



Helicopter Tour/Charter Companies

As described in the accompanying letter, *Business Owners Against Terrorism* is based on the idea that certain legitimate businesses and industries may be exploited by terrorists who portray themselves as honest customers seeking to purchase, lease, or somehow appropriate certain material, licenses and/or services to covertly further a terrorist plot.

The following examples of activity relating to your specific business, though not fully inclusive, may be of **possible** concern to law enforcement:

- Unusual interest expressed by flight passengers in locations that could be a target of terrorism (e.g., area infrastructure such as oil refineries, power plants, etc.) or any other building
 - For example, special requests to fly over facilities not typically of interest to your clientele, sight-seeing tourists or other business executive passengers; excessive photographing or videotaping of these locations during flyovers.
- Excessive questioning by a flight passenger regarding the piloting/operation of the helicopter (e.g., systematic questioning as to how to maneuver the helicopter while in flight).
- Repeat flights by an individual who does not appear to be using the service as an expeditious way to travel (e.g., business executive) or by an individual who does not appear to be using the business for pleasure purposes (e.g., tourist)
- Attempts by an individual to carry-on excessive luggage or containers

Your impressions and assessment, based upon your professional/business experience, are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern or set of circumstances is unusual.

The conduct of an individual will not necessarily be criminal in nature. Please remember if you suspect something, do not take direct action, confront the individual, or reveal your suspicions. Record as many details as possible about the suspect/vehicle/locations and report them to the Orange County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Unit at 407-504-6764 or email Intel@ocfl.net.