

# Mitchell Crime Prevention Unit

## August Crime Prevention Tip

### Topic: Reporting Suspicious Activity

The police cannot function effectively without the assistance of responsible citizens. We need your help in reporting suspicious activity. Some people fail to call because they are not aware of what is considered suspicious. Others notice suspicious activity and assume someone else will call. Still, others fail to call because they feel they are bothering the police.

We encourage everyone to call the police **IMMEDIATELY** if they feel a situation or circumstance is suspicious. DO NOT think you are bothering the police; this is why we are here! DO NOT be embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded. **IF IN DOUBT, CALL!** It is better to err on the side of safety. Following is a list of incidents that should be reported to the police by dialing 9-1-1. This list is not intended to be complete. Use your own judgment when calling the police.

- ✍ Someone needing police, fire, or medical assistance
- ✍ Alarms sounding or glass being broken
- ✍ Someone loitering around cars or going car to car peering into them
- ✍ Slow moving vehicles (at night without lights) driving aimlessly.
- ✍ Apparent business transactions being conducted from a vehicle
- ✍ Someone seen being forced into a vehicle
- ✍ Abandoned vehicle parked on your block
- ✍ Someone seen with a weapon
- ✍ Someone loitering, entering or leaving a business before or after hours

While some, if not all, of the above situations could have innocent explanations, the police would rather prevent illegal activity than be called to investigate a crime after it is committed.

**Please remember, timely reporting is important. Dial 9-1-1 as soon as you witness suspicious activity!**