## Communities Against Terrorism
### Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to General Aviation Airports

#### What Should I Consider Suspicious?
- Individuals who are taking flying lessons or ask about lessons and are uninterested in learning all that is necessary to pilot an aircraft safely.
- Attempts to obtain flying lessons or rent or charter a plane without proper identification.
- Inquiries about renting or chartering an aircraft for questionable or vague reasons.
- Requests to be flown through restricted airspace.
- Requests to be flown over specific potentially sensitive locations (e.g., schools, dams, bridges) for unsubstantiated reasons.
- Individuals on chartered flights who take pictures or videos of potentially sensitive locations.
- Individuals who appear more interested in photographing/documenting airport security procedures and safeguards than airplanes.
- Inquiries about buying aviation fuel in containers as opposed to dispensing it into an airplane.
- Attempts to load fuel or propane into a passenger compartment of an aircraft.
- Evidence of attempted breaches of airport perimeter security (e.g., holes in fences).
- Individuals whose actions/behaviors are outside the norm and raise your suspicions based on your experience.
- Vehicles parked near an airport perimeter fence, especially for extended periods.
- Attempts to leave or enter airport buildings through emergency exits, employee doors, or other outlets not designed for public access.
- Airport employees who are found in areas that are not permitted by their airport credentials.
- Requests for information about airport security procedures, staffing, or equipment.
- Persons requesting ramp security access codes.
- Individuals who ask about crop dusting planes and are unable to provide a satisfactory reason for the inquiry.
- Non-U.S. citizens applying for flight training with an expired M-1 vocational visa or without the required M-1 vocational visa.

*It is important to remember that just because someone’s speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.*

#### What Should I Do?
- **Be part of the solution.**
  - If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.
  - Report suspicious activity to the General Aviation Hotline (866) GA-SECURE or (866) 427-3287.
  - Establish a contact (e.g., airport manager) at the airport for easy reporting of suspicious activities.
  - Restrict entry to specific airport facilities.
  - Ensure that all flight school employees complete required Flight School Security Awareness (FSSA) training every year.
  - Educate airport personnel about indicators of terrorist activities.
  - Work with local law enforcement to ensure that the airport perimeter is patrolled.
  - Install security cameras at all entrances and exits to airport buildings.
  - Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.

*Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.*

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, you can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. The **partnership between the community and law enforcement** is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.