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Suspicious Activity Training Memo

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It seems clear that mass attacks in public spaces will continue to happen. It also seems clear that Firefighters and Emergency Medical Service Providers will continue to be called upon to pick up the pieces, sometimes literally.

What might not be so clear is that all first responders can possibly play a part in the prevention of such acts. Large amounts of data have been collected and studied on these events, with two key notes standing out:

- 1) Perpetrators do not “snap”, they “decide”.
- 2) Perpetrators often leave evidence of planning and preparing, some of which is observable.

The United States Department of Homeland Security has an excellent online class entitled “Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative – NSI Training: Fire/EMS”. It is an awareness level program that can be completed in less than an hour. This is important and highly beneficial training for all Fire and EMS personnel in NH. AND, it is a source of EMS con-ed!

Here is the training link: [NSI Training: Fire/EMS | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

Please pass this memo along to all your members.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Fire/EMS Liaison Officer Jim Heinz at: James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov