

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies 01/06/2020 – 1600

Advisories

National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin: Expires on or before January 18, 2020 at 1200 hrs.

Discussion

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin. At this time there is no information indicating a specific, credible threat to the Homeland. Iranian leadership and several affiliated extremist organizations have publicly stated they intend to retaliate against the United States following strikes against a senior military official. Previous homeland-based activities have included scouting and planning against infrastructure targets and cyber attacks. Officials have assessed that retaliation is highly likely, and that its response will likely be physical or cyber in nature. If tensions continue to escalate, this response will likely include cyber attacks against U.S. critical infrastructure. Currently heightened tensions may encourage Homegrown Extremists to launch individual attacks. The Department of Homeland Security is working closely with federal, state, local, and private sector partners to detect and defend against any threats, and will enhance security measures as necessary.

Preparedness Actions

- Have a hard copy of Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans on hand.
- Be prepared for cyber disruptions, suspicious emails, and network delays.
- Implement basic cyber hygiene practices such as effecting data backups and employing multi-factor authentication. For more information visit <u>CISA.gov</u>.
- Be responsible for your personal safety. Remain aware of surroundings. Know where emergency exits and security personnel are located. Carry emergency contact and special needs information with you.
- Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement.
- Stay informed through official public safety sources.
- Check the Department of State for international travel alerts and warnings.
- Connect, Plan, Train, and Report to prepare businesses and employees. Security tools/resources can be accessed through the DHS <u>Hometown Security Campaign</u>.

Emergency Management Issues

- Springfield-Greene County EOC is currently at OpCon Level 3: Monitoring
- Follow OEM: Twitter @gcoem or Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM

TYPES OF ADVISORIES

Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

Elevated Alert

Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

Imminent Alert

Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.