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Statewide Public Safety Awareness Campaign Reminds Residents to Stay Vigilant around 10th Anniversary of 9/11

As the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks approaches, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Reuben F. Bradford is reminding residents to be alert and prepared to report suspicious activity.

The “*If You See Something, Say Something*” campaign, launched in 2010, educates and empowers people to monitor their own environment for suspicious objects or behavior on trains or buses, bus and train stations and other public places. By being observant in these types of settings, citizens can minimize the chance of danger and help to keep Connecticut safer. Because of the significance of the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, there is an increased emphasis on staying alert.

“While there are no specific or credible threats to the state or the nation, with the anniversary approaching, it is important to remain vigilant and be on the lookout for out-of-the-ordinary behavior or circumstances,” stated Commissioner Bradford.

“The public is an important partner in homeland security. I want all of our residents to know that they are a vital part of our team and will continue to play an integral role. If you see something, then by all means, say something,” added Commissioner Bradford. “Take note and speak to a uniformed officer or an official of the transit system such as a conductor or other employee, or call the state’s 24-hour homeland security tip line at 1-866-HLS-TIPS. If you feel immediate attention is necessary, please call 911. Tell them what you saw and why it struck you as odd. It’s as simple as that.”

“It is our hope that this campaign will remind residents to be alert and report when they see something suspicious on public transportation or anywhere else in their community.” said DOT

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Commissioner James P. Redeker. "Terrorism is a real threat, and our priority is to do what we can to keep our transportation systems and most importantly, our citizens safe."

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