



## **HIGHWAY WATCH® HIGHWAY ISAC FACT SHEET**

### **What is the Highway ISAC and how does it work?**

The Highway Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Highway ISAC) is a critical component of the Highway Watch® effort and serves as the analytical and communications focal point for the Highway Watch® program. In close cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and intelligence and law enforcement agencies, the Highway ISAC, a team of well-trained and experienced transportation security professionals collectively detect, assess, report, process, analyze, and respond to incidents which might pose a threat to national security.

### **How does the Highway ISAC relate to Highway Watch®?**

Once Highway Watch® participants complete their training they are issued a unique ID number. If they spot something unusual, they call the toll-free Highway Watch® hotline number, identify themselves using their ID number and make their report over the phone. The Highway Watch® Call Center immediately contacts law enforcement in the area where the threat or hazard was observed. The Call Center also directs potential security threats to the Highway ISAC which analyzes and shares the intelligence with law enforcement and national security agencies.

### **Why is the Highway ISAC necessary?**

Transportation professionals can observe things such as trucks parked under bridges, abandoned rigs, strange persons loitering at their place of work and any of a thousand items that an experienced transportation professional is well suited to discern. It is important that information be transmitted into the federal intelligence community's information network so it can be collated and compared with information from many other sources of intelligence. The Highway ISAC shares the information gathered from Highway Watch® reports with other intelligence agencies who in turn share information with Highway ISAC staff.