

## **TERRORISM AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

The Terrorism Awareness and Prevention program is a crime prevention initiative created by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and taught by specially trained law enforcement officers to educate citizens about the realities and myths of terrorists and terrorism.

More than 1000 law enforcement officers and selected civilian trainers in Pennsylvania—including municipal police, county sheriffs/deputies and state police – have been trained to present this one-hour program to community groups, volunteer and professional organizations, and government workers across Pennsylvania.

The program has three goals: to help citizens understand the threat to our society, their part in protecting their community, and commonsense measures they can take to enhance their own security.

The intent of this program is to help citizens understand who terrorists are, what they do, why they do it and how they do it. Terrorism Awareness and Prevention teaches citizens how to be alert, what to look for and how to report it properly to law enforcement officers.

Equally important, the program stresses that suspicious activity is not necessarily when someone looks, speaks, acts, believes, or lives differently than we do, rather it is activity which is unusual or out of place **and** that appears to be leading to criminal activity. Terrorism is really crime and terrorists are just criminals who commit crimes for a very specific reason - to force some sort of change.