



# **New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness**

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# NJSARS

(Suspicious Activity Reporting System)

Report Suspicious Activity:

**1-866-4-SAFE-NJ**

**Our Most  
Effective  
Weapon  
Against  
Terrorism  
is YOU.**

**IF YOU SUSPECT IT  
REPORT IT.  
1-866-4-SAFE-NJ**



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# What is NJSARS?

NJSARS contains:

- *Terrorism and homeland security information related to suspicious activity reports (SAR).*

NJSARS is a Statewide database through which SAR information is disseminated throughout:

- OHSP
- FBI JTTF (Newark and Philly)
- County Counter-Terrorism Coordinators (CTCs)
- Local law enforcement

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'INFOSHARE SELECT'. The page header includes the Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness logo and the title 'OHSP Tips & Leads Initial Intake'. The user 'JENNIFER MK' is logged in. The form is titled 'Source Of Information (If names are not known enter "Unknown")' and contains the following fields:

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Prepared By	Agency	Date Created
MICHALCHUK, JENNIFER	OHSP	04/27/2009

Below the form is a section for 'Subject Information'.



# NSI Model

NJSARS is following the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) model.

- *SAR is defined as an:*
  - “Official documentation of observed **behavior reasonably indicative** of preoperational planning related to terrorism or other criminal activity.”
- SAR Process:
  - “The end-to-end process of gathering, processing, reporting, analyzing, and sharing of SARs.” The SAR process focuses on what LE agencies have been doing for years—gathering information regarding **behaviors** and **incidents** associated with crime and establishing a process whereby information can be shared to detect and prevent criminal activity, including that associated with domestic and international terrorism.



# Types of Reports

## **Banking/Financial Activities**

*Suspicious wire transfers-domestic or int'l;  
Large, frequent cash transactions*

## **Bomb Threats/Explosive-related**

*Include Schools*

## **Anthrax, Chemical, Biological or Nuclear threats or events**

*Confirmed/Unconfirmed Suspicious Substances*

## **Counterfeit/Pirated, Untaxed Items**

*Terrorism Funding*

## **Computer/Cyber-related terrorism**

*Cyber Attack*

## **Document Frauds/Identity Thefts**

## **Flyovers**

## **ICE/INS Immigration Violations**

## **Lost/Stolen IDs**

*SSN Cards, Passports, LE, Emergency Services,  
Military, Utilities*

## **Expressed or Implied Threats**

*Verbal or written against U.S. Govt. &/or public*

## **Stolen Vehicles**

*Emergency Services, i.e. Ambulances, Police,  
Buses, Security, Tankers, Mail Delivery, Utilities*

## **Suspicious Persons/Vehicles (To include aircraft & marine)**

*Acquisition of Expertise/Training, Materials,  
Eliciting Info, Acquisitions/ Storage,  
Misrepresentation, Observation. Recruiting,  
Surveillance, Testing of Security, Laser Beam  
Incidents, Money Laundering, Clone Vehicles*



# Types of Reports

## **Suspicious Thefts**

*Government Thefts, Containers, Mail Boxes*

## **Trespassing/Security Breaches & Attempted Intrusions/Loitering**

*Around Critical Infrastructure Sites*

## **Unattended Bags/Packages**

## **Video/Photographing**

*Critical Infrastructure Sites, Government Facilities, Schools, Transportation, Utilities, etc.*

## **Weapons Related Activity**

*With Possible Nexus To Terrorism*

## **Certain School Related Threats**

Bomb threats, suspected or suspicious explosives devices, to include incidents that results in a school evacuation (with exception of security drills.)

School security threats, including terroristic threats & any other serious /reckless threats of violence to general school community including discovery of dangerous weapons, explosives devices, components or precursor material.

Violence/Intimidation (*Hate Crime*)

Unusual theft/loss of dangerous chemicals from lab facilities or storage.

Possible surveillance activities or intrusions by suspicious persons in or around school grounds/property



# 8 Signs of Terrorism

- 1) Surveillance
- 2) Elicitation/Seeking Information
- 3) Tests of Security
- 4) Acquiring Supplies
- 5) Suspicious People Who Do Not Belong
- 6) Dry Run/Trial Run
- 7) Deploying Assets/Getting Into Position
- 8) Terrorist Funding



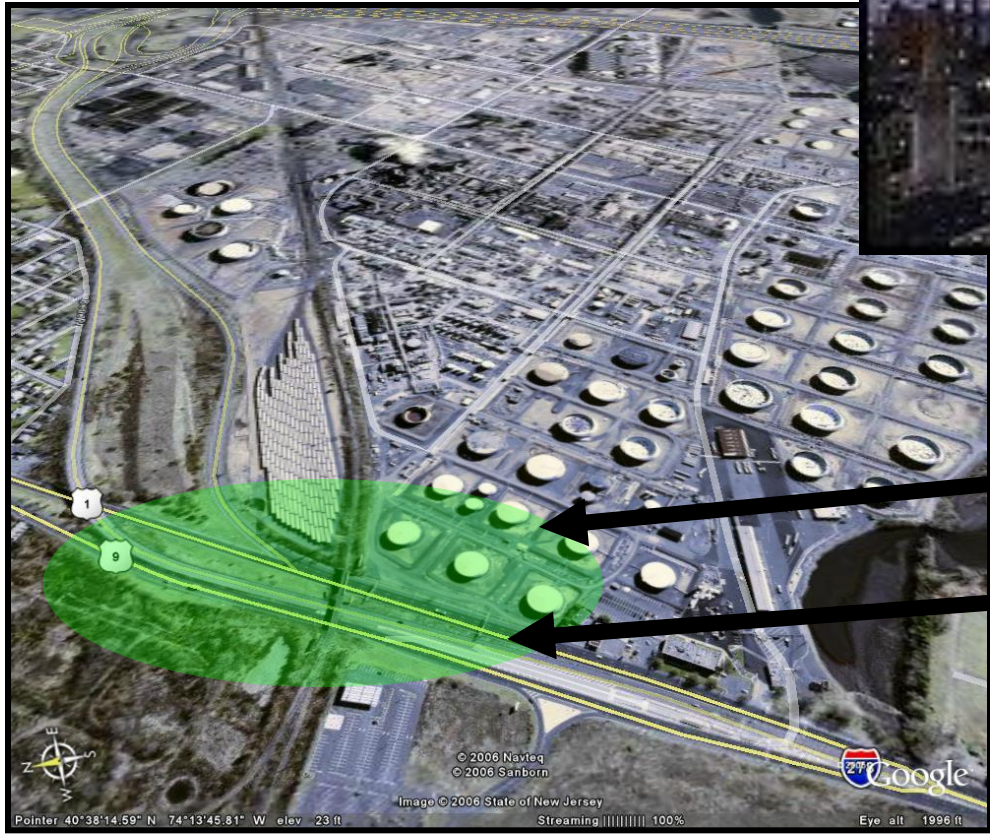


# Reporting SARs



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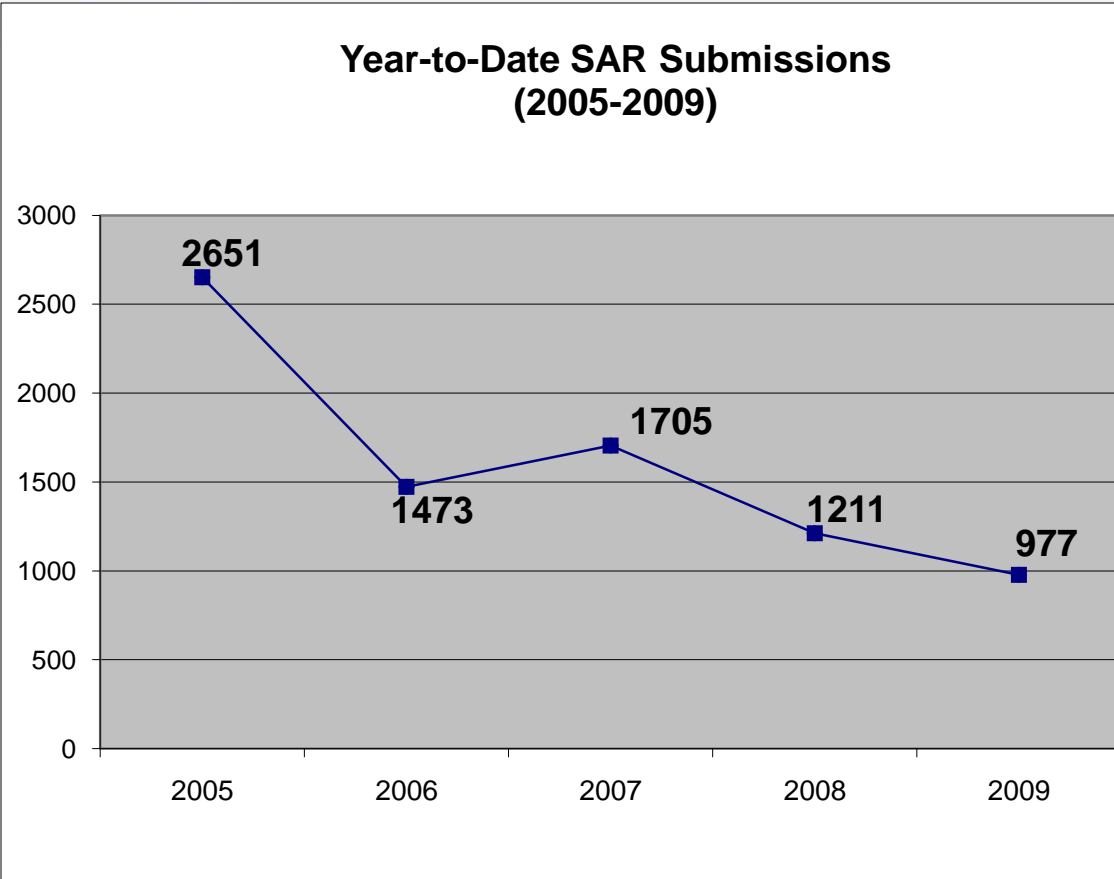
- Susp. Persons
- Susp. Vehicles
- Trespassing

**What About: Photographing, Videotaping, Disabled Vehicles, etc.**



# Grand Totals – NJ SAR Submissions 2005 - 2009

Year-to-Date SAR Submissions  
(2005-2009)



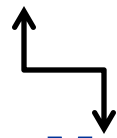
**SAR submissions in NJ decreased 19% from 2008 to 2009.**

- SAR submissions in NJ have decreased (*with the exception of 2007*) since 2005.
- Consistent with overall decrease in SAR submissions nationwide.
- Increase in 2007 SAR submissions may be due to such factors as:
  - Fort Dix Plot (*May 2007*)
  - JFK Plot (*June 2007*)
  - London and Glasgow Attacks (*June 2007*)

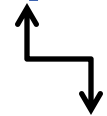


# SAR Information Flow

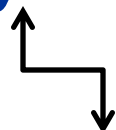
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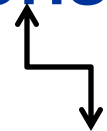
**Municipal LE**



**County LE**



**State (OHSP)**



**Federal (JTTF)**





# What To Report?

- Any suspicious activity or incident that you feel is related to homeland security or terrorism, either domestic or international.



# How To Report?

- All SARs should be reported to OHSP & entered into NJSARS.
  - NOTE: OHSP is **NOT** first responders; use your initial reporting process of your organization.
- Depending on the reporting process in your specific county:
  - SARs may be sent to your Municipal Counter Terrorism Coordinator (MCTC) or County CTC, who will enter the report into NJSARS.
  - SARs may be also reported to the OHSP Counter Terrorism Watch Tips Line at **1-866-4-SAFE-NJ**.





# Remember...

- **“IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT”**
- Activity or person may not be criminal BUT may be **suspicious**.
- OHSP is not an Initial Responder.
- Follow the normal initial reporting process of your organization.





# Contact Info

- Public Tip Line: **1-866-4-SAFE-NJ**
- E Mail Tips: [tips@NJHomelandSecurity.gov](mailto:tips@NJHomelandSecurity.gov)
- Fax Tips: 609-530-3650
- Web form: [www.njhomelandsecurity.gov](http://www.njhomelandsecurity.gov)  
Click on "Report Suspicious Activity"



# Open Forum/ Questions