Program Objectives

It is the objective of the MSP Airport Watch Program to identify and deter criminal activity at the airport.

Effective crime prevention requires a proactive approach to anticipating risks and dealing with them immediately. Typically, most crimes occur when the opportunity is present and the risk of getting caught is low. The MSP Airport Watch Program seeks to employ crime prevention tactics designed to significantly reduce the opportunity and increase the risk of getting caught, thereby reducing overall crime.

Crime happens because of OPPORTUNITY

Criminals DO NOT want to remain in an area where the community is on guard and aware of their surroundings.

Contact the Airport Police Department with any information regarding suspicious, unusual or criminal activity at 612.726.5577 (24 hrs.)

MSP Airport Police Department
ATTN: Airport Watch Coordinator
4300 Glumack Drive
St. Paul, MN 55111
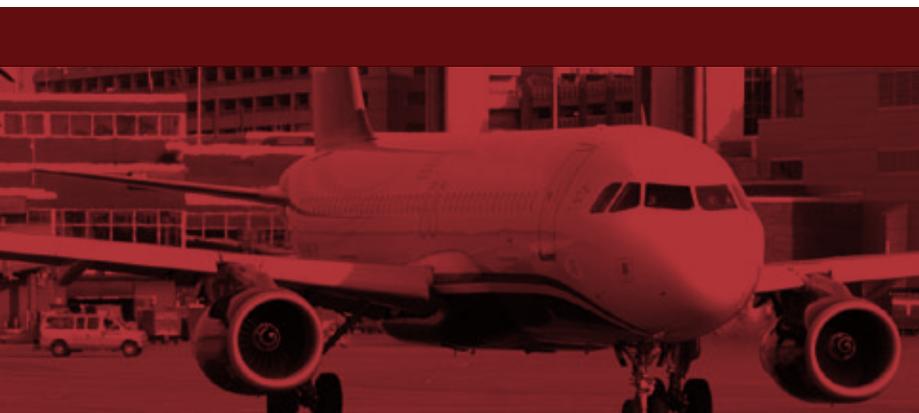
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What is Airport Watch?

The MSP Airport Watch Program was founded in November 2008. The program serves the Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport, which is a community within the larger Twin Cities Metro area. MSP Airport Watch is a program similar to the Neighborhood Watch Program which calls upon the community to report any suspicious activity. Program members are part of the airport community and serve as "extra eyes and ears" to help maintain a safe and secure environment for all users of the airport.

Why is Airport Watch Needed?

Since the events of September 11th, 2001 the world has changed drastically.

It is important to keep our airport community safe and free from potential crime.

Airport Watch members (like the Neighborhood Watch Program) know their community surroundings. They are able to determine what is normal and what is suspicious. Our objective is to identify and stop a crime before it occurs.

- Airport Watch does not require a lot of extra dedicated time

- Program members go about their daily business as usual

- If the member observes any activities that do not seem normal, they call the MSP Emergency Communication Center (ECC) at 612.726.5577

- The member provides the ECC with as much information as possible without approaching the situation

Membership Requirements

Anyone interested in becoming an MSP Airport Watch member is required to complete an application and undergo a background check. Members in the MSP Airport Watch Program must:

- Be a Minnesota resident 18 years of age or older
- Submit a written application
- Consent to an initial background check
- Report to the MSP Airport badging office to have a photo taken for an identification card
- Apply for membership renewal on an annual basis and submit to an additional background check with each annual renewal (new ID cards are issued annually)
- Display at least one program identifier (i.e. ID card, cap, and/or dashboard placard etc.) when on airport property
- Adhere to program rules and guidelines (i.e. media policy, etc.)

Membership status is granted at the sole discretion and approval of the MSP Airport Police Department. Individuals whose application and/or background check is not approved will be denied membership. Membership is granted for a one-year duration and must be renewed annually for continued participation in the program.

Membership is a privilege which can be revoked at any time if you are found to be violating the rules and procedures set forth by the MSP Airport Police Department. Similarly, current volunteer members of the MSP Airport Watch Program may request termination of their own membership by submitting a written request to the MSP Airport Police Department. In the event of membership termination either by the Airport Police Department or by a volunteer member request, all property (i.e. ID card, cap, dashboard placard, etc.) must be returned to the MSP Airport Police Department.