FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

PHARMACIES

As described in the accompanying letter, the *Fremont Police Outreach Program* 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:

- An unusual request for/purchase of a particular pharmaceutical compound that would generally not be used independent of mixing with additional substances.
- Loss or theft of items from your pharmaceutical inventory that could possibly be combined with other easily obtained items and thus present a danger to the public.
- Loss or theft of items from your pharmaceutical inventory which are intended to serve as antidotes in the event of a biological or chemical attack (e.g., autoinjectors of Atropine, Ciprofloxacin pills, etc.).
- "Surveillance of Sales as an Attack Indicator"-- A dramatic spike in the purchase of a particular over-the-counter medicine (e.g., cold syrup, to determine if people might be self-medicating to fight off flu-like symptoms which may in fact be caused by bio-terror agents); spikes in purchases of anti-bacterial/viral agents.

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.

Please remember that the conduct of itself does not have to be criminal per se for you to report it to the FPD toll-free number, 1-800-962-5912 (24-hours, seven-days a week), or to the FPD non-emergency line, 510-790-6800. (In the event of a police emergency, please dial **9-1-1**.)

If you wish to learn more about **Fremont Police Outreach***, please visit the FPD website at* www.fremontpolice.org *and locate the Outreach Program link.*