- SAR and research disseminated to DPS assets in region. Texas Rangers made contact with local municipal PD and ISD PD
- Parents were contacted and were cooperative
 - Parents noted that they were having concerns and this was the push they needed to get student counseling
 - Weapons removed from home for safety
 - PD and ISD PD monitoring the situation



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THP SAR – Threat to School Safety



Suspicious Activity Report received from Texas Highway Patrol

- 18 year old high school sophomore encountered following a pursuit
- Located a rifle with approximately 100 rounds of ammunition (stated rifle belonged to father) and numerous knives concealed throughout vehicle
- Subject had preoccupation with making it to school
- Subject stated he had attempted suicide in 2014 or 2015 and would have preferred he had been shot than taken into custody
- Subject advised jail staff that he had been depressed

Action

- Analytical research conducted and disseminated to DPS assets in region
- Texas Rangers made contact with local municipal PD and ISD PD
- Parents were contacted and were forthcoming
 - Subject is an adopted child and has many phobias
 - Subject had been in public school, but had been put into a private school
 - Subject has been put into counseling and schools were notified



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iWatchTexas Reporting Methods



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TxSARNet – Unified Reporting



- www.iwatchtx.org

If the activity occurs in one of the regional fusion center's established areas of responsibility (AOR), the report is sent to that fusion center for vetting and research. If the location of activity does not fall into one of the regional fusion center AORs, the report comes to Texas Fusion Center for handling.

- TxSARNet Phone Line 1-844-643-2251

(Monitored by LE analyst 24/7)

- iWatchTexas app for public use

Apps are available for iPhone users through Apple App Store and Android users through Google Play



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Online Suspicious Activity Report



iWatchTexas COMMUNITY REPORTING SYSTEM

Welcome to the Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network iWatchTexas website, where you can report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate ongoing or future criminal or terrorist activity.

This site is not designed to report emergencies. **If this is an emergency, please call 911.**

Your report will be reviewed by an analyst to determine if similar reporting exists and to ensure the appropriate referrals are made. The report should take less than 5 minutes to complete and will remain confidential.

Although not required, providing your contact information will allow follow up questions, and if you prefer to report by telephone, please contact [844-643-2251](tel:844-643-2251).

False reporting to a law enforcement agency is a violation of state law.

[Create Report](#)

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Reporting Person



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Person Reporting

Please enter your contact information, then click "Next" to proceed.

- This contact information will be used by the Texas Department of Public Safety to follow up with you on any questions regarding your report.
- You may leave these fields blank if you wish to report anonymously.

These fields are optional.

Your name:

Street Address (no P.O. Boxes):

City: State: Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

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Basic Information



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Basic Information

When did the suspicious activity occur? 2018-12-02 at 10:05 AM

How many people were involved? 1

How many vehicles were involved? 1

Please provide some basic information about the incident.

- If you observed the same activity on more than one occasion, select the most recent date/time.

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Activity Location



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Location

Please enter the location of the suspicious activity in the "Address" field and click "Go."

- You may drag the indicator on the map to specify a more precise location.
- You can zoom the map in and out with the "+" and "-" buttons.
- If you cannot provide an exact address, enter an approximate location. (You will be able to specify more details later.)

*Location of Activity: Burnet Community Center, Burnet, TX [Go](#) [Reset](#)

Street Address, Intersection, Business Name, or Landmark

Map Satellite

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Narrative



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Narrative

Please enter a description of what you saw, including why you believe the activity was suspicious.

How suspicious was the activity?
 Was the person (or persons) attempting to conceal their behavior?
 Describe what you observed in detail (who, what, when, where). Please provide as much information as possible, including description and identifiers, of vehicle(s) and person(s) involved, whether suspect or victim.

Select Level:
 Highly Suspicious
 Moderately Suspicious
 Highly Suspicious

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Person Information



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PersonPrint® 1

Please describe this individual.

- Use the large buttons on the right to make your selections.
- To change a characteristic you have already selected, click on the label (e.g., "Gender") in the left column.
- If you have indicated that more than one person was involved, you will be asked for this information about each individual.

Gender
 Height
 Build
 Age
 Primary Hair Color
 Secondary Hair Color
 Facial Hair
 Facial Hair Color
 Complexion

Do you know the person's name or address?

Comments (clothing, distinguishing features, accessories such as bags)

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Person Information



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Please describe this individual.

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- If you have indicated that more than one person was involved, you will be asked for this information about each individual.

Gender

Height

Build

Age

Primary Hair Color

Secondary Hair Color

Facial Hair

Facial Hair Color

Complexion

Glasses

Do you know the person's name or address?

Comments (clothing, distinguishing features, accessories such as bags, cameras and other notables, etc.)

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Name and Address

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Street Number and Name

City State ZIP

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Vehicle Information



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VehiclePrint® 1

Please describe this vehicle.

- If you have indicated that more than one vehicle was involved, you will be asked for this information about each one.

License Plate

License Plate Country

License Plate State

Make

Model

Type

Color

Interior Color

Age

Condition

Distinguishing Characteristics (Bumper stickers, damage, etc.)

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Attachments



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Attachments

If you have any photo, video, screenshot, or audio files of the people, vehicles, or activity, click the upload button. Attachments are limited to 50MB.

- You can indicate which person or vehicle is shown in each attachment

Add attachments:

Upload

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iWatchTexas App (iOS and Android)



iWatchTexas

COMMUNITY REPORTING SYSTEM

Welcome to the Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network iWatchTexas app, where you can report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

Is the Incident School Safety Related?

YES, it is School Safety Related

NO, it is not School Safety Related

Select School

Search Schools

- 7TH H S - NORTHEAST, ROUND ROCK
- ABRAHAM KAZEN MIDDLE, SAN ANTONIO
- ACADEMY J H, LITTLE RIVER
- ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING,...
- ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER, CORP...
- ADA MAE FAUBION EL, CEDAR PARK
- ADAMS EL, CLEBURNE
- AESA Prep International, Austin

AIDA C: If your school is not on this list, please email the school's full name and physical address to:
iWatchTexas_Schools@dps.texas.gov

My School is Not Listed

Search: Marb

First Baptist Christian School Marble Falls,...

q w e r t y u i o p
a s d f g h j k l
z x c v b n m
space Search

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Basic Report Information Activities



1/8 Activities

Please select one or more activities involved in the incident you are reporting.

- Anger Issues
- Animal Cruelty
- Arson/Fire Starting
- Bullying**
- Child Abuse
- Cyber-Bullying
- Dating Violence
- Depression
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs
- Eating Disorders

2/8 Your Information

You may leave these fields blank if you wish to file a report anonymously.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Organization

3/8 Time

When did the activity occur?

Tue Oct 2	5	43
Wed Oct 3	6	50
Thu Oct 4	7	51
Fri Oct 5	8	52 AM
Sat Oct 6	9	53 PM
Sun Oct 7	10	54
Mon Oct 8	11	55

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Report Details: Social Media, Imagery, Incident Location



4/8 Social Media

If Social Media was used to express the problem, what was used?

N/A

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Reddit
- 4chan
- WhatsApp
- Pinterest
- Email
- Texting
- Other

5/8 Add Imagery

Take A Picture

Photo/Screenshot Library

6/8 Incident Location

Describe location

Go

Use my current location

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Report Details (Narrative, Review, Submit)



7/9 Narrative

Describe what you observed in detail (who, what, when, where). Please provide as much information as possible, including description and identifiers, of vehicle(s) and person(s) involved, whether suspect or victim.

8/9 Review Report

- Activities
Anger Issues, Bullying
- Your Information
- Time
Friday, October 5, 2018 at 8:52 AM
- Social Media
N/A
- Imagery
0 photos
- Location
- Narrative

8/9 Review Report

- Activities
Anger Issues, Bullying
- Your Information
- Time
Friday, October 5, 2018 at 8:52 AM
- Social Media
N/A
- Imagery
0 photos
- Location
- Narrative
Text

Submit Report

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iWatchTexas School Safety Resources (Video)



What should I report?

What makes a good report?

Video/Resources

Downloads

[About iWatchTexas](#)
[iWatchTexas: Reporting a Tip](#)


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iWatchTexas Resources

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The Path Forward

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OR

By downloading the iWatchTexas mobile app | Available on iOS and Android devices



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