



Port Security Information Bulletin



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Homeland Security Advisory – Raising Security Awareness Level

This notification is meant to advise state and local officials and those who own and operate critical facilities about possible indicators of terrorist attack planning. Ongoing analysis of intelligence information and assessments show credible information identifying terrorist intentions to conduct attacks against the homeland within the next month. Information indicates that extremists abroad are anticipating near-term attacks they believe will rival 9/11 in scope and impact.

As the Christmas 2003 holiday approaches, we will continue to coordinate with the intelligence community and provide immediate threat notification as warranted. In the interim the Coast Guard seeks all our partners to be especially alert during the holiday season and immediately report any situation that appears to constitute a threat or suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities.

ID checks at security points should be conducted in order to verify the valid business needs for an approaching vehicle. Special vigilance should be maintained for multiple vehicles arriving outside the window of scheduled activities. The use of random or rolling patrol operations can be effective in signaling to terrorists that their chances of succeeding are minimal and terrorist operations may be disrupted and prevented.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has raised the current threat level to “orange”; the Coast Guard has correspondingly raised the Maritime Threat Level to MARSEC Level II. DHS will continue to monitor the threat situation and provide updates as pertinent information is received. As soon as the threat level is lowered notice will be made via this same notification medium.

Federal, state and local agencies, private citizens and companies, can call (202) 323-3205, 1-888-585-9078, or report incidents online at <http://www.nipc.gov/incident/cirr.htm>.

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