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Bringing Local Perspective To A National Effort

Physical or cyber attacks against the Nation's critical infrastructures and key resource sectors can have cascading and devastating effects on our national security, economic vitality, and way of life. Every day, we rely on the efficient and economic operation of the Nation's power stations, chemical plants, transportation systems, and other critical infrastructure assets and systems for essential goods, services, and daily necessities.

With roughly 85% of all critical infrastructures and key resource assets owned privately, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognizes that its core mission to secure America can only be accomplished in partnership with the businesses that own these assets and with the state governments and local communities within which these assets are located.

Protective Security Advisors: Providing Community-Based Support

To better partner with state governments, local communities, and businesses, DHS is placing a cadre of highly-experienced security specialists in neighborhoods throughout the country to assist local efforts to protect critical assets and provide a local perspective to the national risk picture.

With an average of 20 years of anti-terrorism and security experience, these dedicated critical infrastructure and vulnerability assessment experts, or Protective Security Advisors, are recruited from, live, and work in your communities. They provide a federally funded resource to communities and businesses to assist in the protection of critical assets.

The role of the Protective Security Advisor is to:

- Support the development of the national risk picture by assisting in identification, assessment, monitoring, and minimizing risk to critical assets at the local or district level
- Facilitate, coordinate, and/or perform vulnerability assessments for local critical infrastructures and key resources
- Upon request, assist with security efforts coordinated by state Homeland Security Advisors

The Value of This Program to You

Protective Security Advisors are federally funded infrastructure protection resources for your communities. They provide a number of valuable services and functions, including:

- Assisting in and supporting comprehensive risk and physical/technical security analyses
- Providing guidance on established security practices
- Conveying local concerns and sensitivities to DHS and other Federal agencies
- Communicating requests for federal protection training and exercises
- Providing reach-back capability to DHS or other Federal government resources
- Providing local context and expertise to DHS to ensure that community resources are used appropriately, efficiently, and effectively

Educational Opportunities and Announcements

Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning G-358

November 15-16, 2005

Clearwater, FL

Contact Larry A. White at (850) 413-0260 or larry.white@dca.state.fl.us for more information.

Incident Management / Unified Command for WMD/Terrorism Incidents

November 15-17, 2005

Manatee County, FL

The course trains emergency response supervisors and managers in the skills necessary to effectively plan for and manage a WMD (CBRNE)/terrorism incident by applying the "all-hazards" command and management structures found in the National Incident Management System (NIMS); specifically, The Incident Command System (ICS), Multi-agency Coordination Systems and, Public Information Systems. The course uses a multidiscipline, jurisdictional "teambuilding", approach to accomplish the learning objectives. Upon course completion, course participants will possess a working knowledge of local, state, and federal agency roles and responsibilities and their integration into a unified command for manag-

ing terrorism and WMD (CBRNE) incidents, as well as other "incidents of national significance." The course delivery methodology consists of lectures, small group discussions and activities, multimedia scenarios, and a tabletop exercise. This course is NIMS compliant (400 level).

PREREQUISITE

Participants must work in a supervisory or managerial capacity in one of the listed disciplines/services, and have completed a WMD (CBRNE)/terrorism incident awareness course.

TARGET AUDIENCE / DISCIPLINE

- * Law Enforcement
- * Emergency Medical Services
- * Emergency Management Agency
- * Fire Service
- * Hazardous Material (HazMat)
- * Public Works
- * Governmental Administrative
- * Public Health

Contact Mike Spina at (727) 570-5151 ext. 21 or mike@tbrpc.org for more information.

Multi-County Hazard Mitigation Workshop

November 17, 2005

Tallahassee, FL

November 30, 2005

Gainesville, FL

The workshop will provide guidance on integrating hazard mitigation principles from the LMS, CEMP, and post-disaster redevelopment plans into local Comprehensive Plans for Dixie, Franklin, Gulf, Jefferson, Leon, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties and municipalities. The workshop schedule for other counties and further information on the project is available at: <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dcp/hazardmitigation/index.cfm>.

Contact Cindy Palmer at (850) 922-1825 or cynthia.palmer@dca.state.fl.us for more information.

Haz-Mat Level One Training

November 29, 2005

Walton County, FL

Contact Sherry Starling at (850) 595-8910 ext. 247 or starlings@wfrpc.dst.fl.us for more information.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train the Trainer Course (G-317)

January 4-6, 2005

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

January 24-26, 2005

Sarasota, FL

Contact Thomas Weaver at (850) 413-9891 or Thomas.weaver@dca.state.fl.us for more information.

State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) offers investigative/intelligence workshops, specialized trainings, train-the-trainer workshops, and narcotics task force anti-terrorism briefings. For more information visit <http://www.iir.com/slatt/training.htm> or email slatt@iir.com.

Multiple offerings of the following courses: **8-hour Bioreadiness Training, Advanced 8-hour Bioreadiness Training; Bioreadiness Training for Healthcare Professionals, Bioreadiness Training for Government Professionals**

For more information or to obtain a schedule contact Diana McCluskey at dmcclusk@hsc.usf.edu.

Upcoming Conferences

CPM 2005 East

November 2-4, 2005

Orlando, Florida

The CPM 2005 East Conference and Exhibition will provide a risk management curriculum for business and government professionals. Topics will include vulnerability assessment, biometrics implementation, emergency management, and infrastructure protection.

Visit <http://www.contingencyplanning.com/events/EAST/> for more information.

Florida Division of the International Association for Identification (FDIAI)

Florida and Georgia Divisions Annual Education and Training Conference

November 6-10, 2005

Panama City Beach, FL

Visit www.fdiai.org for more information.

Emergency Preparedness for Government Facilities

December 8-9, 2005

Orlando, Florida

This training workshop provides strategic resources to help government facilities prepare for and recover from any emergency or disaster. It will help attendees create or improve their organization-wide emergency management plans to ensure that all procedures are in place and that all equipment and personnel needs are addressed so the response to any emergency situation will be quick and instinctive. The performance processes taught in this workshop are becoming more important and may eventually be recognized (or mandated) by the federal government. Visit http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/conf_emergprepFL.htm for more information.

5th Annual Florida C.E.R.T. Conference

January 5-8, 2006

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

For more information visit <http://www.floridacert.com/Conferences.htm> or contact D. J. Minor at (561) 799-4315 or dminor@pbgfl.com.

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association 2006 Annual Conference

January 23-27, 2006

St. Pete Beach, Florida

Visit <http://www.fepa.org/meetings.html> or call 1-800-808-9833 for more information.

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Bioterrorism Events	24/7 - after hours		813-883-5929	
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Bioterrorism Events	24/7 - after hours		888-210-3285	
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