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SPOKANE, WA: The Spokane Department of Emergency Management is coordinating the local See Something, Say Something Campaign. This is in coordination with local law enforcement to keep our communities safer. In light of recent events, the beginning of the local Critical Infrastructure and Special Events Program and the See Something, Say Something Campaign. This campaign will officially launch in March 2011.

The campaign is to encourage community participation specially geared towards Critical Infrastructure. Critical Infrastructure are key assets, systems and networks, whether physical or virtual, so vital to our community that their incapacitation or destruction would have debilitating effect on security and safety of our citizens. This information is analyzed by local law enforcement Regional Intelligence Group and the Washington State Fusion Center. This project is approved by community partners in June 2010 and is partly funded with Homeland Security dollars.

Suspicious behavior may include but are not limited to:

- Persons parking, standing or loitering in the same area over a multiple day period with no apparent reasonable explanation
- A pattern or series of false alarms requiring emergency response
- Unexplained photography

This campaign is designed to enhance law enforcement and private sector partnerships, private sector point-of sale awareness and citizen participation in community safety. For citizens:

- Be aware
- Report suspicious behavior.

Businesses are encouraged to:

- Develop security and emergency response plans
- Conduct regular exercises
- Employee awareness programs

To Report Suspicious Behavior:

- Email: <u>Rig9@spokanesheriff.org</u>
- Phone: RIG: 509-477-3181 Crime Check: 456-2233

If citizens see something that needs immediate law enforcement attention, contact 911/Crime Check.

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