

## **SECURITY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!**

The primary purpose of the "WMASD Security and Safety Awareness" program is to increase your awareness of the numerous threats to your personal safety that exist in our society. The intent is not to frighten you, but to empower you with information that will help you make wise decisions about your safety.

The effectiveness of any Security and Safety program depends on the degree of cooperation and support it receives from those it is designed to protect.

Gaining knowledge is an important first step. However, it is essential to follow up this knowledge with action. You can make a difference and the best place to begin is with yourself and your immediate environment.

### **Recognizing Suspicious Circumstances**

The WMASD Security and Safety Department encourages students, faculty, staff and guests at all WMASD facilities to report any suspicious circumstances observed.

Below are several activities that draw suspicion:

- Persons monitoring areas, entrances to buildings or buildings
- Persons wandering in facilities that appear to have no legitimate purpose.
- Persons requesting sensitive information, building /HVAC plans, water, electrical, telecommunications locations, etc.
- Persons wearing clothing not consistent with weather conditions (i.e. persons(s) wearing full length trench coats with boots in 80 degree weather).
- Persons abandoning packages, backpacks, briefcases in unusual areas, such as high traffic/high populated areas, i.e.: sporting events, lectures, common areas, etc.
- Persons attempting to access utility rooms.
- Multiple persons who appear to be working in consort, committing any of the above.
- A group of individuals in a parked vehicle that appears to be monitoring pedestrian behavior.
- Abandoned vehicles, or unfamiliar parked vehicles.

***TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!!***