

COMMUNITY CORNER

Reporting suspicious activity can help protect Fort Riley community

By Col. William Clark
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See something, say something – This phrase is often associated with anti-terrorism efforts. Antiterrorism is one of the four methods of combating terrorism and involves risk management, planning, training, education and awareness. The other three elements are counterterrorism, intelligence support and consequence management.

The idea behind “see something, say something” is that if you notice suspicious activity –

a person acting strangely, an unidentified package or vehicle – it is highly recommended that you immediately report the activity to authorities.

The primary means to report suspicious activity is through the iWatch program. The iWatch, a program in place for about two years, is the Army’s latest antiterrorism and force protection campaign. It aims to heighten public



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sensitivity to indicators of possible terrorist activity, while encouraging people to report suspicious behavior to military or civilian law-enforcement agencies.

The idea is that if I watch – and you watch – we can catch potential terrorist activity before it becomes a threat or even an incident. It’s based on one major principle: if you see something, say something.

So what types of behavior are reportable? Here is a list of a few examples of suspicious activity:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings
- Strangers asking questions about security procedures
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind
- Vehicles left in no parking zones in front of important buildings
- Intruders in secure areas where they do not belong
- People wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location
- People asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel

schedules without a need to know

- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having proper credentials

Fort Riley’s AntiTerrorism Office provides analysis, risk management and defensive measures to the installation. They also provide Antiterrorism Awareness education to Soldiers, Families and workers. But your help reporting suspicious activity could make all the difference in preventing threats to our community.

To report suspicious activities, call the Fort Riley Police Department at 785-239-MPMP (6767); Antiterrorism office at 785-239-6303 or 239-6044; the 902nd Military Intelligence Detachment at 785-239-2268; or 1-800-CALL-SPY (225-5779).

To report in person, go to the Fort Riley Police Station, Building 221 on Main Post, or talk to a supervisor.

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‘Defiant’ Battalion Soldiers, Family members enjoy org day

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Soldiers with the “Defiant” Battalion – Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division – along with their Family members enjoyed fun in the sun July 13 at Moon Lake, Fort Riley, during the unit’s organizational day.

“The reason for the organizational day is to celebrate the unit’s birth,” said Lt. Col. Samuel Calkins, STB commander. “Our unit is roughly 3 years old.”

The last organizational day was celebrated in Kirkuk, Iraq, during the unit’s recent deployment to Iraq from 2010 to 2011.

“This gives the Soldiers a chance to catch up, have fun and enjoy good food in a relaxed environment,” Calkins said.

During the unit’s organizational day, a variety of games, including horseshoes, a beanbag toss and a dunk tank took place.

While some came for the games and to relax, others said they attended for the simple pleasures.

“I came here to try and catch some fish,” said Sgt. David Ratliff, engineer, Company



Sgt. Devin Cover, Co. B, STB, left, and Staff Sgt. Stacy Cook, Co. C, STB, right, grill hamburgers and hot dogs for Soldiers and Family members of the unit during its organizational day July 13 at Moon Lake.

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C, STB. “I think bass tastes better, but I want to try to catch catfish because their harder to get.”

It was the best organizational day that he has been to in his career, Ratliff said.

“None of the others have been built up to this magnitude,” he said. “With all these events, I’ve just been having a blast being here.”

Organizers added new events to this year’s celebration.

“This year is the first time that we had an ugly dog competition,” Calkins said.

A “Defiant” Cup also was awarded to the company that won the most events.

Calkins said HHC, STB won the cup this time, and the dunk tank raised \$100 dollars for the unit’s Family readiness group.

“With everyone’s reaction, I’d say this was a huge success,” Calkins said.

FROM YOUR COMMISSARY

It’s berry-picking time at commissary

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Mid-July to mid-August should find all kinds of berries in full season at the commissary. Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and even blackberries are plentiful and more affordable than other times of the year.

Lock in those in-season prices by freezing a few. All berries can be stored frozen, either with or without sugar or sugar syrup. Freeze them whole, chopped, sliced, mashed or pureed. Choose the form that suits you best; pack them in airtight freezer containers, and be sure to leave one inch of head space for expansion. Clearly mark with the date and details about the contents – berries with sugar or syrup will keep for up to a year, but those without sugar should be used within three months.

HOW TO BUY

Choose the most sweetly fragrant and fully ripe berries of the bunch. Their flesh should be firm and plump, but judge this by sight, not by squeezing. Attached leaves and stems should be fresh and green, and the berries should

have a uniform, shiny color throughout. Stains on the container indicate overripe fruit that is losing its juice. Pass these by, and also pass on any berries with mold or bruised spots.

HOW TO STORE

Berries are extremely fragile, so protect them from being crushed in your commissary cart or in the bag for the trip home. Sort through the berries once you’re home, discarding any that are overly ripe or moldy. Refrigerate them promptly in loosely-covered containers, and don’t wash the berries until they are ready to be used.

Strawberries and raspberries will keep for two to three days;

blueberries, a few days longer.

HOW TO USE

Berries are a marvelous treat just as they are, but marvelous becomes divine with the addition of a little sugar and a few other simple ingredients. That’s the case with all of our featured berry recipes. Give one a try, you’re sure to love it!

Choose the recipe that appeals to you and your family and, as always, get the ingredients at the commissary. Saving an annual average of 30 percent or more by consistently shopping in your commissary will help you manage your grocery budget and show your children the benefits of stretching your buying power. To see more, visit Kay’s Kitchen.

OUT WITH THE OLD



PICERNE MILITARY HOUSING
An excavator knocks down the upper wall of a home on Anderson Avenue in the Warner Peterson neighborhood. Picerne Military Housing recently began demolishing homes in the area from A.P. Hill South to Lorraine Circle. Demolitions will continue through 2013, with new home construction beginning in fall 2013. Picerne is in the sixth year of a 10-year plan to improve Family housing at Fort Riley.

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August 4th and 5th

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continues 5 August at 1000hrs.



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