

Transit Police Chief Urges Employees to be Alert

(May 28, 2003) With the nation's terrorist threat alert level now set at "Orange," Transit Police Chief Dan Finkelstein is asking MTA employees to "maintain a heightened interest in their surroundings."

Whether at work, at home or out in the community, an analysis of current terrorist activities provided by Finkelstein says employees should be alert for "any individual's suspicious behavior or actions" and should report any such actions to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Noting that recent terrorist activities have been focused abroad and not at transportation or transit within the United States, the police chief says "this could always change quickly."

The Office of Homeland Security set the "Orange" threat level, May 20, but Finkelstein's report says no credible terrorist "threats" toward MTA's customers, employees or property have been made or received to date.

Recent terrorist bombings in Saudi Arabia and Morocco and reports of threats against the United States and its coalition partners, however, indicate that Al-Qaeda apparently has initiated a new terrorist campaign and may select targets within the United States, as well as abroad.

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