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Dear First Responders and Citizens,

I am pleased to announce the release of the "Communities Against Terrorism" (C.A.T) products which provides sector-specific assistance in recognizing and reporting suspicious activity. The bulletins provide information on an array of behaviors and activities that could indicate ongoing terrorist plots to cause injury to people or damage to critical infrastructure here in Ohio.

Our society is a complex and dynamic environment which depends upon many different facets which allow us to enjoy our freedoms as citizens. Your action of reporting what you observed is crucial as it enables first responders to have the opportunity to prevent an event from occurring. Simply reporting what you observed could save many lives and prevent damage to critical infrastructure essential to our economy and our way of life.

The C.A.T.S program is supported by Ohio Homeland Security, the US Department of Justice, Cincinnati Terrorism Early Warning Group, Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center, Buckeye State Sheriff Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Through the combined efforts of these great agencies we are hoping to raise public awareness and provide information to all citizens empowering you and people just like you to take the steps and make the report.

Each individual C.A.T.S product focuses on potential indicators of terrorist activities that relate to a particular venue. Since September 11, 2001, there have been a number of terrorist acts prevented by citizens who reported what they observed. We all must realize that Homeland Security is truly Hometown Security. As a citizen knowing that programs like "If you see something, say something!" are a gateway to protecting our way of life.

I encourage each of you to join us in making Ohio a safer place. If you a business owner post these in a conspicuous place, if you are a citizen report activities that are suspicious to your local law enforcement or the statewide tip number at (877) OHS-INTEL.

Respectfully



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