

## What is Commuter Lot Watch?

Commuter Lot Watch is an added feature to the Fleet Watch program for those Fleet Watches that choose to participate. Participating Fleet Watches drive through particular Commuter Lots (Park & Rides) that are on or near routes that their vehicles normally travel in the course of a typical business day. They will adopt one or more of these lots and drivers will drive through them as they pass by and watch for any suspicious activity that they see. They would then report that activity to the police.

The program is not meant to detract from the efficiency of conducting a business, but it is intended to encourage drivers to adopt a sense of ownership over their assigned lots and drive through them when time permits.

The Commuter Lot Watches follow the same guidelines as outlined for Fleet Watches.



## Suspicious Activity in Commuter Lots

- ◆ People loitering for no apparent reason
- ◆ A person seeming to act as a lookout while another person is in or near a vehicle
- ◆ Person(s) walking around with a tool or tools in hand
- ◆ Person(s) walking from one car to another while carrying property, particularly if the car they go to is illegally parked
- ◆ Person(s) who enter or leave the lot on foot or by other than established entrances or exits
- ◆ The sound of glass breaking, people screaming, or car alarms
- ◆ Broken glass in the vicinity of a car
- ◆ Car doors standing open or open windows on unattended cars
- ◆ Person(s) bleeding or otherwise injured or ill
- ◆ Anything that seems out of the ordinary for a commuter lot

## JOIN FLEET WATCH

If you are interested in joining the Fleet Watch program, or would like more information, please contact the Prince William County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 703-792-7270.

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## What is Fleet Watch?

The goal of Fleet Watch is to increase the eyes and ears in our community to better detect criminal activity. This is done by organizing employees who drive vehicles throughout Prince William County during their normal work routine. Several examples of this would include tow truck, utility, phone, delivery, and maintenance company drivers. The police cannot be everywhere all the time, so we rely on citizens to assist us in a variety of ways.

Community crime prevention programs work, and Fleet Watch is one of the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent crime in Prince William County. The Fleet Watch program helps to reduce all types of crime and improves the relationship between the police and the business community.

The Fleet Watch program not only enables drivers to quickly notify the police with reports of criminal activity in progress, but the Police Department also provides participants with crime alerts for known suspects, vehicles, or specific crimes.



## Guidelines to Follow

Fleet Watch drivers are not expected, nor are they encouraged, to physically intervene in a situation that they might observe. Drivers should use their two-way radio (if applicable) or cell phone to quickly call police and report the suspicious activity or incident.



### What is Suspicious?

- ◆ Anything that seems out of place or is occurring at an unusual time of day.
- ◆ Persons entering or leaving a business establishment after hours.
- ◆ Sounds of breaking glass or screaming.
- ◆ Persons walking through yards of residential areas or seeming out of place.
- ◆ Persons loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas.
- ◆ Parked vehicles that are occupied at unusual locations or unusual times.

### Fleet watch drivers are also encouraged to report:

- ◆ Motor vehicle accidents.
- ◆ Reckless drivers/drunk drivers.
- ◆ Hazardous situations

## How to Report Suspicious Activity

When Fleet Watch members call the police, remember to give your name and to identify yourself as a member of Fleet Watch. Give the dispatcher all of the information that you have gathered, which may include:

- ◆ Type of incident
- ◆ Location
- ◆ Time of incident
- ◆ Any suspect, suspect vehicle and direction of travel description, if applicable
- ◆ Victim information
- ◆ Any injuries, if applicable

Be prepared to answer any questions to assist the dispatcher.

**Emergency call: 9-1-1**

**Non-Emergency call: 703-792-6500**

