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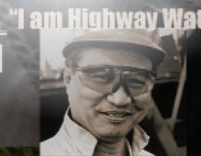


Transportation Security Administration



Highway Watch® the eyes on the road
the eyes of Homeland Security

Anti-terror training hits the road



Extra eyes on watch



Highway Watch® helping to guard against terror attacks

Transit workers trained to spot terror threats

WHAT IS HIGHWAY WATCH?

Highway Watch® is the highway sector's national safety and security program that uses the skills, experiences, and "road smarts" of America's transportation workers to help protect the nation's critical infrastructure and the movement of goods, services, and people. In addition to promoting safety, this program helps transportation professionals learn to be aware of their equipment and workplace to 1) avoid becoming a target for terrorist activity and 2) avoid having their equipment become weapons of terror.

Administered by the American Trucking Associations (ATA) under a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Highway Watch® engages the highway sector's leading organizations to provide safety and security training to hundreds of thousands of transportation workers throughout the country.

A national program with state implementation, Highway Watch® relies on the expertise and relationships of the of the nation's leading transportation organizations to mobilize a sector and make our country's highways safer and more secure.

Highway Watch® is not a substitute for the existing 9-1-1 system. It is a program that trains participants to continue to use 9-1-1 in life-threatening emergencies and to use Highway Watch® as a supporting tool in making accurate reports to both 9-1-1 and Highway Watch®.



To serve this effort, Highway Watch® focuses on the following five objectives:

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Prevent commercial vehicles or cargo from being used as weapons against Americans.
2. Protect the Nation's critical infrastructure of bridges, tunnels, and other potential terrorist targets.
3. Provide critical security data from the highway environment for information sharing and analysis.
4. Promote important safe driving skills and habits.
5. Improve coordination with Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement and transportation officialsemergency management, public safety and law enforcement officials.

HOW DOES HIGHWAY WATCH WORK?

Highway Watch contains three main components: Training and Recruitment, Information Sharing and Analysis and Operations Support.

Highway Watch® participants - transportation infrastructure workers, commercial and public truck and bus drivers, and other highway sector professionals - are specially trained by security professionals, law enforcement, and other expert personnel to recognize potential security threats as well as safety hazards on the road. These participants partner with law enforcement to provide additional "eyes and ears" of the transportation industry by using their professional skill sets to report out of the norm conditions or incidents in a timely and credible manner.

After completing the Highway Watch® safety and security training, participants receive a unique identifying number that they can use to contact a 24-7-365 Call Center to report a highway incident or condition. The Call Center correlates the location information and routes the call to the appropriate response agency.



The Highway Watch ® Call Center provides specially trained operators to assist in collecting reported information and connecting the call to the responsible public safety officials. Moreover, these reports are forwarded to the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) where industry analysts can look at all the security reports made across the nation to see if any patterns or similarities develop.

The Highway ISAC analysts work closely with Federal counterparts to review information and communicate alerts, bulletins, and BOLO requests ("be on the look out") to the transportation sector as needed.

As daily communication with state and national partners becomes more integrated and more abundant, the Highway Watch® Operations team works to maintain daily working relationships among public safety officials, private industry, and Federal officials. These relationships will serve as additional vehicles in information gathering and dissemination in times the transportation sector needs to be mobilized when responding to a regional or national crisis.