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## **OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY UNVEILS NEW ANTI-TERRORISM CENTER AND CAMPAIGN** ***“See Something”* Campaign Encourages Public to Report Suspicious Activity to Law Enforcement**

COLUMBUS – Advancing the mission to protect Ohioans from terrorism, Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Ken Morckel today unveiled a new anti-terrorism, information-sharing center created by the Ohio Division of Homeland Security called the **Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center**. Also today, Director Morckel launched a new public awareness campaign called ***“See Something, Say Something,”*** which aims to educate Ohioans on the possible signs of terrorism and encourages the public to report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

“Our new anti-terrorism center and campaign highlight our ongoing commitment to fighting terrorism and protecting the safety and well-being of Ohioans,” said Director Morckel, who also serves as Chair of the State of Ohio Security Task Force. “The center represents a team of local, state and federal partners from a wide variety of disciplines who are determined to make a difference. We also want Ohioans to know that they too can do their part in making our state safer through the ***See Something*** campaign.”

The **Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center** serves as a secure “one-stop shop” that collects, filters, analyzes and disseminates terrorism-related information to the appropriate authorities. State agencies, law enforcement, fire and the federal government are represented in the center including:

Columbus Fire  
 Columbus PD  
 Cleveland PD  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
 Franklin County Sheriff’s Office  
 Hamilton Co. Terrorism Early Warning Group  
 Jefferson Twp. Fire  
 Mifflin Twp. Fire  
 Ohio Assoc. of Chiefs of Police  
 Ohio Attorney General’s Office – BCI&I  
 Ohio Dept. of Agriculture  
 Ohio Dept. of Commerce – Fire Marshal  
 Ohio Dept. of Health  
 Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources

Ohio Dept. of Public Safety  
 Ohio Dept. of Rehab and Corrections  
 Ohio Dept. of Transportation  
 Ohio Emergency Medical Services  
 Ohio EMA  
 Ohio EPA  
 Ohio Fire Chiefs Assoc.  
 Ohio Homeland Security  
 Ohio National Guard  
 Ohio State Highway Patrol  
 U.S. Attorney’s Office  
 U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)  
 U.S. Dept. of Defense  
 U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

Ohio Homeland Security’s newest public awareness campaign – ***“See Something, Say Something”***- provides examples of suspicious behavior and urges the public to contact local law enforcement or the Ohio Terrorism Tipline (1-877-OHS-INTEL) if suspicious activity is observed. The campaign involves informational posters and other marketing materials that will be distributed to public places across the state such as BMV locations, driver exam stations, highway rest stops, parks, schools and transportation hubs. The posters remind Ohioans to “always be alert and aware of surroundings” and to report things that seem out of the ordinary such as:

- **Unattended or abandoned bags in public places**
- **Suspicious or unusual behavior such as someone tampering with security equipment; videotaping or casing a government building; or wearing a bulky winter coat on a hot summer day**

Partnering with Ohio Homeland Security on this campaign are the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association, Ohio Crime Prevention Association, Ohio School Resource Officers Association, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Citizen Corps and the Red Cross.

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