



Campus Cops Corner

-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-

Public Safety Newsletter

It's been nine years since the attack on the Twin Towers, but incidents such as the 2007 Fort Dix plot, the Fort Hood shooting in November, the Christmas Day bombing attempt of Umar Farouk Abdulmatallah (dubbed "The Underwear Bomber") and the recent arrests of Nabibullah Zazi from Aurora and Colleen LaRose, aka: "Jihad Jane," (ties to Leadville) show that terrorism has come to the United States and Colorado. While the difference between a "criminal act" and "terrorism" is moot to the victims, "terrorism" is defined as "the illegal use of violence to influence social and political agendas." Terrorism is NOT always international. There have been numerous instances of "domestic terrorism." We know that terrorists seek "soft (easy), targets" where they are likely to harm many people and obtain publicity for their causes. While they are often not afraid of dying, they are definitely afraid of the humiliation of failure.

Accordingly, our goal is to Deter, Detect, Delay and Defend, and you play the largest role in the plan.

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The 4-D Program

1. **Deter**: We start by not looking like an "easy" target. Do we have boundaries (physical and otherwise)? Do we enforce those boundaries? Are things orderly and organized? Do we tolerate unruly behavior or violation of our rules and regulations? If something or someone is "out-of-place," are they addressed? Do we look and act like we're paying attention?
2. **Detect**: Is our response to violations of our boundaries, disruptive behavior and suspicious activity swift and efficient? You are our "eyes and ears." When you're concerned; we're concerned. Don't be hesitant about calling when you're suspicious. Trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, please call 502-2911 immediately. Stay on the line with us as we're responding. If you can, without putting yourself in danger, keep the person/s in sight and give us detailed information on descriptions (age, race, gender, height, weight/build, color hair, and clothing description from top to bottom), i.e., "a 30-something, white male, 5'10," thin build, brown hair, wearing a blue long sleeve button-down shirt with a Bronco logo, and tan, corduroy pants." Vehicle descriptions are equally important. Use the acronym CYMBL (color, year, make, body style, and license plate), i.e., "a white, older model, Ford Bronco, SUV 4-dr, with Colorado license plate ABC123." The license plate is extremely important since it equates to a name.

When you see an unattended backpack, briefcase, or package, ask around, and if no one claims it, call us.

Part of our Detection plan involves the efficient broadcasting of alarms either through the public address system, Connect Ed, and other redundant systems. Please be sure that you're signed up, and that you stress the importance of signing up with your students, colleagues and coworkers.

3. **Delay**: I've repeatedly stressed the importance locking your doors. We know the bandits wish to harm as ***many*** of us as ***quickly*** as they can. Keeping them from having "easy access" to large numbers of people in one area slows them down and frustrates their goals.
4. **Defend**: Police often speak of "wolves, sheep and sheep dogs," (Predators, Citizens and Police). We recognize that most people simply want to be productive and lead their lives in peace, and we take our role as their "guardians" very seriously. We have armed, trained, and well equipped police officers on campus. Immediate and effective help is only minutes away, and through our agreements with surrounding law enforcement agencies, efficient reinforcements are part of the plan.

In the next issue of Campus Cops Corner, we'll describe the Eight Signs of Terrorism and things which should arouse your suspicion.

Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: www.ppcc.edu/alert
- Crime Stoppers
634-STOP (7867)
- Anonymous Reporting
www.SAFE2TELL.org

1-877-542-7233