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Terrorism Awareness Vigilance in Preparation for Super Bowl XLII

Although it has been six years since the September 11, 2001 attack it is still as important as ever for law enforcement agencies to remain vigilant and continue to identify, document and interdict threats to our communities. The observations of citizens can help law enforcement agencies identify possible indicators of these threats.

From mid-January 2008 through mid-February 2008, Glendale, Arizona and the Valley of the Sun will host the National Football League's (NFL) Super Bowl XLII and related events. This event is expected to draw over 500,000 visitors including international tourists, local residents, and dignitaries (domestic and international). At this time Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) is not aware of any known specific or credible threats and/or criminal activity directed towards the Super Bowl or Super Bowl related events and venues. The Super Bowl is an international icon and the symbolic significance, international media coverage, and anticipated size of the event could make it an attractive target for international or domestic terrorist groups. Other events occurring in Arizona during the same period include the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction, the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, the FBR Open and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show all which have some limited national interest and could be viewed as potentially attractive targets to terrorists. Again, ACTIC is not aware any known specific or credible threats and/or criminal activity directed towards any of the scheduled upcoming events.

It is important to remember that terrorists are trained to "blend in" and assimilate to their surroundings. Historically, most terrorist's acts are well organized and meticulously planned. Terrorists will conduct training, surveillance, logistics and "dry runs" prior to the commission of a terrorist act. They like to strike at government and civilian targets in an effort to instill fear. The following 8 warning signs have been identified as potential activities/indicators preceding a terrorist incident/act:

- Surveillance
- Elicitation – Suspicious requests for sensitive information
- Tests of Security
- Acquiring Supplies
- Suspicious People Who don't Belong
- Finances
- Dry or Trial Runs
- Deploying Assets, Staging or Getting into Position

Being aware of these activities/indicators provides Law Enforcement, First Responders and citizens with the tool of knowledge to possibly prevent a terrorist act. By observing and identifying one of these indicators and reporting it could be the critical piece of the puzzle that stops a terrorist act here in Arizona.

The ACTIC's Terrorism Liaison Officer Program has created a DVD entitled "8 Signs of Terrorism". The "8 Signs of Terrorism" DVD was created as a tool to help the citizens of Arizona recognize signs of terrorism. The DVD provides descriptions/examples for each one of the signs.

ACTIC is requesting any information that may have an impact on the Super Bowl and/or the other events, no matter how insignificant the information may seem to be reported to the ACTIC Watch Center. Desired information could include, but is not limited to the warning signs and can also include crimes against property and persons, fraud, and counterfeiting. Additionally the ACTIC is interested in the following areas critical for event protection:

- Suspicious Surveillance Activity
 - Reports of photographing, videotaping, note taking, or testing of security systems of possible terrorist targets
- Suspicious Weapons Acquisition Activity
 - Reports regarding weapons of mass destruction, bomb making material, or large weapon acquisitions.
- Suspicious Transportation Activity
 - Reports involving aviation, rail and ground transportation (bus, taxi, etc.) that might have a terrorist nexus.
- Lost / Stolen Documents
 - Reports involving theft or missing personal documents which could be used to gain entry.
- Lost / Stolen Uniforms or Identification
 - Reports surrounding missing or stolen uniforms such as police, first responders, military, or media which could be used to gain entry.
- Suspicious Vehicle Thefts
 - Reports regarding lost or stolen vehicle(s) which could be used as a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED).
 - Stolen official vehicles (Police, ambulance, postal), cargo vehicles, delivery trucks or semi-trucks used to gain entry.
 - Abandoned vehicles, with description and VIN in and out of event areas
- Suspicious Activity with a Terrorist Nexus
 - Reports with a terrorist nexus and reports regarding persons who believe they know when the next attack will occur.

If you have information about a suspicious person and/or circumstance that **MAY** be related to terrorism contact the ACTIC by calling toll free **877-2-SAVE-AZ (877-272-8329)** or 602-644-5805 or via email at actic@azdps.gov.