



## WHAT IS OPERATION ID?

Operation ID is a burglary-deterrent program for homes and businesses. The program involves marking property with an identifying number to discourage burglary and theft. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in its ability to reduce burglaries.

The Operation ID program requires you to mark your valuables so that your property can be easily traced and identified. You display a window sticker that tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

If an item (such as guns, jewelry, china and paintings) cannot be marked, write your identification number on a piece of paper and place it beside the item. Take a photo and attach it to your inventory list, to be kept in a safe place. You will then be able to identify the item even though it was not engraved.

## WHAT MAKES IT SO EFFECTIVE?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or resell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, if the burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

## OUR PROPERTY-MARKING PROGRAMS

### Residential Operation ID

Residential Operation ID is a citizen's burglary-deterrent program. This program involves engraving personal property with a Texas driver's license number and recording serial numbers for those items. After marking, you are provided window stickers to display, letting a potential burglar know that items have been marked. A police representative is available to assist elderly or handicapped citizens with this task.

### Business Operation ID

Business Operation ID is an effort to reduce business theft and aid in the recovery of stolen property. A police representative will come to your business and place an identification number on business-owned property. This number is assigned by the police department, allowing easy access for police officers. Window stickers are provided to let the potential burglar know property in the business has been marked.

### Vehicle Window Etching

The vehicle identification number (VIN) is etched onto each window of a vehicle. This visual deterrent may entitle the owner to an insurance premium reduction.

## RAPIDS

RAPIDS combines all of the above programs into one. The identification number is encoded into a bar-code format and printed on a small label. These bar-coded labels contain either the property owner's drivers license number or a vehicle VIN. They are very difficult to remove from the property without a lot of effort. To obtain RAPIDS labels, contact your division's Crime Prevention Specialist (phone numbers are listed on the back of this brochure).

## HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

To participate in Operation ID, citizens may borrow an electric engraving tool or request RAPIDS labels from the Fort Worth Police Department. Engravers can be purchased at most home improvement centers.

If your driver's license number or your Texas Department of Public Safety identification number is used as your identifying mark, it should be in the following format:

TX00000000DL

or

TX00000000ID

**DO NOT MARK YOUR PROPERTY WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. THE POLICE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION.**

Place the number on a visible area that cannot be easily dismantled, such as near the serial number. After marking your property, make a list of the items and keep that list in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box. If you become a victim of a burglary, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. This will be of great help to the police in their attempts to recover the stolen possessions.

Once your property has been marked and a list has been compiled, display the Operation ID stickers (obtained from the Fort Worth Police Department) on windows and doors. By advertising your participation in Operation ID, you are announcing that your property has been marked and will be difficult to resell. Often, the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.

## OPERATION SERIAL NUMBER

In addition to marking your property, you need to keep an inventory that records the make, model, serial number and any distinguishing characteristics. To ease the inventory process, the Fort Worth Police Department has created a secure online database. The **Voluntary Serial Number Registration** database for your personal items is available at the Fort Worth Police Department's Web site, [www.fortworthpd.com](http://www.fortworthpd.com). If you prefer to maintain your own inventory, remember to keep it in a secure place.

Burglary and theft are the most frequently committed crimes in the United States. By participating in property-marking programs, you are taking an important step to protect your possessions.

There are many other crime prevention and anti-burglary precautions you can implement to protect your property. Ask a member of the Fort Worth Police Department for more information.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS TO MARK

These items are most commonly stolen from homes, vehicles, and businesses. You are not limited to just these items. Anything can be marked.

- TVs
- electronic components
- guns
- kitchen appliances
- computers
- cameras
- lawnmowers
- bicycles
- tools (hand tools and power tools)
- GPS devices
- cell phones
- CB radios
- DVD players
- tire rims

For more information on crime prevention programs, contact the Crime Prevention Specialist for your area:

Central Division 817-392-3997  
East Division 817-980-8441  
North Division 817-740-2119  
South Division 817-392-3405  
West Division 817-991-8476



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## Property-Marking Programs



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