

## Operation Identification



Operation Identification (Operation ID) is a nationally recognized burglary prevention program in which citizens make an inventory of their property and permanently mark their valuables with an identification number, preferably a Texas Driver's License or ID number. There are three important steps required to participate in the Operation ID program.

- 1) The most effective way to recover stolen property is through the property serial number.
- 2) You should record your property information, including description; make, model, and serial number on an inventory form (see the reverse of this sheet or go to [www.dallaspolice.net](http://www.dallaspolice.net)).
- 3) Property is marked with an ultraviolet (UV) marker. large/heavy equipment it should be etched in a more visible manner
- 4) Operation ID decals are place on your doors and windows ONLY AFTER you have created an inventory and marked your property.

This program is designed to:

- Discourage the activities of burglars and thieves by marking your possessions and placing decals on your windows.
- Aid in the return of lost or stolen property to the owner.

- Discourage burglars from fencing stolen property.
- Assist in apprehending and convicting criminals caught with marked property.

### Procedures

- 1) Prepare an inventory listing of all of your valuable property, including serial numbers if applicable. Photograph items that cannot be easily marked. Keep this information in a safe place.
- 2) UV markers may be borrowed free of charge from all Dallas Police Substations. You can purchase UV markers online. Call your substation before arriving on marker availability. A driver's license/ID will be required to borrow a marker.
- 3) If you are not sure how to use the UV marker, ask station personnel. Property should be marked on a permanent, non-removable part, in a place that can be seen without dismantling the object. Mark the letters "TXDL" and your Texas driver's license or ID number on the object.
- 4) For large/heavy equipment, it should be etched in a more visible manner utilizing an electric engraver.
- 5) After property has been marked and an inventory list completed, return the marker promptly to the substation, show that you have completed the above and you will be issued a decal.
- 6) Place your operation ID decal in a prominent place on your front door or a window.
- 7) As you acquire new property be sure to mark it and update your inventory list.

### Additional Information

If you relinquish the property to another after marking it with your number, do not remove your number. The new owner should add their number next to yours.

An alternative to recording property information on a paper is to use the online resource of [www.leadsonline.com](http://www.leadsonline.com). This website is an online investigative system used by law enforcement to recover stolen property and solve crimes. Leadsonline provides a free Citizen Property Inventory System. Citizens can use this system to record property information. You can log your property at - [www.leadsonline.com](http://www.leadsonline.com) – click the "Reportit" link.

