

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM AND GUIDELINES

Purpose:

To execute standardized guidelines in the event of heightened national security as determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Color Based Threat System:

- A. GREEN – is a low risk of terrorist attack.
- B. BLUE – is a general risk, and agencies are asked to review and update emergency response procedures.
- C. YELLOW – is an “elevated condition”, meaning there is a significant risk of attack. Increased surveillance of critical locations and implementing some emergency response plans are called for.
- D. ORANGE – signifies a high risk of attack, meaning the government should coordinate necessary security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and take additional precautions at public events.
- E. RED means a “severe risk” of attack and may require the pre-positioning of specially trained teams, closing public and government facilities and monitoring transportation systems.

Protective Measure Implementation:

- A. GREEN – applies when a LOW threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture.
- B. BLUE – applies when there is a general threat of possible activity against personnel or facilities, the nature and terrorist extent of which are unpredictable. BLUE measures must be capable of being maintained indefinitely.
- C. YELLOW – applies when an increased or more predictable “significant” threat of terrorist activity exists. Sustaining YELLOW measures for a prolonged period may affect operational capability and relations with local authorities.
- D. ORANGE – applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel of facilities is “HIGHLY” likely. Implementation of ORANGE measures will create hardship and affect the activities of the organization and its personnel. Following are actions that must be taken during this level of threat:
 - 1. Outside station doors should remain locked around the clock.
 - 2. Apparatus bay doors are to remain closed when personnel are not in the apparatus bay.

3. Personnel should pay special attention to ensure that the station is secure at all times.
 4. During normal business hours all visitors must report to the Administrative Assistant to report their presence. All visitors must report to the Company Officer after hours.
 5. All station tours will be cancelled at this level of alert.
 6. Public relation events outside of the station are strongly discouraged.
 7. When you are out in the public and your vehicle is out of your line of sight, then the driver must stay with the vehicle. If this is not possible, the driver must make all attempts to ensure that the vehicle is secure before departing.
 8. If two or more vehicles are dispatched to a scene, one person will be designated to remain with the units to monitor the security status of those vehicles.
 9. If only a two-person unit has been dispatched, the vehicle should be locked before making entry into the location.
 10. Before leaving an incident, the driver should make a 360° evaluation of the vehicle and its compartments to check for possible tampering.
 11. The station back-up generator shall be tested weekly and have its fuel level checked every Monday morning.
 12. Lighting – an evaluation of all existing perimeter lighting outlets will be conducted by the Shift Officer daily to ensure that they are all functional. If they are not, fix them. If they cannot be fixed contact the Chief and/or Assistant Chief.
 13. Members should maintain a heightened awareness of potential hazards involving all emergency scenes.
 14. In responding to all incidents, Officer's should ensure that a scene safety check has occurred before becoming involved with the incident.
- F. RED – applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. Normally, this condition is declared as a localized condition when the results of terrorist attack may be SEVERE. RED measures are not intended to be sustained for substantial periods. Following are actions that must be taken during this level of threat:
1. All fire and EMS personnel will have a complete set of fire turnout gear and medical protective equipment with them at all times on-duty or off.
 2. All special activities will be terminated (training, preventive maintenance, public education, hydrants, hose, etc.) and crews will return to the station.
 3. Every Shift Officer will have the home and/or cell phone numbers of his/her crew available at all times.

4. Full-time personnel scheduled for vacation may volunteer to return to work on their next regularly scheduled shift.
5. Station visitation should follow the ORANGE level security level where possible.
6. The level ORANGE security policy will remain in effect for vehicles with personnel continuing to maintain security of their vehicles.
7. All station tours will be cancelled during this threat level.
8. Parking of unauthorized vehicles within 500 feet of the station is prohibited. The vehicle(s) should be removed as soon as possible.

Conclusion:

Visit the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security on the web at <http://homeland.state.ky.us/> to find out the current threat level as determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. All district members should maintain a heightened awareness of security no matter what the threat level is both around the station and at emergency scenes.