

LAW ENFORCEMENT ALERT

Security Assessment for Enforcement (SAFE) Checklist

**When assessing unusual activities within
the trucking industry, ask yourself:
Who, what, when, where, and why?**

- Who: Driver** - Is the driver present? Can he provide:
 - ◆ Proper commercial drivers licence?
 - ◆ If truck is rented:
 - Is the driver authorized to operate the vehicle as shown on the lease agreement?
 - ◆ If truck is placarded:
 - Does the driver have the proper shipping papers?
 - Does the driver have the proper emergency response contact number(s)?

- What: Cargo** - Is the cargo suspicious?
 - ◆ Is it hazardous material?
 - ◆ Is it placarded?
 - ◆ Is it identified by a shippers name?
 - ◆ Is it identified by a DOT number?
 - ◆ Is it a rental vehicle?

- When: Time** - Is it unusual to see a truck:
 - ◆ after normal business hours;
 - ◆ in the middle of the night;
 - ◆ when the business or institution is closed; or
 - ◆ if the vehicle is seen at a time when deliveries are not normally accepted?

- Where: Location** - Is it unusual for a truck to be parked near:

shopping malls	power plants	bridges
water treatment plants	stadiums	tunnels
government buildings	laboratories	dams
secured tank yards	schools	farms

- Why: Route** - Does the truck seem out of place:
 - ◆ Is it off the interstate in area where it does not belong?
 - ◆ Is there another vehicle parked near the truck?
 - ◆ Is the truck in a highly populated or volatile area?

Investigate to resolve your suspicions:

- ◆ Talk to the occupants of the truck
- ◆ Check registration/lease agreement
- ◆ Verify truck's cargo and delivery schedule
- ◆ Contact trucking company or commercial vehicle enforcement specialists



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