



New York State Counter Terrorism Bulletin

November 16, 2012

Subject: Heightened Tensions between Israel and Hamas in the Middle East

The New York State Intelligence Center - Counter Terrorism Center (NYSIC-CTC), issues the following information for your situational awareness:

On November 16, 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) hosted a teleconference with the Fusion Center Directors and Major City Intelligence Commanders across the country regarding the heightened tensions in the Middle East due to the on-going military actions between Israel and Hamas. DHS and the FBI emphasized that there is currently no credible or specific information suggesting any violent actions in the United States as a result of these tensions. It was noted that during all past heightened conflicts between the two, Hamas actions have been directed at Israel and have not targeted the United States.

Vigilance by law enforcement in regions where Jewish consulates or large Jewish populations exist was encouraged, and law enforcement officials on the teleconference from those areas discussed measures being taken to ensure the safety and security of their local communities, which included increased law enforcement presence, community outreach and encouraging reporting of suspicious activities.

New York State law enforcement is encouraged to remain vigilant in areas within their jurisdictions having significant Jewish populations, religious institutions and affiliated community centers, and to renew contacts with representatives at those facilities.

DHS, the FBI and the Intelligence Community continue to monitor events overseas and in the Homeland. If any credible threat information is developed, the NYSIC-CTC will ensure it is shared with appropriate law enforcement, homeland security and first responder partners.

As always, observance of suspicious individuals and activities should immediately be reported to the New York State Intelligence Center - Counter Terrorism Center via the NYS Terrorism Tips Line at **1-866-SAFE-NYS (1-866-723-3697)**.