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Vigilance – the Power of Hello

Organizations face a variety of threats, both internal and external, from hostile governments, terrorist groups, disgruntled employees and malicious introducers. Alert employees can spot suspicious activity and report it. The power is in the employee, citizen, patron, or any person who can observe and report. Used effectively, the right words can be a powerful tool. Simply saying “Hello” can prompt a casual conversation with unknown individuals and help you determine why they are there. The OHNO approach – Observe, initiate a Hello, Navigate the Risk, and Obtain Help – helps employees observe and evaluate suspicious behaviors, and empowers them to mitigate potential risk, and obtain help when necessary. The Power of Hello Slick-sheet and Power of Hello Placemat provides stakeholders with information to assist in identifying and effectively responding to suspicious behavior. <https://www.cisa.gov/power-hello>

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & INCIDENT REPORTS

Man With Gun Arrested After Trying To Enter Restricted Area At Bronx Subway Station

NBC, 11/5/2024

[Bronx, New York] A man carrying a firearm with a loaded cartridge in a bag was arrested after trying access a restricted area at a Bronx subway station, according to a senior law enforcement official. The man was at the Kingsbridge Road subway station along the D line Tuesday afternoon and was trying to go into a restricted area off the platform in order to urinate, a law enforcement official told NBC New York. When police arrived, the man threw the bag he was carrying and ran off. Inside the bag was a gun and what appeared to be a loaded ammo cartridge, the senior law enforcement official said. Police caught the man soon after and questioned him as to why he had the weapon and why he was at the subway station in the Fordham neighborhood. Neither the man's identity nor any charges have yet been shared. <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/bronx/man-arrested-bronx-subway-station-fordham-kingsbridge/5957283/>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: At approximately 4:00 p.m. on 5 November 2024, officers assigned to the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Public Safety Team followed two men who they saw walking past a “no trespassing” sign near the entrance to a northbound tunnel inside the Kingsbridge Road

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subway stop in the Bronx, New York. The officers claim they saw one of them, later identified as Abraham Sosa, urinating on the tracks and they approached him. Sosa became confrontational when stopped and resisted the officers' commands. During the confrontation, Sosa dropped his bag and an AR-15 pattern rifle and a loaded magazine spilled out of it. While officers were arresting Sosa, the other man, identified as Christopher Mayren, involved himself in the confrontation and kicked one officer's body worn camera onto the subway tracks and attempted to steal an officer's phone. Both men were arrested, and the officers suffered minor injuries during the struggle. Sosa has been charged with criminal possession of a machine gun, 25 counts of criminal possession of a weapon for the bullets, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration, trespassing, and assault on a police officer. Mayren has been charged with obstructing governmental administration, criminal possession of stolen property, petit larceny, and aggravated harassment. It is unclear why the two men were trespassing or what they may have been planning.

Man, 61, Arrested For Allegedly Attacking Bus Driver In Waikiki *Star Advisor, 11/5/2024*

[Waikiki, Hawaii] A 61-year-old man was arrested this morning after he allegedly assaulted a bus driver and yanked on the steering wheel in Waikiki Monday morning, according to the Honolulu Police Department. At about 7:40 a.m. the man allegedly boarded a city bus, struck the bus driver several times and pulled on the bus steering wheel. "At the time, the bus was filled with passengers and ready for motion," according to an HPD description of the incident. The man was arrested on suspicion of interference with the operator of a public transit vehicle. He remains in custody pending investigation. <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2024/11/05/breaking-news/man-61-arrested-for-allegedly-attacking-bus-driver-in-waikiki/>

4 Dead, 17 Injured In Fiery Tractor-Trailer Crash In Michigan *Freight Waves, 11/5/2024*

[Webberville, Michigan] The driver of a semitruck involved in a late night crash on Saturday that killed four people and left 17 injured remained hospitalized Monday with serious injuries. The crash closed part of Interstate 96 for more than a day. The crash occurred around 11:40 p.m. Saturday in Webberville, a village about 26 miles from Lansing. Michigan State Police had just reopened Interstate 96, which had been closed while DTE Energy crews strung power lines across the roadway, police said in a statement on X. Numerous vehicles were stopped on the roadway when police say a westbound tractor-trailer crashed into multiple vehicles. Police said it appeared the truck driver did not see the stopped vehicles and could not stop before slamming into them. The crash caused the truck and multiple vehicles to burst into flames. Police said about 15 vehicles were involved in the crash. <https://www.freightwaves.com/news/4-dead-17-injured-in-fiery-tractor-trailer-crash-in-michigan>

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Vehicle, Trolley Crash Results In 17 Injured

KUSI, 11/5/2024

[Chula Vista, California] A collision between a vehicle and a San Diego Metropolitan Transit System trolley injured 17 people Tuesday in Chula Vista, authorities said. The crash occurred around 4:34 p.m. at Industrial Boulevard and L Street, the Chula Vista Fire Department confirmed to FOX 5/KUSI. Three of the 17 patients suffered major trauma and were taken to a hospital, according to fire officials. It is unknown if the victims were from the vehicle or trolley. The area of L Street and Broadway will be shut down for some time. MTS announced there is no Blue Line service between the H Street and Palm Avenue stations. "Riders can use Route 932 for service between the impacted stations. Expect delays on the Blue Line until further notice," the MTS said on X, formerly known as Twitter, at 5:04 p.m.

<https://fox5sandiego.com/traffic/vehicle-trolley-crash-results-in-17-injured/>

TERRORISM & EXTREMISM

Cholo Abdi Abdullah Convicted for Conspiring to Commit 9/11-Style Attack at the Direction of Al Shabaab

Department of Justice, 11/4/2024

A jury returned a guilty verdict today against Cholo Abdi Abdullah, 34, on all six counts in the indictment, which included conspiring to provide, and providing, material support to a foreign terrorist organization; and conspiring to murder U.S. nationals, commit aircraft piracy, destroy aircraft, and commit transnational acts of terrorism. Abdullah is scheduled to be sentenced on March 10, 2025. "The jury found that Cholo Abdi Abdullah, an operative of the terrorist organization al Shabaab, conspired to murder Americans in a terrorist attack reminiscent of the September 11 attack on our country," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "Today's conviction ensures that Abdullah will spend decades in prison for his crimes. The Justice Department will never stop working to identify, investigate, and prosecute those who would use heinous acts of violence to harm the American people. It does not matter where terrorists hide, they will not evade the long arm of the law."

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/cholo-abdi-abdullah-convicted-conspiring-commit-911-style-attack-direction-al-shabaab>

Houthis Continue Regional and Global Expansion, Networking with Terror Groups and State Sponsors of Terrorism

The Soufan Center, 11/5/2024

A new confidential 537-page report by a United Nations panel of experts to the Security Council Committee monitoring global compliance with UN sanctions on war-torn Yemen portrays an expanding threat to international commerce and to regional stability posed by the Houthi movement (Ansarallah). According to the UN report, the Houthis are building working relationships with Moscow as well as Sunni

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Islamist terrorist groups operating in Yemen and in the Horn of Africa. The ties to Russia, a major exporter of advanced weaponry, hold the potential to escalate the Houthi threat not only to commercial shipping in the Red Sea but also to the Western-led warships that are seeking to secure the critical maritime chokepoint from Houthi attacks. Operational links to major terrorist groups, including al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and al-Shabaab, an al-Qaeda affiliate based in Somalia, expand the Houthis' regional reach in and around Yemen, the Arabian Peninsula, the Red Sea, and the Horn of Africa. <https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2024-november-5/>

SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

BART Installs New Fare Gates At SFO To Help Protect Against Fare Evasion

NBC, 11/4/2024

[San Francisco, California] BART has installed new fare gates at its San Francisco International Airport station that will help protect against fare evasion, the agency announced. The SFO station is now the ninth in the BART system to be outfitted with the new gates, which feature clear swing barriers with a one-of-a-kind door locking mechanism to deter fare evasion, the agency said Thursday. The gates also include advanced 3D sensors that can detect if someone is in a wheelchair or has a bike, stroller, or luggage with them, allowing for more time before the barrier closes. There is LED lighting on the swing barriers and a pathway through the gate to help visually impaired riders, according to BART. The taller and stronger gates are part of an effort to prevent fare evasion, a prevalent issue that costs BART an estimated \$15-\$25 million in lost revenue per year. The current fare gates, which are over 20 years old, are easier to hop over or under as they're shorter with large gaps and barriers that have weak resistance. <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/bart-fare-gates-sfo/3698741/>

FMCSA Eyes Delay Of Rule Cracking Down On Broker/Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility

CCJ Digital, 11/5/2024

With a new online registration system in the horizon, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is proposing to extend the compliance date of a final rule that changes the financial responsibility requirements for brokers and freight forwarders. The rule, which was finalized Nov. 16, 2023, contains certain provisions with a Jan. 16, 2025, compliance date, while other provisions have a Jan. 16, 2026, compliance date. The agency said it's proposing the compliance date delay for the provisions for which the compliance date is Jan. 16, 2025, because FMCSA "has determined that only its forthcoming online registration system will be used to accept filings and track notifications, and this functionality will not be added to its legacy systems. As the new system is not expected to be available before Jan. 16, 2025, FMCSA proposes to extend the compliance date to provide regulated entities time to begin using and familiarizing themselves with the system before compliance is required." The new compliance date

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would be Jan. 16, 2026, to align with the date already set for the other provisions in the rule.

<https://www.ccjdigital.com/regulations/industry/article/15707468/fmcsa-eyes-delay-of-rule-cracking-down-on-brokerfreight-forwarder-financial-responsibility>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: On 16 November 2023, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) implemented a rule addressing the financial responsibility requirements for freight brokers and shippers. The rule included a provision called the "Immediate Suspension of Broker/Freight Forwarder Operating Authority" which "would allow FMCSA to suspend the operating authority registration of a broker or freight forwarder when its available financial security falls below \$75,000." Brokers and freight forwarders had seven days to replenish the funds in their account following a notification by the FMCSA or face a suspension of their operations. One stated purpose of the rule was to address rampant freight fraud. The FMCSA stated that the rule "aims to reduce fraud by limiting the time brokers can continue to accrue claims while experiencing financial failure or insolvency before their operating authority registration is suspended. These changes adopted in this rule will result in fewer motor carriers accepting loads from brokers who do not intend to pay." Some provisions in the rule required a compliance date of 16 January 2025 and other provisions required compliance no later than 16 January 2026. FMCSA is updating their Unified Registration System and claimed the 2025 date was not feasible, so they are modifying the rule to set all compliance dates at the 2026 mark. Currently, a broker or freight forwarder has 30 days to bring their funds up to the \$75,000 amount before their operations are suspended. CCJ Digital points out that "bad actors and/or failing brokerages have been shown to exploit that time lag to deliver and collect on more freight with carriers." FMCSA reports it intends to use its updated Unified Registration System (URS) platform "to receive information from surety providers, trustees, brokers and freight forwarders to administer the agency's immediate suspension responsibilities."

APTA Requests Five-Year Exemption From CDL 'Under The Hood' Testing Requirement For Public Transit Operators

Mass Transit Magazine, 11/5/2024

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) submitted a formal request to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requesting a five-year exemption from the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) "under-the-hood" testing requirement for public transit operators. The proposed exemption would allow states to waive the specific requirement for CDL applicants seeking to operate public transportation vehicles, including those involved in interstate transportation. "This exemption is crucial for addressing the severe workforce challenges facing our industry while maintaining our unwavering commitment to safety," said APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas. "The current CDL under-the-hood testing requirement has become a significant barrier to recruiting qualified transit operators, at a time when our industry desperately needs them." The request comes as new APTA research reveals that 85 percent of public transit agencies continue to face worker shortages, with bus

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operator positions being particularly challenging to fill.

<https://www.masstransitmag.com/management/press-release/55240631/american-public-transportation-association-apta-requests-five-year-exemption-from-cdl-under-the-hood-testing-requirement-for-public-transit-operators>

CYBERSECURITY

Five Eyes Agencies Launch Startup Security Initiative

Infosecurity Magazine, 10/29/2024

The UK, US, Canada, New Zealand and Australian governments have launched a new program designed to help their tech startups improve baseline cybersecurity measures, in the face of escalating state-backed threats. Secure Innovation was originally a UK initiative run by GCHQ's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and MI5's National Protective Security Authority (NPSA). However, it has now been adopted and promoted by all Five Eyes intelligence agencies in regionalized versions. In the UK version, startup owners answer a few simple questions to access a personalized action plan, designed to provide them with advice on how to protect their technology, reputation and success. <https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/five-eyes-agencies-startup/>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: Following World War II, the allied English-speaking countries - United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand - entered into an agreement to share signals intelligence and code breaking efforts with each other. The agreement came to be called Five Eyes. Five Eyes countries worked together during the cold war to monitor Russian threats and have recently been sharing intelligence during the war on terror. China and its threats to global infrastructure through embedded Advanced Persistent Threats, intellectual property theft, and industrial espionage is a current intelligence gathering mission for Five Eyes. Five Eyes recently expanded its mission to assist start-up western technology companies to use best practices in their cyber defenses through the Secure Innovation program. Five Eyes nations recognize that hostile states such as the People's Republic of China (PRC) are stealing intellectual property and exploiting technological developments to benefit themselves, which in turn increases the threat they pose to the rest of the world. Five Eyes wants to prevent that and help companies avoid inadvertently enabling our adversaries by allowing them access to proprietary technology. The UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency (GCHQ's) National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) reported "over 500 UK startups have already visited the Secure Innovation site to create a bespoke cybersecurity action plan." In the United States, Secure Innovation is managed by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and information for U.S. companies can be found at: <https://www.dni.gov/index.php/ncsc-what-we-do/secure-innovation>

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Sneak Peak: 2025 Cybersecurity Issues In Trucking

CCJ Digital, 11/1/2024

The cybersecurity team at the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. (NMFTA) is wasting no time looking ahead to 2025, gearing up to tackle the biggest threats facing the trucking industry in our increasingly digital world, and identifying the most effective solutions to stay ahead of the curve. ... No longer do thieves wait in the dark behind truck stops and break into trailers, hoping to find fast-selling items like TVs and stereos. Now they compromise the credentials of shippers, brokers, and carriers, and find out exactly what's in the truck, then redirect the trucks to insecure locations where they can make off with the loot. You might be surprised to know that one of the most popular items for cargo thieves is crab meat. It's easy to pilfer, it's not serialized, and they can sell it on the black market for \$5 a pound compared to the legitimate market rate of around \$12 a pound. This is what happens when the thieves know exactly what's being shipped and how to commandeer the shipment.

<https://www.ccjdigital.com/technology/cybersecurity/article/15707306/trucking-industry-cybersecurity-2025-nmfta-reveals-emerging-threats>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The NMFTA's cybersecurity team is zeroing in on emerging threats for the trucking industry, anticipating key challenges that highlight the increasingly complex digital landscape. Among the major concerns is cyber-enabled cargo theft, a threat that has evolved from physical break-ins to sophisticated credential-based attacks. Criminals now infiltrate the systems of shippers, brokers, and carriers, gaining real-time data on high-value shipments and rerouting vehicles to unsecured locations for efficient theft. This strategic, data-driven approach increases the success rate of theft while reducing the risk for attackers, who can quickly monetize non-serialized goods like crab meat in illicit markets. Another pressing issue for 2025 is AI-enabled exploit windows, which weaponize AI to exploit unpatched vulnerabilities more swiftly. Cybercriminals are accelerating attacks by using AI to create malicious content, such as SEO-optimized documents that masquerade as legitimate carrier files but embed malware upon download. These "poison" documents exploit the delay between vulnerability disclosure and patch application, a critical window in which attackers know many organizations remain exposed. AI enhances the scale, targeting precision, and automation of these attacks, making quick patching more vital than ever. For both threats, the NMFTA's strategies emphasize proactive monitoring, improved patch management, and the need for real-time threat intelligence. These approaches aim to mitigate the industry's exposure to ransomware, data theft, and supply chain disruptions that threaten operational continuity and cargo security.

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