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## **National Bulletin**

## **Incident in Strasbourg—11th December 2018**

The following is sent on behalf of Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth, National Coordinator Protect and Prepare:

**Dear Colleagues** 

Whatever the motivations for last night's attack in Strasbourg attack prove to be, we should take it as a reminder of the ever-present threats and risks that our communities face.

We have already made a call-to –action through our Winter Awareness Campaign and I urge you to broadcast that as widely as you can. The key points for people to act on are:

- ♦ Link in to your local forces for advice and guidance on safety and security measures
- If you are running festive events, please review your security measures. You should have good, visible, pro-active security around these as well as hostile vehicle mitigation measures where needed
- Whilst there's no specific threat to an event or venue the threat level for the UK remains at Severe, and last year's events showed us that attacks can happen at any time or place without warning
- Our priority is the safety and security of all those attending events and crowded places and the public are encouraged to continue with their plans to enjoy events
- Be vigilant for anyone or anything that looks out of place or suspicious and report it to a member of staff, security or police
- If you are able to show our digital messaging on your businesses public-facing display screens, please contact us through nctphq.comms@met.pnn.police.uk

The <u>ACT Awareness e-learning</u> tool, developed to provide nationally accredited counter terrorism guidance to help industry better understand and mitigate against current terrorist methodology, is available via the <u>NaCTSO</u> website and has already been adopted by 2,000 businesses nationwide

Make sure your business undertakes the Sixty-Second-Security-Check

- \* Who is appointed to make decisions on the 'shop floor', and do they know what they're doing?
- \* How do you enter and exit the building in emergency?
- \* How do you lock down quickly?
- \* Where can you hide?
- \* How do you communicate and how do you stay updated if you find yourself in a RHT scenario?
- \* Have you briefed your staff?

We continue to disrupt multiple attempts to launch terrorist attacks against the UK and only by working together will we stop these

Although this is a sobering message, I give you my absolute commitment that all of us working in counter-terrorism are doing everything we can to ensure you have a safe and peaceful festive period.