FACT SHEET

Office of Infrastructure Protection Training Programs

Homeland Security
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Overview:

In support of its mission to reduce the risk to the Nation's critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR), the Office of Infrastructure Protection, through the Protective Security Coordination Division (PSCD) maintains a catalogue of training programs specifically designed to develop awareness among State, local, and private sector entities of terrorist threats to CIKR and educate participants on strategies for detecting and mitigating these threats. PSCD's Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) developed and provides these training courses. OBP works with State Homeland Security Officials and State training offices to coordinate course delivery on an annual basis. Courses can be requested by State, local, tribal, territorial agencies and CIKR owners and operators through DHS Protective Security Advisors (PSAs). PSCD training complements other efforts to protect CIKR sites by developing the capabilities of the facility security officials to identify, detect, and prevent terrorist activities.

Private Sector Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop

This one-day Workshop is designed to improve the knowledge of private sector security professionals by providing exposure to key elements of soft target awareness, surveillance detection, and improvised explosive device (IED) recognition. The Workshop's training materials enhance and reinforce participants' knowledge, skills, and abilities related to preventing, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from terrorist threats and incidents. This Workshop reviews the current development of strategies requiring collaboration of numerous agencies across multiple localities, disciplines and level of government. The Workshop outlines specific counterterrorism awareness and prevention actions that reduce vulnerability and mitigate the risk of domestic terrorist attacks. This workshop can accommodate 100 to 250 participants.

Bombing Prevention Workshop

This one-day workshop is intended for regional level public and private stakeholders and planners from emergency management, security and law enforcement and designed to enhance the effectiveness in managing a bombing incident. This workshop reviews the current development of strategies and brings together best practices from regions across multiple localities, disciplines and levels of government. Participants will work together in small groups on critical thought, problem solving and decision making actions that reduce vulnerability and mitigate the risk of terrorist IED attacks. The guided scenario discussion establishes the foundation for the stakeholders within the region to implement a Bombing Prevention Plan. This workshop can accommodate up to 50 participants.

IED Awareness / Bomb Threat Management Workshop

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks remain the primary tactic for bombers, terrorists and criminals seeking relatively uncomplicated, inexpensive means for inflicting mass casualties and maximum damage. This four-hour presentation, designed to enhance and strengthen the participant's knowledge, skills, and abilities in relation to the threat of IEDs. The information presented outlines specific safeties associated with Bomb Threat Management dealing with IED awareness, explosive incidents and bombing prevention. This workshop is designed to provide two four-hour sessions, morning and afternoon, with 50 participants for each session.

Improvised Explosive Device Search Procedures

This 8-hour workshop of lecture and practical exercises is designed to support special security events. Geared toward security personnel and facility managers of sites hosting any event that requires increased security preparedness. Information focused on general safeties used for specialized search and explosive sweeps. This workshop can be tailored to meet the needs required in supporting any special security event. Best practices and recommendations covering the transition from preparedness/protection roles to response roles are practiced by the participants. The course can accommodate 25 participants.

Soft Target Awareness Course (STAC)

This Course is designed to enhance individual and organizational awareness on terrorism and help facilitate information sharing. Commercial infrastructure facility managers, supervisors, operators, and security staff learn to be proactive and better understand their roles in deterring, detecting, and defending their facilities from terrorism. Participants choose from five focus areas within the commercial facilities sector according to their specific affiliation: Stadiums and Arenas; Places of Worship; Education; Malls and Shopping Centers; and Large Buildings, Hotels and Medical Facilities. Each of these focus areas is comprised of a four-hour session of combined informal lecture and capstone guided discussions. Each session can accommodate 35 participants or can be modified for one general session for up to 175 participants.

Protective Measures Course (PMC)

This two-day course is designed to enhance commercial sector individual and organizational awareness on how to devalue, detect, deter, and defend facilities from terrorism, providing the knowledge and skills necessary in understanding common vulnerabilities and employing effective protective measures. The PMC includes lessons learned and industry best practices in mitigating terrorists' attacks. It serves as a follow-up to the STAC, focusing more on implementation than awareness. This course can accommodate 35 participants.

Surveillance Detection Training for Municipal Officials, State and Local Law Enforcement Course (SD LLE)

This three-day course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to establish surveillance detection operations to protect CIKR during periods of elevated threat. Comprised of five modules of informal lecture and two exercises, it provides participants with an awareness of terrorist tactics and attack history, and illustrates the means and methods to detect surveillance through practical surveillance detection exercises. This program is designed for municipal security officials and State and local law enforcement with jurisdictional authority over Tier 1 and Tier 2 CIKR facilities. This course can accommodate 25 participants.

Surveillance Detection Training for Commercial Infrastructure Operators and Security Staff Course (SD CIKR)

This three-day course explains how protective measures can be applied to detect and deter potential threats to CIKR, as well as the fundamentals for detecting surveillance activity. Students apply skills such as vulnerability and red zone analysis, surveillance detection, and observation and reporting during practical exercises. The course is designed for commercial infrastructure operators and security staff of Tier 1 and Tier 2 CIKR facilities. This course can accommodate 25 participants.

FY09 Planned Activity:

Private Sector Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop

July 13-15, 2009 Forsyth, Georgia

Bombing Prevention Workshop

IED Awareness

August 11-14, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia

Improvised Explosive Device Search Procedures

August 13, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia

Soft Target Awareness Course (STAC)

July 14-16, 2008 Atlanta, Georgia

August 26-28, 2009 Duquesne, Pennsylvania

Protective Measures Course (PMC)

July 14 & 16, 2009 Chicago, Illinois

July 28-29, 2009 Fountain Valley, California

July 29-30, 2009 Spokane, Washington

September 14-15 Newark, New Jersey

Surveillance Detection Training for Municipal Officials, State and Local Law Enforcement Course (SD LLE)

July 14-16, 2009 Austin, Texas

August 11-13, 2009 Austin, Texas

September 22-24, 2009 Albany, New York

October 6-8, 2009 Scranton, Pennsylvania

October 7-9, 2009 Knoxville, Tennessee

October 19-21, 2009 Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota

October 27-29, 2009 Santa Ana, California

November 17-19, 2009 Ellis Island

Surveillance Detection Training for Commercial Infrastructure Operators and Security Staff Course (SD CIKR)

July 14-16, 2009 Fountain Valley, California

July 14-16, 2009 Bellingham, Washington

July 21-23, 2009 Jersey City, New Jersey

July 21-23, 2009 Los Angeles, California

July 21-23, 2009 Fairfax, Virginia

July 28-30, 2009 Boston, Massachusetts

August 4-6, 2009 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

September 15-17, 2009 Albany, New York

October 14-16, 2009 Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota

October 28-30, 2009 Knoxville, Tennessee

November 4-6, 2009 Nashville, Tennessee

December 2-4, 2009 Memphis, Tennessee

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