

Terrorist/Criminal Element Threat Awareness

FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS CARD

The goal of this awareness sheet is to raise the first responders and critical infrastructure partner's level of security awareness and recognizing suspicious behaviors and/or activities that could be possible pre-incident indicators (PII) of a terrorist or criminal element threat or attack on your operation, jurisdiction or facility.

Seven Indicators of Terrorism Threat

Surveillance - Suspicious individual or individuals taking notes, drawing, photos or videos near a critical operation or facility?

Elicitation - Suspicious individual or individuals attempting to gain information in person, by phone or e-mail, regarding a critical operation, key facility or essential personnel.

Tests of Security - Suspicious individual or individuals attempting to test or challenge security procedures or penetrating physical security measures.

Acquiring Supplies - Anyone attempting to improperly acquire, by purchases or thefts, suspicious materials such as weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, access cards, maps, explosives, HME (Home Made Explosives) and IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) components that could be used in a criminal or terrorist attack.

Suspicious Persons - Suspicious individual or individuals who do not appear to belong in or near a critical facilities, businesses or key locations.

Trial Runs/Dry Runs - Suspicious individual or individuals who appear to be in preparation for a criminal or terrorist attack by such behaviors as acting out scenarios with other individuals, timing responses and traffic flow, mapping out routes or other suspicious activities.

Deploying Materials or Personnel - Suspicious individual or individuals parking vehicles, deploying personnel, stockpiling suspicious materials, communicating with multiple individuals near a key or critical facility or location.

Principals of Protective Security Measures

Deter - Increase your force visible protection measure at a key location or facility by adding protective measures such as additional visible security staff, fences, barricades, cameras, lighting, etc.

Detect - Identifying and observing the presence of suspicious individual or individuals during their surveillance activities or spotting the presence of suspicious/dangerous materials prior to an attack.

Defend - Responding to the criminal or terrorist attack by protecting your operation or facility, slowing down the adversary and immediately mitigating the effects of the attack.

Devalue – Lowering the observable value of your facility or infrastructure by making it less recognizable and less of an apparent target by removing signage and other visible indicators.

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