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**SUBJECT: TACTICAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM POLICY FOR
REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

1. PURPOSE: This Directive establishes the Tactical Information Sharing System (TISS) Policy for the Reporting of Suspicious Activity by Federal Air Marshals (FAMs).

2. DISTRIBUTION: All Federal Air Marshal Service employees.

3. RESPONSIBILITY:

a. Field Office Special Agents in Charge shall ensure that assigned supervisors routinely review the Surveillance Detection Report (SDR) database for entries submitted by FAMs under their supervision.

b. Supervisors shall ensure that FAMs under their supervision understand and adhere to the policy and procedure set forth in this Directive.

c. FAMs shall adhere to the policy and procedure set forth in this Directive.

4. DEFINITIONS:

a. Surveillance: The act of observing through surreptitious means, a person, place or thing to gather information otherwise unavailable or impractical to obtain.

b. Surveillance detection: The pre-planned process or technique of detecting criminal terrorist surveillance activity in order to deter or defeat future hostile acts by identifying potential threats still in the planning stages.

c. Counter-surveillance: The pre-planned process or technique that utilizes information gathered through surveillance detection to interrupt, confuse and disperse, or develop further information on those conducting criminal or terrorist surveillance activity.

d. Suspicious activity: Observed activities or behavior that based on a FAM's experience appear unusual, out of place, or inconsistent with the surroundings. Suspicious activity may require further observation and/or preliminary questioning, but does not rise to the level of probable cause for an arrest or an actionable incident.

e. Actionable incident: Probable cause for an arrest or other activity that requires FAM action, investigation and/or direct involvement. Suspicious activity, after further investigation, may become an actionable incident.

5. POLICY:

- a. Actionable incidents shall be reported to the Mission Operations Center of the Systems Operation Control Division and an Incident Report shall be submitted.
- b. Suspicious activity observed by a FAM shall be reported to the Tactical Information Branch of the Investigations Division by submitting a SDR.
- c. FAMs shall adhere to the provisions of the FAMS *Arrest Policy and Procedures*.



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