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TANK Hosts Transit Terrorist Security Training

Class Focuses on Prevention and Response to Terrorist Attacks

August 20, 2007 – FT. WRIGHT, KY – This week, the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) is hosting a Center for Homeland Security Training seminar entitled ***Transit Terrorist Tools and Tactics***.

The training, made possible through a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, teaches transit employees how to prevent, deter and, when necessary, respond to terrorist attacks in a mass transit environment. Employees from TANK, Cincinnati Metro, TARC (Transit Authority of River City) and Muncie (IN) Transit will attend the 24-hour training class. In addition, local law enforcement agencies were invited to participate.

The training is primarily for security/first responder transit employees as well as bus operators, supervisors and managers. The training will focus on areas such as:

- Identifying "suspicious behavior"
- Overview of past transit terrorist attack case studies
- Overview of threat levels
- Detection and identification of CBRNE devices
- Threat and vulnerability assessments

The training culminates Thursday in a practical field exercise involving a mock threat allowing the use of all the skills and abilities the participants have learned.

TANK was selected to host the regional training due to our proximity to a major metropolitan area. In addition, TANK Risk Manager, Laura McCrann teaches courses related to risk management and safety across the country and was invited to host the course at TANK.

McCrann acknowledges the importance of this type of training. "Learning through classroom work that is reinforced with past experience and a practical exercise is really the best. This course will allow all of us that attend a chance to stay up-to-date on the best ways to keep our transit properties and customers safe."

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