

Most reported UFO experiences easily fit into four major observational categories -- Close Encounters, Radar-Visual, Nocturnal Lights, and Daylight Discs. Though police-witnessed cases are similar in this respect to other reported cases, one characteristic does occur in police-witnessed cases much more frequently than in "civilian"-reported cases -- Chase cases of a UFO. The police often undertake to follow a light or object, and, being in radio communication with other official personnel, well coordinated efforts may be made. This obviously creates more complete, valuable data due to the increased duration of the sighting.

In conclusion, it must be stated that law enforcement officers and agencies have been of great assistance in the serious research of the UFO phenomenon. This assistance has come in two ways:

1. By utilizing law enforcement agencies as transmitters of sightings.
 - A. To insure a "filter" or screening process for reports.
 - B. To assure the quality of information received.
 - C. For aid in investigative procedures.
 - D. To assist agencies in their responsibility for follow-up.
2. By receiving reports of actual police-witnessed cases which:
 - A. Assures witness reliability.
 - B. Assures reliability of content of information.
 - C. Provides cases with an above average information content due to law agencies cooperative efforts with other official agencies.

Thus, the law enforcement agencies have been instrumentive in assisting the Center for UFO Studies in working to obtain one of its primary goals -- to become a clearing house for reports of UFO sightings.

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