Key Security Resources for the LGBTQI+ Community Ahead of Pride Month

Since Day One, President Biden and Vice President Harris have remained steadfast in their commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the LGBTQI+ community. The Biden-Harris Administration recognizes the unique challenges faced by LGBTQI+ individuals and has taken decisive steps to address these issues through the LGBTQI+ Community Safety Partnership, which President Biden announced in June 2023. This initiative is a cornerstone of our broader efforts to promote equality and protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The federal government maintains a broad range of resources that LGBTQI+ community members, leaders, and event organizers can draw on based on their needs. Recent actions and additional resources include:

Physical Security and Online Safety

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released
 a <u>Public Service Announcement</u> on May 10 to raise awareness of the potential targeting of
 LGBTQI+ events and provide information to report threats, emergencies, or suspicious activities.
- The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team released a <u>First Responder's Toolbox</u> on May 8, which outlines the ways in which tailored engagement and rapport-building efforts by public safety officials with the LGBTQI+ community can help foster safety and security, address anti-LGBTQI+ threat concerns, and drive community-based relationships through collaborative and inclusive practices.
- The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) works to build public and private
 sector security capacity to mitigate a wide range of risks, and offers a training, tools, and best
 practices to inform risk mitigation efforts, as well as resources to improve physical security,
 protect infrastructure during public demonstrations, and securely plan mass gatherings or other
 special events.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the Non-Profit Security Grant Program to improve the physical security of non-profit institutions.
- The DHS <u>Special Events</u> Program provides state and local officials the opportunity to receive a risk assessment for planned events that can improve the security of mass gatherings.
- The DHS CISA Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) help improve the physical security of certain nonprofit organizations and can provide trainings. To contact your nearest PSA, visit here or email central@cisa.dhs.gov.
- The FBI has updated its <u>hate crimes threat response guide</u> to inform Americans about steps they can take if they receive a threat, published on the FBI's hate crimes resource page.
- CISA offers a catalog of cybersecurity resources for high-risk communities. For example, CISA's
 <u>Mitigating Cyber Threats with Limited Resources: Guidance for Civil Society</u> provides organizations and individuals with recommended actions and mitigations to reduce the risk of cyber intrusions.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides <u>cybersecurity resources</u> on the <u>HIPAA Security Rule</u> and other cybersecurity materials for protecting health information, as well as videos on implementing <u>recognized health information security practices</u> and <u>defending</u> <u>against cyber-attacks</u>. HHS also has resources on lessons learned from recent public health emergencies. This collection of LGBTQI+-focused resources can be accessed <u>here</u>.
- The CISA, HHS, and Health Sector Coordinating Council Cybersecurity Working Group's
 <u>Healthcare and Public Health Security Cybersecurity Toolkit</u> consolidates key resources for health

care and public health organizations, such as LGBTQI+ service providers, to help them proactively assess vulnerabilities and implement solutions.

 DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement offers a <u>resource guide</u> with proactive steps individuals can take to protect themselves from doxing and for victims of doxing to receive assistance.

Targeted Violence Prevention

- **DHS administers the Prevention Resource Finder** to provide stakeholders the full range of federal resources available to help prevent targeted violence, including community support resources, grant opportunities, and training opportunities for campuses and communities to reduce the risk of targeted violence, including hate-based violence.
- The Department of Justice's Hate Crimes Enforcement and Prevention website provides
 resources on preventing hate crimes, grant opportunities, and information related to hate crimes
 around the nation.
- The DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships offers Community Awareness Briefings to help communities develop an understanding of targeted violence and violent extremism and explore ways to prevent such threats at the local level. Please email cp3@hq.dhs.gov to request a briefing. CP3 also has a resource on Mitigating Harms from Violence Visual Content to help individuals, those who work with young people, and community leaders address the consequences of violent content in the media and online that individuals or violent extremist groups may share to promote or glorify violence.

Key Contacts

- Located in states and major urban areas throughout the country, Fusion Centers serve as primary
 focal points for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information among
 federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. Fusion Center locations and contact
 information can be found here.
- The FBI has 56 Field Offices across the U.S. and Puerto Rico carry out investigations, assess local
 and regional crime threats, and work closely with partners on cases and operations. A list of all FBI
 Field Offices can be found here along with a searchable map and database to find the office
 nearest to you.

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