



# FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

## PROPANE TANKS/ CANISTERS/CYLINDERS

As described in the accompanying letter, the *Fremont Police Outreach Program* is based on the idea that certain legitimate businesses and industries may be exploited by terrorists who portray themselves as honest customers seeking to purchase, lease or somehow appropriate certain material, licenses and/or services to covertly further a terrorist plot.

The following examples of activity relating to your specific business, though not fully inclusive, may be of *possible* concern to law enforcement:

- Theft (or attempted theft) of propane tanks from your business inventory or delivery supplier.
- Theft (or attempted theft) of equipment (e.g., canisters, respirators, special canister wrenches, etc.) and/or vehicle used to transport propane.
- Customer requests to purchase unusual amounts of propane, not typical of most transactions, or an unusual method of payment.
- Unusual inquiries from strangers concerning how you store propane or handle it on the premises.
- Observations of your facility/business by unknown persons (e.g., monitoring the arrival or departure of propane delivery trucks).
- Reports by employees of unknown persons observed trespassing on your property or taking photographs of your facility/equipment.
- Reports by employees of being questioned by suspicious individuals as to their routine or activities.
- Suspicious individuals looking for employment involving the transportation/delivery of propane.

Your impressions and assessment -- based upon your professional/business experience -- are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern or set of circumstances is unusual.

Please remember that the conduct of itself does not have to be criminal per se for you to report it to the FPD toll-free number, 1-800-962-5912 (24-hours, seven-days a week), or to the FPD non-emergency line, 510-790-6800. (In the event of a police emergency, please dial **9-1-1**.)

*If you wish to learn more about Fremont Police Outreach, please visit the FPD website at [www.fremontpolice.org](http://www.fremontpolice.org) and locate the Outreach Program link.*