

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION (BIG CIS)

The Operation Identification Program, initially called the BIG CIS (Computer Identification System), is a program designed to reduce the opportunity for crime against structural targets and personal property. The main premise of the program involves owners engraving or marking a unique identifying number on their property. This process is intended to discourage burglary and theft and provide a positive method of identifying stolen property. In communities where this program has been properly implemented and maintained, OID has shown dramatic results in its ability to help reduce burglaries and return recovered stolen property to owners.

First, valuables are marked with the owner's driver's license number and the abbreviation of the state in which they reside (TX).

Second, a sticker may be displayed in the windows of the building where the marked property is kept.

PROPERTY INVENTORY

Prepare an inventory list of valuable property in your home. This list should contain at least the following information:

- *Description of property*
- *Model and Serial Number, if applicable*
- *Color of item*
- *Special note - Photographs are helpful. Also keep the list in a safe place at two separate locations*

TIPS FOR MARKING PROPERTY

- *Mark property on permanent, non-removable parts in a place, which can be seen without dismantling the object.*
- *Engrave or mark your property with a Texas Driver's license or Texas Identification Card number.*
- *Mark property twice. This may fool a thief who only sees one number and tries to scratch it off.*

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

If you do not have a Texas Driver's License or Texas Identification Card, the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office can issue a Property Identification (PI) number that is registered in the Operation ID database.

The PI number can also be used by local businesses for the purposes of marking business property.

Engravers or permanent ink markers can be used to place numbers on property.

Complete the below registration card; mail or deliver to:

Crime Prevention Deputy A. L. Risner

1220 West Dallas St.

Canton, Texas 75103

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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office

Please Print Legibly

I have engraved my Texas driver's license number on my valuable property and desire to have this information entered into the OPERATION IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM to help combat burglary & theft.

New Entry

Change of Name, Address, or Telephone Number

Number marked: _____

Texas driver's license number

Police identification number

Name: _____
(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

Home address: _____ Apt.: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Business address: _____

Business Phone: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____