



**New York State Division of Homeland  
Security & Emergency Services  
*Office of Counter Terrorism***

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# **New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)**

DHSES established in July 2010 through a merger of several of the State's public safety agencies.

- ***Office of Counter Terrorism (formerly OHS)***
- ***Office of Emergency Management (formerly SEMO)***
- ***Office of Cyber Security (formerly CSCIC)***
- ***Office of Fire Prevention and Control***
- ***Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (NEW)***



# What are we preparing for?

- Natural Disaster (Hurricane/ Winter Storm)
- Man-Made (Accidental) (Train Crash/ Haz-Mat)
- Terrorism (Intentional) (9-11/ Explosives)
- “All – Hazards” Approach
  - ICS, NIMS
  - Training & Exercises
- Level 1 – Level 5 Incidents





# Office of Counter Terrorism

- **Mission:** To support federal, state, local, tribal and private sector efforts to **Prevent, Protect** against and **Prepare** for acts and threats of terrorism
- Not a law enforcement agency, but we work very closely with NYS State Police and other federal, state, local and tribal LE and public safety agencies



# What is Terrorism?

- Definitions vary; typically include political motives and causing fear
- NYS Penal Law § 490.05 – An “act of terrorism” includes an offense intended to:
  - Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
  - Influence the policy of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion; or
  - Affect the conduct of a unit of government by murder, assassination or kidnapping



# A Changed Nation

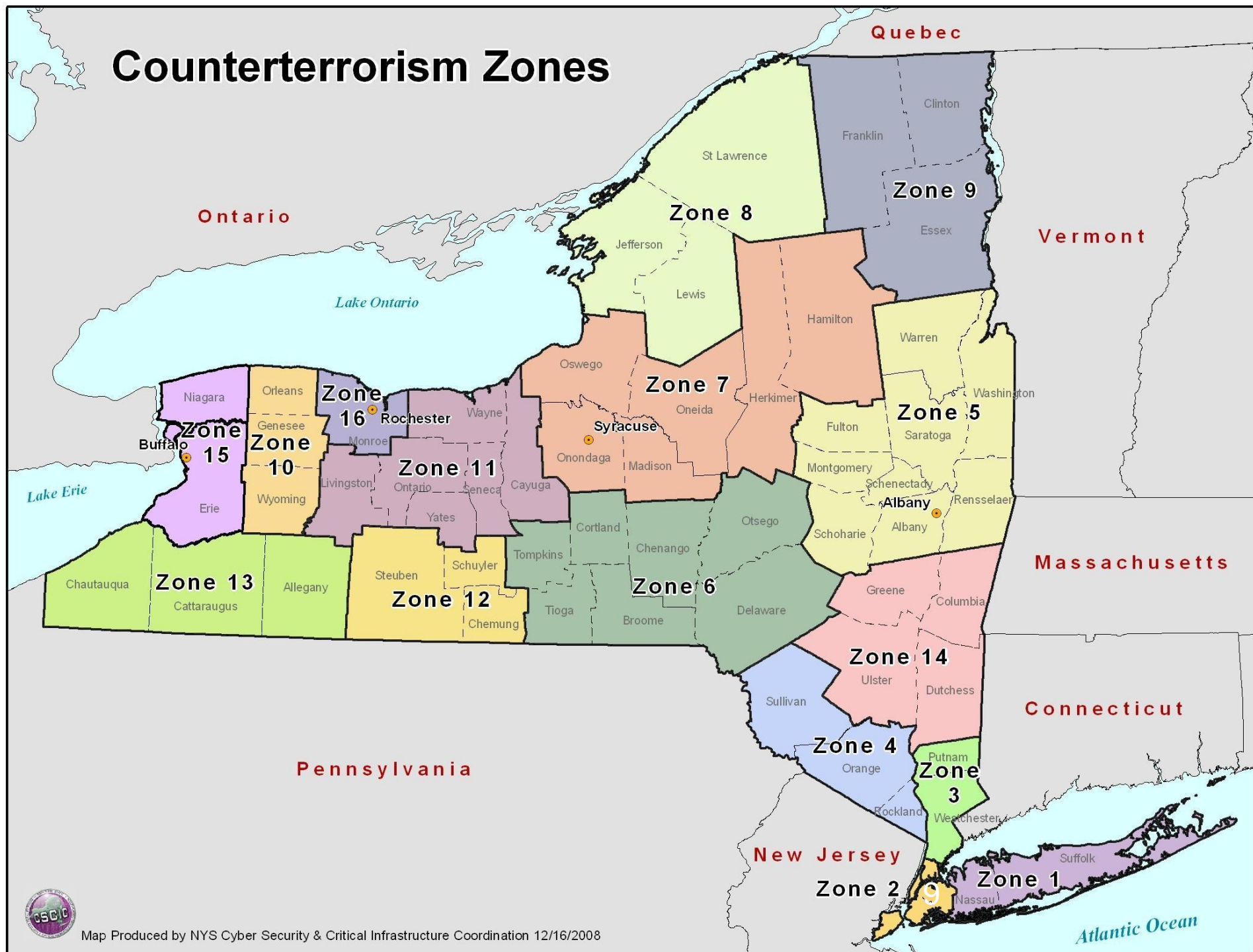


# What is the threat?

- International
- Sleeper Cells
- Independent
- Homegrown (Domestic)
  - Special interest groups
  - ELF, ALF
- Lone Offender



# Counterterrorism Zones





Emergency Services



Public Health



Defense Industrial Base



Postal and Shipping



Dams



Telecommunications



Transportation



Energy



Banking and Finance



National/State Monuments



Information Technology



Water



Government and Commercial Facilities



Chemical and Hazardous Materials



Nuclear Power Plants



Banking and Finance



Systems, Assets, Places or Things

Whether physical or virtual so vital to the state that the disruption, incapacitation or destruction of such could jeopardize the health, safety, welfare or security of the State, its residents or its economy



# Recent Terrorism Events

## ■ Denver/ NYC Plot (Zazi Case)

- Target: NYC subway system during rush hour
- Intended Date: September 2009

## ■ Northwest Airlines Flight 243

- Target: Aircraft while flying over Detroit
- Intended Date: Christmas Day 2009

## ■ Times Square

- Target: New York City
- Intended Date: May 2010





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## ■ Yemen Parcel Bomb Plot

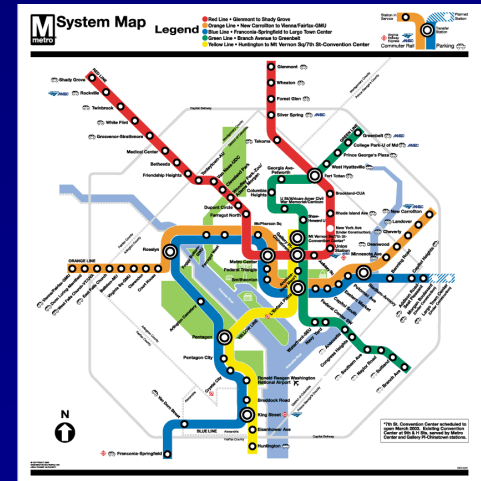
- Target: Chicago religious institutions
- Intended Date: October 2010

## ■ Washington D.C. Subway Plot

- Target: Metro Rail Stations in Arlington, VA
- Intended Date: 2011, Arrested October 2010

## ■ Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

- Target: Tree lighting in Portland, Oregon
- Intended Date: November 2010





# Recent Terrorism Events

## ■ Spokane, Washington

- Target: Martin Luther King Parade Route
- Intended Date: January 2011

## ■ Texas Plot

- Target: Power Dams and Nuclear Power Plant (in California and Colorado), and residence of former President George W. Bush
- Intended Date: Unknown, Arrested February 2011





# Safeguard New York



*Is designed to...*

**Educate** community members, businesses and organizations how to keep themselves safe from potential criminal and terrorist activity

**Promote** the recognition and reporting of potential terrorist related activity to the New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline

**Remind** citizens that the threat of terrorism is ongoing, and continued vigilance is essential



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*ACROSS NEW YORK STATE*

**1-888-NYC-SAFE**

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*IN NEW YORK CITY*

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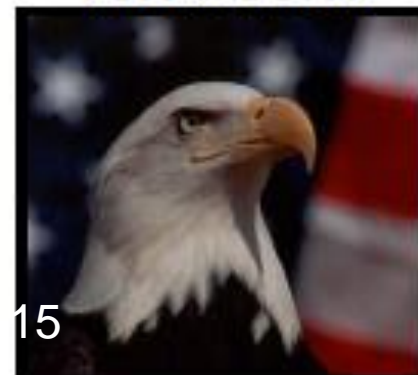
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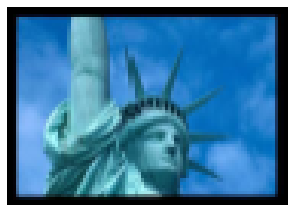
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## **TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO...**

- Establish cells and operations within the United States.
- Be diverse and encompass members of different cultures.
- Engage in criminal entrepreneurship for funding purposes.
- Counterfeit money for funding purposes (\$100 bills and \$50 bills are the most common).
- Smuggle and traffic drugs through various means including personal vehicles, tractor trailers, motorcycles, small private planes, small boats, snowmobiles and sleds.
- Engage in illegal liquor and cigarette trade.
- Illegally purchase and trade weapons.
- Utilize the internet to promote their mission, network with those people who believe in their cause, and gain new members.

***Early recognition and reporting of potential terrorist activity is the first line of defense against those who intend to harm the citizens of New York State and its assets.***



## **HOW YOU CAN HELP PREVENT TERRORISM**

**Know the Routines.** Be alert as you go about your daily business. This will help you to learn the normal routines of your neighborhood, community and workplace. Understanding these routines will help you spot anything out of place.

**Be aware of what is going on around you.** Whether traveling, at work or at home, be on the lookout for suspicious activities. Learn to spot suspicious mail, packages, luggage abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school, or a shopping center.

**Take what you hear seriously.** If you hear or know of someone who has bragged or talked about plans to harm citizens in violent attacks or who claims membership in a terrorist organization, take them seriously and report it to law enforcement immediately.

***If You See Something, Say Something!*** Report any suspicious activity to the New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline at **1-866-SAFE-NYS** (1-866-723-3697). All calls are toll free and will remain strictly confidential. To report emergencies or crime in progress, dial 911.

### **DESCRIBING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR**

- ✓ **WHO** did you observe?
- ✓ **WHAT** did you see? Be specific.
- ✓ **WHERE** did you see it?
- ✓ **WHEN** did you see it?
- ✓ **WHY** is it suspicious?

### **IF YOU OBSERVE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

- **DO NOT** take direct action.
- **DO NOT** confront the individual.
- **DO NOT** reveal your suspicions.
- **DO** record as many details as possible.
- **DO** notify appropriate authorities as soon as possible.



## **KNOW THE EIGHT SIGNS OF TERRORISM**

- 1) Surveillance:** Recording or monitoring activities, taking pictures, making drawings.
- 2) Suspicious Questioning:** Attempts to gain information about operations, staffing, and security.
- 3) Tests of Security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to entering restricted areas.
- 4) Funding:** Suspicious transactions involving large cash payments, deposits, withdrawals, or transfers of money; bulk cash smuggling; suspected financial fraud; sale of counterfeit goods; or misleading charities.
- 5) Acquiring Supplies:** Obtaining explosives, weapons, uniforms, badges, credentials, etc.
- 6) Suspicious Persons Out of Place:** This may include people who are in places they should not be, as well as people who do not fit in to the daily routine of your neighborhood or community.
- 7) Dry or Trial Run:** Putting people into position and moving them around without actually committing a terrorist act.
- 8) Deploying Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.



# I&W Bridges

- Backpacks, containers, or other suspicious objects left on or near the bridge (e.g., testing of security response).
- Unusual odors, and/or hazardous or potentially hazardous materials, such as chemicals or explosive materials, left on or near a bridge.
- Vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft, remaining near mass transit routes/ terminals for extended periods of time. They may be displaying inappropriate or lacking proper identification tags or markings (such as missing license plates).
- Vehicle operators who appear to be under stress or under the control of other persons.



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- Suspicious behavior by an individual wearing bulky clothing that appears inappropriate. May be compounded by the subject being alone or while acting excessively nervous and/or perspiring.
- Loitering near or tampering with critical bridge components or controls (e.g., gears and other moving parts, electrical lines, lighting, cameras, access control, and other security systems).
- Tampering with services in close proximity to, or shared with, a bridge: such as railways, natural gas and pipelines, waterlines, major power or communications lines, or other utilities.
- Individual(s) videotaping, photographing or sketching the bridge for no apparent reason.



# I&W Bridges

- Individual(s) unable to display proper identification, or produce identification which appears to be altered or fraudulent. This includes unknown service/delivery personnel or contractors.
- Individual(s) who present apparently valid bridge authority agency credentials but do not have a corresponding level of bridge knowledge or experience.
- Attempts to gain information regarding the security of bridge, staffing, operational procedures, or information regarding the movement of certain materials and/or shipments across or under a bridge.



# I&W Bridges

- Specific inquiries as to dimensions, architecture, construction composition, structural capabilities of a bridge, or frequency of maintenance, which appear to be beyond normal curiosity.
- Theft or loss of bridge worker's identification badges, uniforms, access cards/keys, communications equipment, and/or operations manual(s).
- Anything that appears unusual or does not fit the pattern of lawful, normal activity at the bridge.



# I&W Power Grids

- Individual(s) found loitering in areas where there is easy access to electrical transmission and distribution stations, sub-stations or relay points of the power grid.
- Individual(s) found in areas restricted to only site staff and not open to the general public.
- Loss or theft of any entry keys or badges that could allow access to the premises.
- Individual(s) videotaping, photographing or sketching the premises for no apparent reason.



# I&W Power Grids

- Suspicious vehicles parked in proximity to your facilities.
- The loss or theft of equipment that may be utilized to sabotage or destroy the power grid.
- Inquiries regarding the frequency of maintenance, time of security checks and security patrols, etc.
- Inquiries surrounding security precautions about electrical transmission and distribution stations, sub-stations or relay points of the power grid as well as the number of security professional who guard the premises.



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