



**Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
STATE OF NEW YORK**



**Governor Chris Christie
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is by and between the State of New York (hereinafter referred to as "New York State") and the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "New Jersey")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Governors of the States of New York and New Jersey, respectively, are dedicated to protect the Bi-State region from terrorist threats and acts of terrorism and to enhance preparedness and response efforts should an attack occur; and

WHEREAS, both Governors, in the interest of heightened concern, initiated a ten (10) day review and analysis of counter terrorism strategies;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and representations set forth in this Agreement, the Governors of each respective State do hereby agree as follows:

I. NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Protections of the States' combined, regional infrastructures shall be increased and continuously evaluated at all airports, bridges, tunnels, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, George Washington Bridge Bus Station, PATH, World Trade Center and seaports, by means of expanded law enforcement deployments, security inspections and visibility, for the security, safety and protection of the public.

Such measures will include but not be limited to:

1. Increased uniformed law enforcement and special operations visibility at mass transit hubs, bus terminals, and river crossings, including train, bus and light rail stations;
2. Increased deployment of aviation and marine assets to secure critical infrastructure, river crossings and mass transit hubs;
3. Increased deployment of New York and New Jersey State Police in collaboration with partner local law enforcement agencies to counter intelligence-based threats;
4. Increased mobilization drills in both States working with New York State Police, New Jersey State Police and Federal and local law enforcement partners.

A. Conduct Joint Planning Tabletop and Full-Scale Exercises

The States of New York and New Jersey shall, immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, commence the planning for a tabletop exercise within ninety (90) days and a full-scale exercise within one hundred and twenty (120) days. The Governors hereby direct the respective State Directors of Homeland Security to initiate a joint working group charged with evaluating better methods for increased interoperable communications and enhanced interagency coordination for terrorism response, common operating protocols for communications and response, including emergency medical and fire operations procedures.

II. ENHANCE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND INFORMATION SHARING

With the understanding that access to information is critical to the early detection of terrorist threats and the thwarting of terrorist plots, the States of New York and New Jersey hereby agree to enhance each State's intelligence gathering and information-sharing efforts by the following:

A. Common Operating Picture for the Sharing of Intelligence and Investigations

The States of New York and New Jersey shall engage in an analysis of the intelligence tools currently employed by each State's intelligence fusion centers, which shall include an assessment of the technological capabilities and discovery of any gaps that may exist. The goals shall be shared situational awareness to increase each States' ability to adapt and respond to real-time, actionable intelligence and align the State's respective priorities in accordance with evolving and emergent threat landscapes, to include cyberspace.

B. Expand the Analyst Exchange Program

To address the shared concerns of both States, the Intelligence Analyst Exchange Program shall be expanded to include New Jersey, broadening the program's existing participants of the State of New York and New York City. The States shall develop a plan for the periodic deployment and rotation of intelligence analysts through each of the fusion centers with a goal to develop common operating protocols and enhance collaboration on immediate and long-term intelligence projects.

III. EXPLORE RECIPROCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS

The State of New Jersey is understanding Executive Orders which permit law enforcement from the State of New York to operate in limited bi-state transportation contexts within the State of New Jersey. Immediately subsequent to the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Governors of each state shall explore feasible expansions of these authorities, including reciprocity for New Jersey law enforcement to operate in New York in similar limited circumstances.

IV. CONDUCT BI-STATE OUTREACH EFFORTS

The States of New York and New Jersey shall enter into a joint partnership for a Bi-State "See Something Say Something" or like campaign which shall seek to direct resources at businesses that are susceptible to exploitation or attack by terrorists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Governors of New York State and New Jersey have hereunto set their hands and seal on September 24, 2014.

For the State of New York

For the State of New Jersey
