

## Protecting America, Securing Freedom

### *Winning the War on Terror*

Homeland Security Accomplishments of this Republican Congress and the Department of Homeland Security:

#### *Preparing our First Responders*

- ✓ **\$26.7 billion** has been allotted for first responder terrorism preparedness since 2001 to ensure that they have the equipment, training, and coordination they need to save lives.
- ✓ **Project SAFECOM** – helps speed the acquisition of interoperable communication devices by first responders.
- ✓ **Personal protective equipment standards** developed by the Department of Homeland Security to protect first responders against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents.
- ✓ **Faster and Smarter Funding** – H.R. 3266, which is quickly moving to the House floor, will ensure that first responders get the federal money they need more quickly based on threat assessments.



#### *Battling Bioterrorism*

- ✓ **Project BioShield** – Presidential initiative to invest \$5.6 billion in the development of countermeasures against weapons of mass destruction that is awaiting final floor action in the House.
- ✓ **BioSense** – connects public health systems with a national early warning, biosurveillance system to check for signs of an emerging bioterror attack or epidemic.
- ✓ **BioWatch** – monitors the air over major cities to detect terrorist agents in time to deploy life-saving treatments.

#### *Securing our Skies*

- ✓ **Reinforced cockpit doors** on all commercial airplanes.
- ✓ **All checked bags** are searched or otherwise screened for explosives.
- ✓ **50,000 Federal screeners** have been hired by TSA to conduct safety checks of passengers and baggage.
- ✓ **Over 1,100 explosives detection systems, 1,850 advanced checkpoint x-ray devices, and 7,263 explosives trace detection systems** have been deployed by TSA at the nation's 448 commercial passenger airports.
- ✓ **US-VISIT** – conducts background checks and tracks non-immigrant visa holders visiting the U.S. using biometric technology.
- ✓ **Federal Flight Deck Officer** – training program for commercial airline pilots who serve as federal law enforcement officers responsible for defending the cockpit against terrorist attacks.
- ✓ **Federal Air Marshals** – ensuring that federal law enforcement officers are deployed on all high-risk flights.



#### *Protecting Ports*

- ✓ **Terrorism vulnerability assessments** at every major port in the U.S.
- ✓ **Container Security Initiative** – protects the global trading system and the trade lanes between CSI ports and the United States by screening high-risk cargo overseas before it arrives in the U.S.
- ✓ **Radiation detectors** for U.S. air, land, and seaports to check for nuclear weapons or radioactive materials that can be used to make “dirty bombs.”

#### *Safeguarding Chemical Plants*

- ✓ **Counter surveillance equipment** installed at chemical plants.
- ✓ **DHS risk assessments** performed at 50 of the most hazardous chemical sites so far.
- ✓ **Buffer Zone Security Plans** will be in place this year at the top 360 plants.