



CITY OF KENNER

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING... HOMELAND SECURITY BEGINS WITH HOMETOWN SECURITY

Kenner, LA - Yesterday's bombing at the Boston Marathon is on everyone's mind.

Once again, our television screens are filled with scenes of senseless violence perpetrated against the innocent. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. We are grateful to the many heroic first responders (police, fire, EMS, military) and citizens who provided aid to the wounded. We are confident efforts by our federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and locate the culprits will result in swift justice.

The horrific nature of this incident highlights the need for enhanced security consciousness and continued vigilance at all levels throughout our society. While we will not allow the despicable acts of a few to undermine our liberties, as an open and free society, we are challenged to balance the needs for security against the desire for freedoms. Being aware of one's surroundings is everyone's responsibility. Reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities serves the best interests of the individual as well as the community.

The Kenner Police Department, Kenner Fire Department and the Kenner Office of Emergency Management work tirelessly to keep our community safe. Aside from responding to emergency situations, they monitor local activities and conditions and plan for special events within the City. Working closely with federal, state and parish officials, they routinely address local as well as regional homeland security concerns and promote a safe environment for our residents and visitors.

Our citizens remain our most effective resource in identifying unusual activity within the city of Kenner. Local residents are encouraged to assist law enforcement and security officials in keeping our city safe by reporting suspicious activities to the proper authorities. Activities could include suspicious vehicles or persons in or around the perimeter of the airport; people leaving unattended baggage or packages in a public facility or at a public gathering; inappropriate questions concerning security measures at a facility or business; or someone attempting to make unauthorized entry into a restricted area at a public facility or business.

For additional information on suspicious activity & reporting,

click: http://www.kenner.la.us/6/REPORT_UNUSUAL_OR_SUSPICIOUS_ACTIVITY_civilian_edition.pdf

If you see something suspicious, say something. Contact the Kenner Police Department at: **9-1-1** or (504)712-2222. Report tips to Kenner Police online at: <http://72.215.212.35/tipline/public/tipentry.asp>

Citizens can also report suspicious activities to **800-434-8007**, which will connect them to the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange or LA-SAFE. For more information about LA-SAFE, visit <http://la-safe.org>.

For more information about national initiatives on homeland security and suspicious activity reporting, visit <http://www.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something>.

Together, we can ensure Kenner remains a safe and secure community.

