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To: All Employees

**AVIATION SECURITY AWARENESS BULLETIN
Terrorist Attack at Ataturk International Airport**

On Tuesday June 28, 2016 terrorists, again, attacked a major international airport and the people traveling through and working at that airport. The attack at Istanbul Ataturk International Airport involved the use of guns and explosives carried by suicide bombers. The groups that have encouraged such murderous acts in Istanbul, Brussels, and Paris have also provoked them in the U.S. as we saw in the nightclub attack on June 12, in Orlando, Florida.

Transportation systems remain high on the threat list. The Port Authority Police and the National Guard are on alert to protect and defend our airports. That said, our best defense against these foes at our airports and in our communities is to catch them before they have a chance to act. We all need to be vigilant and alert to signs of terror planning, preparation work for attacks, and behaviors of those intending to carry out the attacks. We need to share any information we have about these with our Police. "See something, say something." Informed, alert employees play a critical role in keeping our nation safe. If you see suspicious persons or packages requiring immediate attention, contact Port Authority Police at:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport at 718 244-4333,
- LaGuardia Airport at 718 533-3911,
- Newark Liberty International Airport at 973 961-6230,
- Stewart International Airport at 845 567-9257, and
- Teterboro Airport at 973 961-6320
- For anonymous tips not requiring emergency response, call 800 828-7273.

Remember that there is no single face of terrorism. Indicators to look for include:

SURVEILLANCE

Recording or monitoring activities—like daily routines of airport employees and security procedures. Taking photos or drawing diagrams of security equipment, security checkpoints, airport frontage, or unauthorized areas.

SUSPICIOUS QUESTIONING

Attempts to gain information about operations, staffing and security related to their target. Questions may be asked by email, mail, on the phone or in person. Some individuals may attempt to gain employment at airports without the proper background or qualifications.

TESTS OF SECURITY

Any attempt to measure reaction times, from the public or security, to unattended items or gained entrance to restricted areas. Measuring the time it takes for security or police to arrive to a scene.

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FUNDING

Terrorists not only raise money, they also transfer and spend it in ways that don't attract attention to themselves. Any unusually large cash transactions or exchanges for large amounts of gift cards are cause for suspicion.

ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

Terrorists need a range of supplies to carry out an attack. Obtaining explosives or weapons, or purchases of a large amount of one time use cell phones could be cause for suspicion. Stealing or obtaining uniforms, badges or credentials used to impersonate airport personnel, security or police should also be reported.

IMPERSONATION

Suspicious people out of place due to what they say or do. This includes people who are in places they should not be, as well as people who do not fit in the daily routine of your neighborhood or community. Terrorists may impersonate police, airport staff or other employees to gain information.

REHEARSAL

Terrorists will often perform multiple trial runs, without actually committing a terrorist act, to ensure their plan will run smoothly. This includes rehearsing action steps and putting people into positions for practice.

DEPLOYMENT

People and supplies getting into position, or that are in the midst of an attack. Report any imminent threats or attacks to the police.

In the Event of an Active Shooter

We also need to be prepared at all times to respond quickly in the event of a gun attack at our facilities. All employees should refresh their understanding of the key principals of surviving an active shooter event – Run, Hide, Fight. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, identify exits, and consider locations that might be used to hide or shelter you from an attack.

How to Respond

1. Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. Hide

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

3. Fight

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

As quickly as possible call the Port Authority Police and provide the following:

- Location of the active shooter

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- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by shooter
- Number of potential victims at the location

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

The Port Authority Airport Security Manager is available to provide you with additional information on terrorist activity and suspicious behavior, and on employee Active Shooter Response. To contact the Airport Security Manager, call:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport at 718 244-4200,
- LaGuardia Airport at 718 533-4205,
- Newark Liberty Airport at 973 961-6320,
- Stewart International Airport at 845 838-8278, and
- Teterboro Airport at 201 807-4018.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to ensuring a safe and secure airport.

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