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SECTION A: PROGRAM OFFICE TALKING POINTS

How do you start your Casual Conversation?

When conducting Casual Conversation (CC), the interaction with the passenger should appear natural. The passenger should not suspect that they have undergone any deliberate line of questioning. (b)(3) 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

The Take Away: (b)(3) 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

You should never force a conversation, or be confrontational with the passenger.

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(b)(3) 49 U.S.C. § 11

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SECTION B: HIGHLIGHTS/SPOTLIGHT

BDO Managers: Please take the time to acknowledge the name of each Behavior Detection Officer, the airport of record, and their exceptional work by sharing spotlights and best practices with your workforce. Should you have information you would like to place into this section please send an email to: BDA.Framing@tsa.dot.gov

Nine BDOs from the BDA program at the Boston International Airport (BOS) were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout 2013 at the Massachusetts Port Authority’s Annual Security Awareness for Employees (SAFE) at BOS’s Logan Star Awards Ceremony in December 2013.

- MBDOs (b)(6) and BDO (b)(6) and LBDO (b)(6) received the SAFE Award for their work in locating a passenger who had stolen another passenger’s wallet. The award also included a poster of the four TSA employees to be displayed in the airport.
- MBDOs (b)(6) and (b)(6) engaged a passenger who had been reported missing by his wife. The passenger had medical needs and was off his medication. With the help of MSP, they were able to bring medical attention to the passenger. BDOs (b)(6) and (b)(6)
  (b)(6) were nominated for the SAFE award (b)(3); 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)
(b)(6); 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)
- LBDOs (b)(6) and (b)(6) were awarded the Logan Star Award for their quick response to an individual suffering from a heart attack in the Central Parking Garage of BOS.
- Finally, BDO (b)(6) was awarded the Logan Star Award for her efforts in providing CPR classes open to all TSA employees at BOS. BDO (b)(6) contacted Massport Fire and Rescue and coordinated her first class after receiving an overwhelming response from officers that wanted to join her in receiving CPR certification. (b)(6) has been the coordinator of these classes and has seen more than 155 TSA employees receive their certifications, including two BDOs who were able to save a man’s life shortly after being certified.

Submitted by BOS BDO (b)(6)

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(b)(2) 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)

Outstanding Observation Techniques

Submitted by Christine Pope

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SECTION C: SCREENING OF ACCESSIBLE PROPERTY

Below are a few key areas to remember.

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Reconnaissance and Surveillance
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Extensive rehearsals and "dry runs"
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Take Away: The frontline employee is one of the most important elements of aviation security. The specialized skill set of a BDO can detect physiological manifestations of the human body undergoing stress and identify surveillance activities. Through awareness, behavior detection can prevent an advisory from the beginning stages in the terrorist planning cycle, cutting off one's ability to conduct multiple reconnaissance and surveillance activities. Constant alertness, teamwork, and vigilance to stay focused on the mission can make a difference. This should be a constant reminder to always do your BEST!

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SECTION E: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECENT BDO FINDINGS

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