

## **Hello Barton!**

Recently I had a call in tip. The individual did a good job (thanks!) But it got me thinking. When someone witnesses an incident, they often get nervous or so surprised that it happened, that the details are most often incomplete or very poor. It is a skill to get down as many details or remember much in a stressful situation. I looked for some guidelines to make it easier if you witness anything

that needs to be reported. I found some put out by the city of Portland:

## **Suspicious Activity Details:**

- Focus on suspicious behavior, not suspicious appearance. What is the person doing that is suspicious?
- Quick look at your watch. When did it start? Is it still going on? If not, when did it stop?
- Location
- If the suspect is gone, what direction did she or he travel?

## **Suspect Description:**

- Sex: Male/ Female/ Unknown
- Age range
- Height (it helps to compare it to your own height)/ Weight
- Race/ Ethnicity
- Facial features: Eye color/ Complexion/ Skin tone/ Other features
- Hair: Length/ Color/ Facial hair
- Clothing and shoes: Color/ Type
- Visible Weapons
- Anything unusual about their gait, body movements or speech
- Unique features: Tattoos/ Scars/ Piercings/ Glasses/ Other
- Vehicle Description: Vehicle Type/ Color/ Make/ Model /License Plate/ Distinctive Features

Whenever you witness suspicious or criminal activity, you should report it. The victims would thank you. And the Rave Guardian is a great way to do it. The tip feature lets you send a tip by text or by a photo. It even lets you do it anonymously if you wish!



## Know your Campus Safety Officers:



This week's officer is Steve. He has been with Barton for two and a half years. Steve works the floating shift, so you see him all over campus. Steve is married and has three daughters and a son. Steve enjoys golf, pheasant hunting and family.

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