

Terrorism Response Operations: Update on Current and Emerging Threats



Introduction

- A rapid, safe and successful response to these situations requires planning, training and preparation.
- The likelihood of a terrorism or mass violence incident is low, BUT public safety officials must prepare for these situations.
- Continuing terrorist and criminal attack threats and incidents CONUS and OCONUS have demonstrated the need to prepare and plan for and respond to these crisis events.
- 4 Hours/8 Hours



Purpose

- The purpose of this session is:
 - Familiarize responders about trends in terrorism events.
 - Understand the nature of current and emerging threats.
 - Suggest resources, plans and training that will minimize the loss of life in these events.
- Not meant as the complete training in and of itself. There are many good organizations and instructors that can provide such training and exercises.
- Not really trying to tell you **how** to train and plan, but rather **what** to plan and train for.



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TYPES OF ADVERSARIES

- International Terrorists Groups
- Domestic Terrorists
- Criminal Elements
- Gangs (Transnational)
- Domestic Militia Groups
- Extremists Groups
- **Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVE)**
- **Lone Wolf**
- **Insider Threats**



Basic Terrorist Groups 101

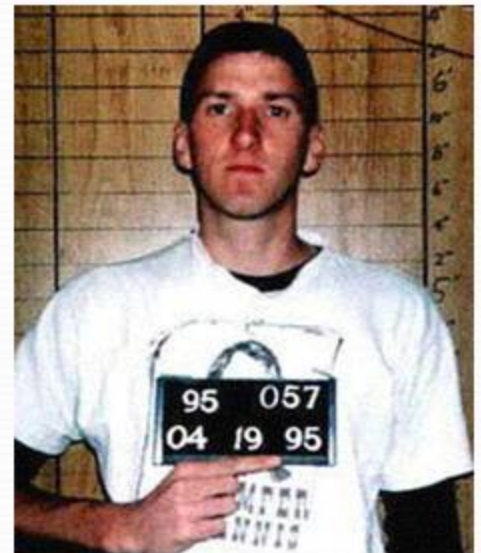
➤ International Terrorism

- State Sponsors
- Formalized Terrorist Groups
- Loosely Affiliated International Radicals



➤ Domestic Terrorism

- Right-Wing
- Left-Wing
- Special Interest



Emerging Threats

- Assortment of actors and groups
- Criminal elements
- Networked organizations
- Information Technology
- Social Media
- Transnational organized criminals and gangs
- Religious Nexus
- Rogue States
- Non-State Organizations
- WMD Proliferation
- **Domestic/Homegrown**
- **Asymmetric Warfare**



Emerging Threats: Narco-Insurgency IEDs





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DOMESTIC GROUPS

Left-Wing Extremist

- Pro-Communist
- Pro-Socialist
- Seeks equality with no social classes
- Weak or no central government
- Transitioning into anti-globalization
- Protests/civil unrest with “direct action”
- Some “Occupy” events had serious security issues
- **Lone Wolf, Insider Threat, Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVE)**

- An anarchist group was arrested by the FBI for a plot to blow up a bridge in Cleveland using C-4.
- Group also plotted setting off a car bomb outside the Federal Reserve bank. Not tied to any international terrorist groups.



AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY
ANARCHISM



DOMESTIC GROUPS

Right-Wing Extremists

- White-Supremacy
- Gun Control
- New World Order
- Anti-Government
- Anti-Taxation
- Anti-Abortion
- Militias
- Patriot Movements
- **Sovereign Citizens (White and Black)**





DOMESTIC GROUPS

Right-Wing

- Groups oppose U.S. government
- Some believe U.S. has been taken over
- Some believe they are the government
- Some driven by religious beliefs
- Some seeking a strong Nazi/Fascist government
- Some have great national pride
- **Lone Wolf, Insider Threat, Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVE)**



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DOMESTIC GROUPS

Special –Interest/Single Issue

- Animal Rights (ALF)
- Environmental Issues (ELF)
- Genetics Research
- Abortion Rights
- Anti-Abortion
- Guns
- IRS
- Banks
- Corporate
- **Pick your topic!**



THREATS

- Terrorism incidents can be quite sophisticated in the degree of planning and execution that goes into them. Many of these suspects have trained, prepared, armed themselves and have a detailed plan in place.
- However, they can easily be carried out by an individual or individuals with minimal planning, few resources, limited funding and limited training.
- They will most often utilize readily-available weapons such as pistols, shotguns, rifles and homemade explosives (HME)/improvised explosive devices (IED). **Lone Wolf, Insider Threat, Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVE).**

Pre-Incident Planning

- Preparation is the key to a terrorism and mass violence incidents and that includes a clear idea of your actions before the incident occurs.
- The first step in your preparation is a review of your agencies guidelines and procedures when responding to bombings, terrorism attacks, mass shootings or threats of violence.
- As with any multi-hazard assessment and planning process it is a great idea to do a **multi-agency exercise** (tabletop or functional) to bring all the key agencies together and rehearse the plan once it has been completed.



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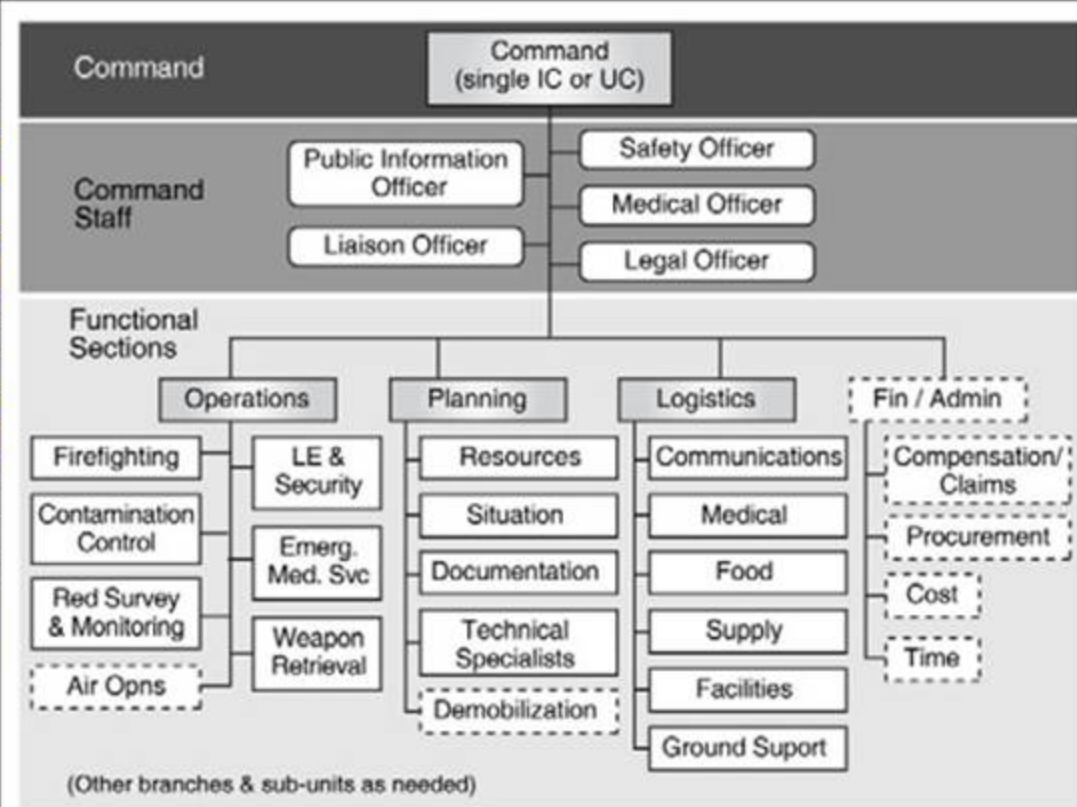
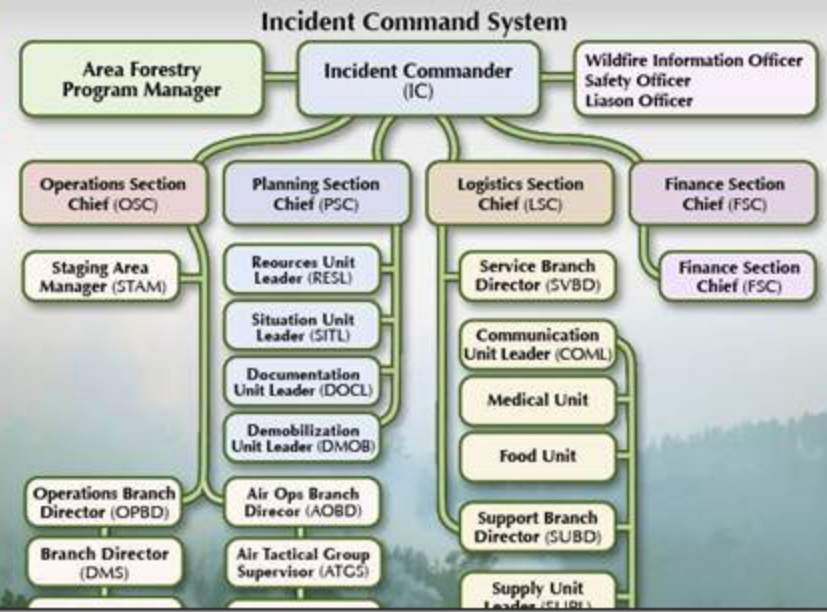
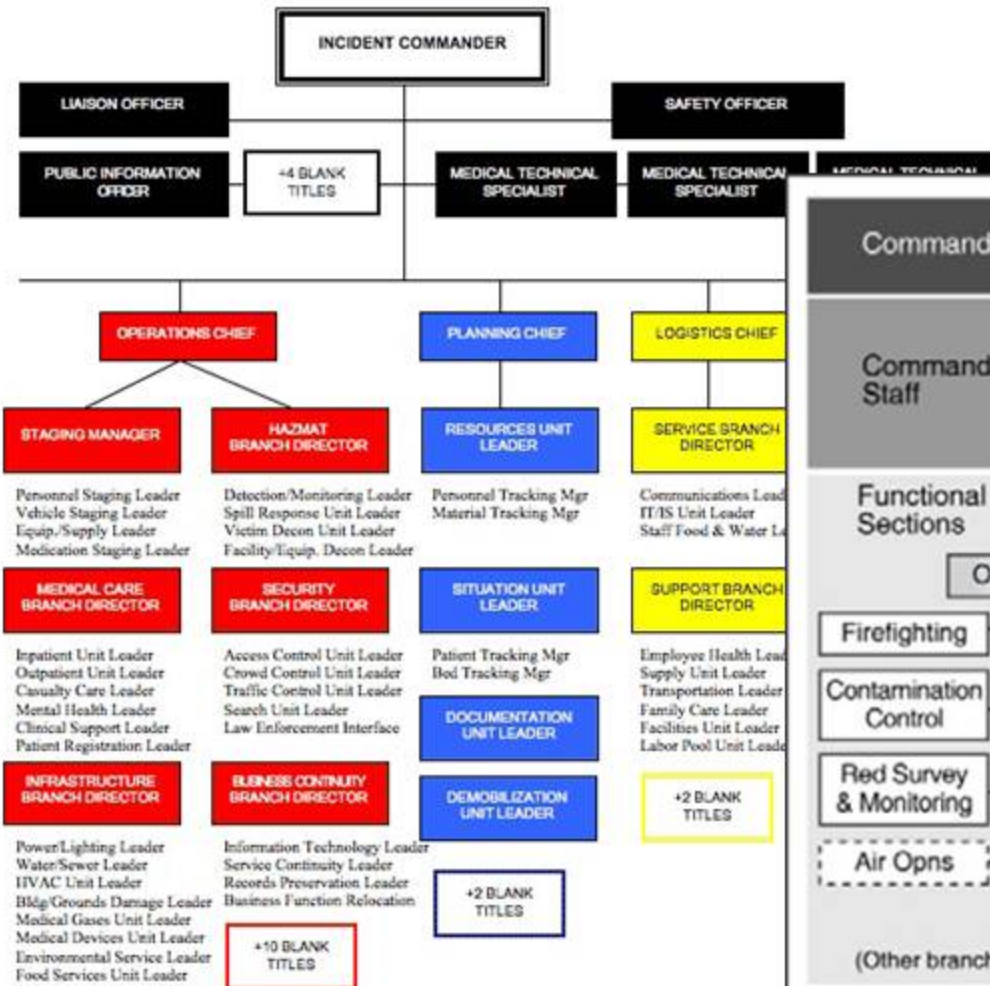


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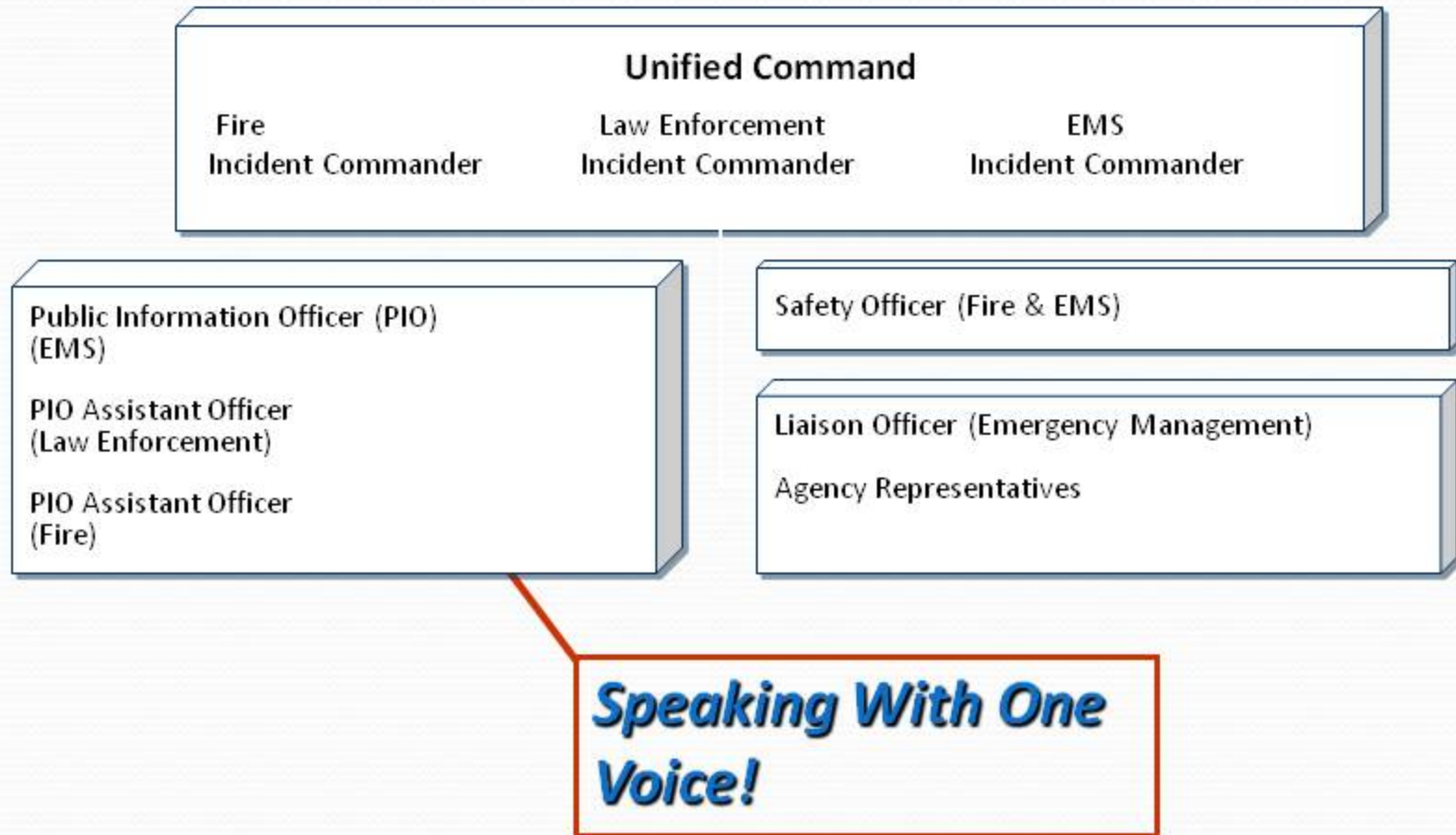
Mid Point Questions???



Death by ICS



Terrorism: ICS/Unified Command



Form IMS 201 - Incident Briefing

(Electronic or Written)

- Scene Map/Sketch
- Situation Summary
- Current/Planned Objectives
- Current/Planned Actions, Strategies & Tactics
- Current Org Chart
- Resources Summary

INCIDENT BRIEFING (IMS 201)	1. INCIDENT NAME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED
4. MAP SKETCH			
5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES			
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Why Bombs?

- Easy and low cost to build
 - Plans all over the Internet and books
 - Parts, materials and chemicals easy to obtain
- High impact (more bang for your buck)
- Many delivery options
- Don't need large groups
- Difficult to identify perpetrators and facilitators
- Difficult forensic examination



Threats

- A large majority of terrorist attacks around the globe utilize explosives.
- Majority of U.S. troops injured and killed in Iraq/Afghanistan have been killed or injured by explosives.
- Explosive devices can consist of anything from home made explosives (HME) to sophisticated military ordinance.
- Responders will typically encounter home made explosives (HME) and improvised explosive devices (IED).



- The FBI and DHS have sent several warnings to state and local partners to be on the alert for explosive threats.
- The Bulletins state that there is no specific or credible intelligence indicating that terrorist organizations intend to use IEDs against U.S. homeland targets.
- However, the growing use and continuing frequency of lethal IED incidents overseas is cause for continuing concern.

HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES (HME)

Peroxide Based Explosives

- Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP)
- Hexamethylene Triperoxide Diamine (HMTD)
- Improvised explosive materials of choice
- Made from over the counter household products
- Inexpensive Materials
- HME placed into IED



Secondary Devices

- If a device is found or an explosive device has detonated, there is a high likelihood that there could be a secondary device.
- Secondary devices are bombs placed at the scene of an ongoing emergency response that are intended to cause death and injury among responders.

Responder Safety

- Reminder that responders can be targeted!
- Maintain Situational Awareness.
- Check immediate area for secondary devices and threats.
- Establish command!
- Check command post (CP), staging and triage areas for secondary devices.
- All responders should wear appropriate level of PPE (personal protective equipment).



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Explosives

- The most common explosives used are black powder, smokeless powder and fireworks powders. The most common explosive device encountered in the USA is the pipe bomb.



Recognize: Explosive Incident Response

- **Pre-blast incident** — Will most likely be reported to dispatch and the first responder will be sent to the scene.
- **Post-blast response** — Decisions will be based on the destruction caused by the blast, which is caused by the size of the explosion.
- **Continuing response incident** — One of the most difficult types of explosive incidents (Columbine, Beslan, Mumbai, etc.)
- **Secondary devices** — Always anticipate a secondary device.

Explosives Incident Safety

- **Time** — Minimize the time spent in the affected area.
- **Distance** — Maximize the distance from the explosive materials.
- **Shielding** — Use shielding/cover wherever it is necessary to reduce or eliminate exposure.

The response to a Post Blast Scene is similar to a hazardous materials response. Use your “zones of control”:

- **Hot Zone** – Where the blast took place and damage/injury will occur.
- **Warm Zone** – Where the large perimeter area will be established and area cleared.
- **Cold Zone** – Location of a unified command post, staff, resources, triage and staging.



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FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE, HANDLE, APPROACH OR DISARM A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED IED OR HME; THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.



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Prevention

- ID of precursor materials (HME/IED)
- Awareness on “routine calls”
- Garages/Workshops/Basements
- Networking/Partners
- Do not “post” your plans
- Target hazards
- Information sharing
- People doing weird things/surveillance...
- If something does not look right...

Stopping Terrorism Threats

- Your chances of detecting or learning about a terrorist attack or mass violence incident once they are on their way to their target, *and* successfully stopping them, are extremely slim.
- **Intelligence/information gathering and sharing—using every possible method—is the only real key to preventing most terrorist and mass violence incidents.**



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