



Date: January 15, 2015
Memo to: All Airport Employees
From: Pat Gannon, Chief of Airport Police
Subject: Remain Vigilant

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Gannon".

Over the past week we witnessed a terrorist attack where home grown violent extremists invaded the headquarters of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in Paris. Twelve people, including two police officers, were killed in the attack. On the following day, another Parisian police officer was killed by an individual who appears to have been connected to the suspects in the Charlie Hebdo assault. The terrorists were ultimately tracked down by French law enforcement who stopped their murderous attacks, but not before other innocent civilians were killed. The individuals in these incidents appear to have received terrorist training in the Middle East and were determined to cause harm to innocent people.

Even though the incidents described occurred halfway around the world, they remind us that attacks like this can happen anywhere and at any time. These attacks are not unlike what happen at LAX on November 1, 2013. Individuals acting alone, or in small groups, are likely to strike again somewhere in the world. The battle against violent extremism is not going away any time soon and the aviation industry is high on the list of targets for those who want to do us harm.

Los Angeles Airport Police and the TSA, through the Department of Homeland Security, have responded to the most recent events with a set of strategies to be used to hopefully prevent an attack or to help us respond quickly and effectively if an attack was to occur. One of those strategies is to ensure that police resources are more visible in public areas. I support these strategies and want to make sure that throughout our area of responsibilities that we remain extra vigilant.

Whether you are working in law enforcement, maintenance, commercial development or any of the multitudes of assignments at our airports, please remain vigilant. As you make contact with people, remind all of our airport partners and customers to be equally attentive. Take every opportunity to remind people you come in contact with that we need their help and that the responsibility for keeping our airports safe does not rest with law enforcement alone. It is everyone's responsibility.

These are unpredictable and scary times. None of us can predict the future; however, I want you to know that I am confident in the abilities of all us who are airport employees to address these types of threats should they present themselves. As was the case on November 1st, airport employees and our stakeholders have faced significant threats in the past and have responded to those threats with a determined effort to keep our airports safe.

Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter and please remember to report all suspicious activity to Airport Police at (424) 646-7911.

Thank you and be safe.

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