

Transport Canada Issues Security Advisory to Canada's Surface Transportation Providers

On November 19th, Transport Canada issued a Security Advisory to surface transportation system operators and trade associations representing carriers, including OMCA & Motor Coach Canada. The purpose of the advisory is to reiterate the need for transportation providers to remain vigilant of potential or actual security incidents within their operations. While there is no recent information to indicate an active ongoing plot to target transportation and no information on possible locations or specific targets, Transport Canada strongly recommends that all operators and owners increase vigilance. In addition, they also strongly recommend that transportation providers review their security posture in consultation with their regional Transport Canada transportation security inspector.

Transport Canada will continue to monitor the situation closely and will issue subsequent notifications as required. In order to mitigate against these inherent vulnerabilities, providers are requested to remain alert and remind their staff of the philosophy: “*See Something Say Something*”

Staff should be aware of suspicious behaviour and to report it to the most appropriate security service as soon as possible. Furthermore, all security related events should be reported to Transport Canada's security staff at: 1-866-TCSECUR (1-866-827-3287)