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### Ohio Homeland Security focuses on infrastructure protection

COLUMBUS –Ohio Homeland Security works closely with public and private sector representatives throughout the state to coordinate programs that maintain the safety and security of our critical infrastructure. The National Infrastructure Protection Program sets national priorities, goals, and requirements for the effective distribution of resources to ensure that Ohio’s economy and public services continue in the event of a terrorist attack or other disaster.

Critical infrastructure resiliency is essential in a state with the nation’s greatest number of miles of interstate highway and significant rail intersections. Ohio also has two maritime borders - a 158-mile international maritime border with Canada to the north and the Ohio River, which is the largest tributary to the Mississippi River, to the south.

“As criminal enterprises and terrorist organizations attempt to carry out their business in Ohio, law enforcement and the private sector at all levels must work closely and across disciplines in order to apprehend these criminals and ensure that Ohio is a safer place tomorrow than it is today,” said Richard Baron, Executive Director, Ohio Homeland Security

Ohio Homeland Security has made available – Communities Against Terrorism fliers. These public sector-specific products are available for [download](#) on Homeland Security’s website. The information is also available through your local terrorism liaison officer. Businesses and industries are encouraged to display these fliers in the workplace in order to raise awareness of behaviors and activities that may be precursors to terrorist activities.

An engaged and aware public is crucial in deterring these threats and maintaining the safety and security of all Ohioans. *If You See Something, Say Something™* - Contact Ohio Homeland Security at 1-877-OHS-INTEL or for emergencies, call 911.

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