



# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Martial Arts and Paintball Activities

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

#### Related to Individual Appearance, General Behavior, and Communications:

- Alters appearance from visit to visit (beard shaved off, hair color changed, etc.)
- Insists on paying with cash or uses credit card(s) in different name(s)
- Identification provided is inconsistent or suspect or demands identity “privacy”
- Customer travels illogical distance to participate, or location is illogical for group
- Nervous/suspicious behavior or evasive about group’s purpose (ask other patrons about group)
- Interest in learning offensive moves in a confined space
- Interest in learning the use of hidden weapons
- Interest in learning kill and restraint techniques with no occupational need
- Individuals who together are interested in learning group tactics
- Participants making racist or extreme religious statements
- Unusual comments made regarding anti-US, radical theology, vague or cryptic warnings

#### Related to Group Activities, Training Activities, and Training Location:

- Incorporating close combat or hand-to-hand fighting into training
- Designing a paintball field to mimic security checkpoints (such as schools, theaters, airports, malls)
- Using diagrams to create obstacles (may resemble building or airport security, etc.)
- Creating scenarios that incorporate law enforcement
- Practicing kidnapping or ambush scenarios; may simulate use of RPG or explosives
- Referring to military/jihad training manuals or clearly submitting to a leader in the group
- Operating a private facility that’s not available or advertised to the public
- Converting large plots of rural land to paintball fields or military style training camps

*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.

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new customers.
- ✓ Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- ✓ Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- ✓ **If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.**

#### 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.



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