

TRAINING ACTIVITY

"BOL"

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Learners must format information into a BOL that can be quickly and easily broadcast.

Instructions:

- ?? If needed, explain the correct format for a BOL.
- ?? After the learner takes, hears or is given information, have them organize it into a proper BOL format.
- ?? Have them read the BOL as if they were putting it out over the radio.
- ?? Discuss content, wording and format where appropriate.
- ?? Instructor should ask for input from the class. Did they get anything different? (Point out how people may see the same thing differently.) What is the importance of obtaining information and disseminating it in a manner that is incremental, standard, easily understood and easily followed.

KEY LEARNING POINTS

This activity will challenge the learner to synthesize information into BOL broadcasts for the radio. With experience and knowledge, few corrections should be noticeable.

VARIATIONS

1. Use pre-printed incident screen, tapes of recorded calls and tape player, if desired. Instructions to the learner should include:
 - ?? Take notes but do not stop the tape until the officer has finished talking.
 - ?? Use the notes to compose a BOL.
 - ?? Read the BOL, as if you were putting it out on the radio.
 - ?? The learner and trainer should be prepared to discuss the BOL.
2. Have someone come into the class to deliver a message, have someone else come in, snatch property and leave.
 - ✍ After a period of time, have learners complete a BOL on the individuals that came into the class earlier.
 - ?? Select one individual to write their BOL on a flip chart.
 - ?? Have the class critique the information gathered.
 - ?? Have the learner recite their BOL to the class just as they would for a radio broadcast.
 - ?? Have the class critique the information gathered.

RESOURCES NEEDED
?? Tapes of recorded calls and a tape player. ?? Pre-printed incident screens or use of CAD Training side for call entry. ?? BOL worksheet (example attached). ?? BOL scenarios (examples attached). ?? Time: 10-20 minutes depending on the number of BOLs.

SOURCE
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BOL Sheet		
Basic Information		
Location of Event:		
Business Name:		
Phone Number:		
Caller's Name:		
Caller's Location:		
Descriptions of Involved Persons		
	Subject #1	Subject #2
Name		
Race / Sex		
Age/Date of Birth		
Height / Weight		
Hair / Eye color		
Complexion or Features		
Clothing		
Weapon		
Direction of travel		
Other information		
Vehicle Description (CYMBOL format)		
Color / Year		
Make		
Body Type/Model		
Other		
License #/State		
Direction of Travel		

BOL Ideas

If you don't have a tape, you can read off any of these scenarios and have the learners complete their BOL sheet. You can even opt to have a learner read the BOL!

Bank Robbery

Attention all units, information from Johnson PD. 211 bank robbery occurred in their city at 1015 hours. Suspects are two Hispanic males armed with rifles. They robbed the Bank of America and are believed to be in a black windowless van with an out of state plate, partial license ---ABC. Vehicle last seen south on Highway 101. Suspect #1 Hispanic male, twenty-five years, five-seven, one-fifty to one-sixty, dark complexion, mustache, dark sunglasses, white t-shirt, blue jeans. Suspect #2: Hispanic male, thirty years, five-eight, one-thirty, light complexion, black baseball cap, white t-shirt, black pants.

Suicidal Subject

Attention all units, suicidal female left County Hospital 15 ago. Female was brought to Hospital by some friends who stated she had ingested a bottle of valium and had been drinking. Subject walked out prior to being treated. Last of Fredricks, first of Terry, white female, 30 years, five-two, one-forty, long blonde hair, blue eyes, short sleeve blue sweater, blue jeans, white tennis shoes. Subject despondent over death of father.

Felony Hit & Run

All Points, 20001 vehicle vs. pedestrian occurred 5-10 ago at 5th & Weston. Suspect vehicle fled south on Weston. Vehicle is a red Ford Taurus Wagon, California plate 457YUT. Vehicle has heavy damage to entire right side. Driver is an east Indian male with a dark complexion and a mustache and beard, possibly wearing a blue or black high neck shirt. Victim being flown to General Hospital with major head injuries.

Homicide Suspect

All points BOL for suspect wanted in 187 PC that occurred past date in Smithtown. Suspect is a Randy White Johnson, a white male, 42 years, six-four, two-hundred fifty pounds, red hair in a ponytail, blue eyes, mustache and full beard. Weapon was a sawed off shotgun. Victim was Johnson's ex-girlfriend and 6-year old child. Unknown exact vehicle, but Johnson owns a 1987 Chevy step-side truck, primer grey with a lumber rack. Johnson has stated he won't be taken alive and is a potential suicide by cop.