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The North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Introduces BOAT Program

Today Co-Chairs of the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force (NFRDSTF), Sheriff Larry Campbell and FDLE Special Agent-in-Charge Don Ladner, unveil the Business Owners Against Terrorism or BOAT program. This new and innovative program is aimed at educating local business owners about the threats of terrorism that they may encounter everyday. This program was created by local and state law enforcement agencies to enhance our community's ability to protect itself from the threat of terrorism and designed to inform local business owners and engage them in the fight against terrorism. The BOAT program was created specifically for NFRDSTF Region 2 which includes the following counties; Leon, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Wakulla.

This interactive DVD includes 5 major business categories that may be targeted by terrorist. These categories include: 1) property related businesses such as rental properties, storage facilities and hotels; 2) vehicle related businesses such as transportation rentals and flight training schools; 3) businesses that utilize chemicals such as dry cleaners, propane distribution and agriculture supply; 4) businesses which sell firearms and ammunition such as sporting good supply and licensed firearms dealers, and 5) medical treatment centers which may handle radioactive or infectious materials which could be used by terrorist.


The information provided in this resource packed DVD include a list of "Red Flags" and useful information for what business owners should do if they are confronted with suspicious activity such as video taping of the business, large cash purchases, strangers asking probing questions about security measures at a business and customers who provide several forms of identification which appear forged.

"This DVD is a must have for any business which wants to enhance the safety and security of its employees and customers" said Sheriff Larry Campbell". Tallahassee Police Chief Dennis Jones said "The unique aspect of the BOAT Program is it focuses on businesses which are located here in our community. I highly recommend this DVD to any local business owner". FDLE Special Agent-in-Charge Don Ladner said "The BOAT program was a cooperative effort between business leaders and many law enforcement agencies in Region 2. I believe this program will provide invaluable information for businesses to enhance internal security and identify potential threats".



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For more information about the BOAT program you may contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Unit Lt. Jimmy Williams at (850) 922-3328. To request your free copy of the BOAT Program DVD and Information Packet please contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office Prevention and Resource Unit at (850) 922-3323.



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This interactive DVD will play in a standard DVD player, or in your personal computer if you have DVD playback software installed.

The program is broken down into 5 major business categories. The nature of these businesses makes them prime candidates for exploitation by terrorists.

Each section of information provides a brief explanation of why a terrorist would approach a business in this category.

A list of "Red Flags" is also included for each business category. These are behaviors, circumstances or events that are indicators of possible subversive activity.

To get the most out of this program feel free to explore all sections of this DVD. Be sure to share this information with your staff too!

There are businesses in every town and city in America that have a higher than normal risk of being targeted by terrorists.

Law enforcement agencies have created this program to enhance a community's ability to protect itself.

BOAT is a region specific counter-terrorism initiative designed to inform local business owners, and engage them in the fight against terrorism.

For information on the Statewide antiterrorism program for business owners, *BusinessSafe* visit: www.fdle.state.fl.us

You can help protect your community from terrorist threats.

Thanks for getting on the BOAT!

The North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force (NFRDSTF) is a consortium of City, County and State agencies made up of members from these 13 counties:

Columbia	Leon
Dixie	Liberty
Franklin	Madison
Gadsden	Suwannee
Hamilton	Taylor
Jefferson	Wakulla
Lafayette	

For more information on the BOAT program contact your local law enforcement agency.



To anonymously report suspicious behavior call **1-800-641-4627**.



What would you do if...

You noticed someone videotaping your facility?

An individual made a large purchase entirely with cash?

A stranger asks you probing questions about security procedures at your business?

A customer provides several forms of identification that contain inconsistencies, or appear to be forged?

An individual participates in specialty training such as flight school, self defense, or firearms training... yet they do not provide a sound reason why they need the training?

You notice odd chemical containers or high technology devices in places where they normally wouldn't be found?

View the enclosed DVD to find the answers to these and many other questions about situations or events that may be indicators of possible terrorist actions.

Local business owners are in a unique position to help the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force enhance the safety of their community.

The BOAT program allows any business owner, manager or employee to anonymously report suspicious behavior or activities to local law enforcement authorities.

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Property



Vehicles



Chemicals



Weapons



Hospitals

