

Protecting Your Community- Terrorism Awareness



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RESOURCES:

1. <http://www.pa-aware.org/>
2. 434th Force Protection Office



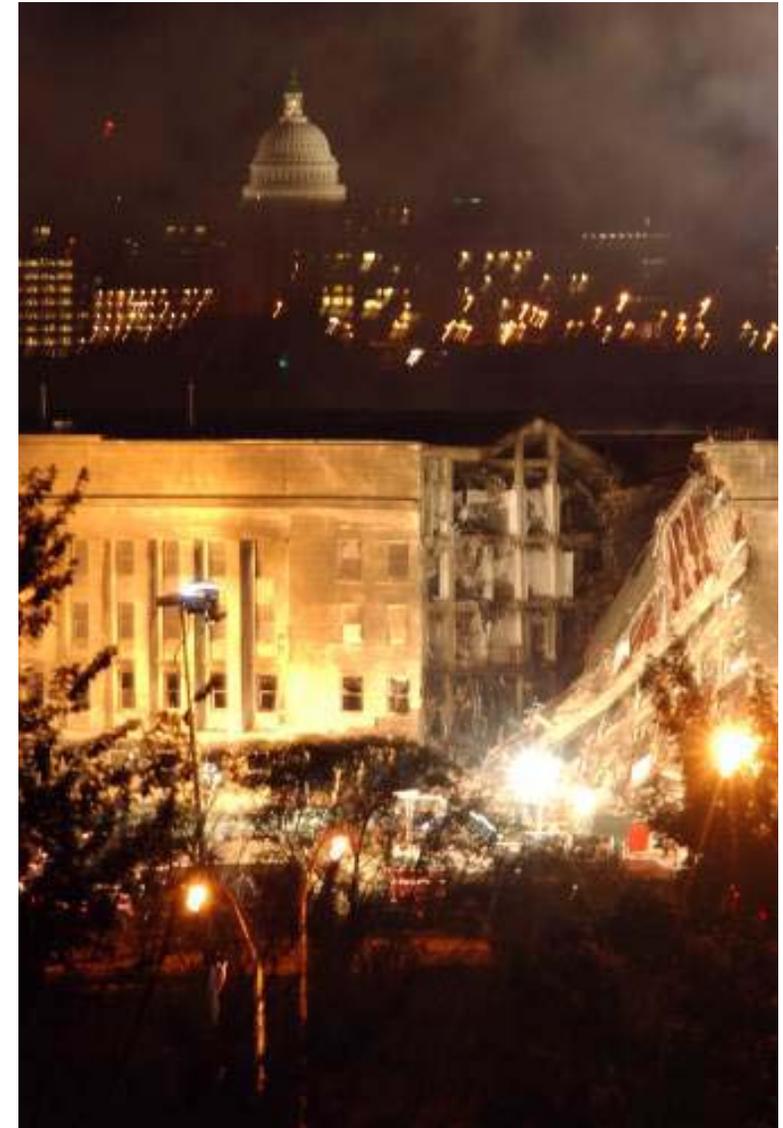


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Introduction



- This brief not intended to scare or create fear
- AQ has publicly stated that they hate us and our way of life
- 1994 World Trade Center Bombing, Khobar Towers, 1998 African Embassy bombings, USS Cole, 9/11 etc demonstrate they are willing to go to any lengths and attack
- It's up to all of us to protect our country, our families and our way of life
- **Together we CAN defeat them!**



Terrorists



Advantages

- Open society
- Almost unlimited targets
- They pick the timing
- Weapon making materials readily available



Terrorists



Disadvantages (Don't think that terrorists have it easy!)

- They must live among us without looking suspicious while planning and preparing for their attack
- They often need training or equipment that will arouse suspicion
- They need to surreptitiously conduct surveillance on possible targets and gather information

All these things leave terrorists vulnerable to detection....if we are alert and.....if we report it!



Staying Alert



- For both your daily life and when traveling, get to know:
 - Who your neighbors are
 - What cars are normally in your neighborhood
 - Who regularly makes deliveries at work
 - Who the regular maintenance and cleaning people are at work
 - What is appropriate in our work area so we identify what isn't





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Staying Alert



Always ask for ID of people who are in a “closed” area or want access to your home!



Staying Alert



- Staying alert is **NOT** paranoia, but simply being aware of one's surroundings
- Some indicators of possible trouble are:
 - Local activities that could create problems in your community
 - Previous activity or crime
 - Tension between groups
 - Controversial issues being debated
 - Suspicious thefts



Staying Alert



- Pay attention to:
 - Issues that have been in the media
 - Local/national/international news that may increase the risk for certain groups or facilities
 - Government-released “threat notices” indicating a threat against a type of facility
 - U.S. threat advisory systems, which help you determine how alert you should be





Overcoming Stereotypes



- You **cannot** identify a Terrorist by:
 - How a person looks
 - What a person eats
 - Where a person is from
 - What a person says
- But you **CAN** identify a terrorist threat by observing a suspicious activity that may lead to a criminal act





Recognizing Suspicious Activity



- Identifying suspicious activity not a **hard** science
- You have to rely on your judgement
- Your suspicion of a threat could be confirmed by 1 incident
- It comes down to:
 - Experience
 - Judgement
 - Commonsense
- The following slide contains examples of suspicious activities
- These examples may not always justify reporting
- They may not always lead to criminal/terrorist activity



Unusual Requests for Information

- Telephone call at work asking about the security system
- Questions about the habits of senior leadership
- Mail survey asking about response time and practices of local emergency personnel



BOTTOM LINE: Do not give out information unless you know who you are talking to and they have a valid

Need to know



Recognizing Suspicious Activity



Unusual Interest in High Risk or Symbolic Targets

- Taking pictures at a National Monument is normal; taking them of security cameras is not
- Watch for:
 - Surveillance
 - Inappropriate photographs or videos
 - Note-taking
 - Drawing diagrams
 - Annotating maps
 - Using binoculars or night vision devices





Recognizing Suspicious Activity



Unusual Activities

- Unusual activities doesn't necessarily mean that terrorist activity is happening
- Be aware of:
 - People acting furtively and suspicious
 - People avoiding eye contact
 - People departing quickly when seen or approached
 - People in places they don't belong
 - A strong odor coming from a building or vehicle
 - An overloaded vehicle
 - Fluid leaking from a vehicle, other than the engine or gas tank
 - Over dressed for the weather



Fraudulent Identification

- Many of the terrorists were in the country illegally
- Any type of false government identification is illegal
- Examples:
 - drivers license
 - social security card
 - passport
 - birth certificate
 - INS identification



What if you suspect someone has false

Report to the police, let them investigate



Recognizing Suspicious Activity



Numerous Visitors

- Most terrorists need to meet with conspirators
- Pay attention to:
 - arriving and leaving at unusual hours
 - trying not to be noticed
 - acting in a suspicious manner
 - parking an unusual distance from the meeting
 - an unusual number of unrelated people living together



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Avoiding Community Contact

- Not all people who want to maintain their privacy are terrorists
- **However**, People intent on doing illegal acts want to be left alone
- They may:
 - only let you into the apartment or house with plenty of prior notice
 - change the locks often
 - keep certain rooms off limits
 - cover tables and other pieces of furniture
 - never allow maid service in a hotel room
 - only take hotel room service outside the door
 - only accept deliveries at the hotel's front desk or outside a closed door





Recognizing Suspicious Activity



Large/Unusual/High Risk Deliveries

- Deliveries are a common method for terrorists to carry out attacks
- Be aware of:
 - a vehicle with hazardous material parked or driving in an appropriate area
 - unusual deliveries of chemicals or fertilizer
 - unattended bags or boxes in a public access place
 - fire extinguishers that may have been moved or tampered with
 - unusual or unexpected mail





Recognizing Suspicious Activity



Unusual Purchases or Thefts

- Terrorists need supplies to carry out attacks
- Pay attention to purchases, rentals, or thefts of:
 - police, security, public utility, mail carrier, or airline uniforms and equipment
 - explosives
 - weapons
 - ammunition
 - propane bottles
 - toxic chemicals
 - vehicles able to contain or haul hazardous materials





Providing an Accurate Report



- Two key elements to giving a good report
 - Accuracy
 - Timeliness
- Accuracy:
 - Report only what you saw
 - DO NOT add juicy “might-have-happeneds”
 - Very important to include the reason you thought it suspicious—even if it’s simply “it wasn’t normal”
- Timeliness:
 - Suspicious situations are dynamic and time sensitive
 - The situation can change; people leave or possibly alter appearance



What to Report



BOTTOM LINE: Report anything suspicious immediately

- It is critical to the responding officer to quickly spot the suspicious person or activity you saw
- Changeable details such as activities are important

The next slide will outline the details that investigating officers would want to know concerning persons and vehicles.



What to Report



Person

- Hair Color
- Facial hair
- Race
- Age
- Sex
- Size
- Scars
- Tattoos
- Disabilities



Vehicle

- Make & Model
- Color
- Body Damage
- Bumper Stickers
- Accessories
- License Plate Number



Practice developing descriptions during your commute or your everyday encounters with people. The more you practice, the better you'll be at it.



What to Report



Main Points to remember when reporting suspicious activity

- Never endanger yourself
- Never confront suspicious activity
- Tell just What you saw
- Tell Why it was suspicious
- Write it All down after you report it



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Who to Call



First evaluate if it is an emergency or non-emergency situation

Emergency

Call 911

Non-Emergency

At Home: Call Local Police, State Police or Sheriff

If the info concerns Central IN, then call 1800-635-0961

At Grissom: Call x3385





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Who to Call



Tip Lines

Indiana

Call the Counter Terrorism & Security Council (CTASK)

317-232-8998

FBI

<https://tips.fbi.gov>



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