



Homeland Security / Special Operations

ATTENTION:

Outside the D.C. area, an individual claiming to be from the Department of Homeland Security entered facilities seeking information. The individual turned out to be an imposter.

In D.C. area, a vehicle was discovered with markings and government tags indicating it was an F.B.I. vehicle. The vehicle had counterfeit tags and was not a F.B.I. or government vehicle.

In a recent email scam, in a fire department outside the D.C. area, members received an email from “a firefighter stranded overseas without money and requesting financial assistance”. While the department did have a member by the name in the e-mail, he was not overseas and did not send the e-mail.

Outside the D.C. area, fire department officials have been receiving an overseas e-mail from a person claiming to be “a fire brigade enthusiast who recently developed a keen interest in U.S. fire departments” requesting information on their department’s resources.

A recent WRTAC Suspicious Activity Report details a phone call to a station requesting specific department response information.

Outside the D.C. area, there have been several reports of fire department personnel impersonation in connection with fire prevention inspections. These individuals were dressed in blue-colored uniforms and claiming to represent a local fire department there to perform a fire inspection. *(In the past there have been reports of possible fraudulent fire inspectors reported in the D.C. area)*

Outside the D.C. area, patrol officers stopped a ‘tourist’ that was acting suspicious while filming with a camera phone. The investigation revealed footage of mass transit stations, cafes and bars, including locations of security cameras.

Outside the D.C. area, several portable radios have been stolen from parked fire department vehicles. In a neighboring jurisdiction to that, there has been an increase in illegal entries into their fire stations.

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