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### **TERRORISM QUICK REFERENCE INFORMATION**

The terrorism threat landscape has evolved since 9/11. Foreign and domestic terrorists have leveraged lone actors in the United States and across the world to execute attacks. The following are some of the signs and warnings of actions indicating possible terrorist activity when contacting an individual or group.

#### **SUSPICIOUS FACTORS TO CONSIDER**

##### **1.) Breach/Attempted Intrusion**

- a. Unauthorized personnel attempting to enter or entering a restricted area, secured protected site or nonpublic area. This can include impersonation of authorized personnel.
- b. Unauthorized access to restricted areas, secure sites, or nonpublic spaces.
- c. Impersonation of authorized personnel (e.g., fake uniforms or credentials).

##### **2.) Misrepresentation**

- a. Presenting false information or misusing insignia, documents and/or identification to misrepresent one's affiliation as a means of concealing possible illegal activity.

##### **3.) Theft/Loss/Diversion**

- a. Stealing or diverting something associated with a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site.

##### **4.) Sabotage/Tempering/Vandalism**

- a. Damaging, manipulating, defacing, or destroying part of a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site.

##### **5.) Expressed or Implied Threat**

- a. Communicating a spoken or written threat to commit a crime that will result in death or bodily injury to another person or persons or to damage or compromise a facility/infrastructure or secured protected site.

##### **6.) Testing or Proving of Security**

- a. Deliberate interactions with, or challenges to, installations, personnel, or systems that reveal physical, personnel, or cybersecurity capabilities in a manner that would arouse suspicion or terrorism.

**7.) Photography**

- a. Taking pictures or videos of persons, facilities, building, or infrastructure in an unusual or surreptitious manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality, such as taking pictures of infrequently used access points, personnel performing security functions or security-related equipment.

**8.) Weapon Collection/Discovery**

- a. Collection or discovery of unusual amounts or types of weapons, including explosives, chemicals, and other destructive materials, or evidence, detonations or other residue, wounds, or chemical burns.

**OTHER SIGNS OF POSSIBLE TERRORISM**

**A.) Other Identification – Suspicious Characteristics**

- a. No current or fixed address; fraudulent/altered: Social Security cards, visas, licenses, etc.; multiple IDs with names spelled differently.
- b. International drivers ID:
  - i. There are no international or UN drivers' licenses – they are called permits.
  - ii. Official international drivers' permits are valid for one year from entry into the U.S., are paper gray in color, not laminated, and are only valid for foreign national.

**B.) Employment/School/Training**

- a. No obvious signs of employment.
- b. Possess student visa but not English proficient.
- c. An indication of military type training in weapons or self-defense.

**C.) Unusual Items in Vehicles/Residences**

- a. Training manuals; flight, scuba, explosive, military, or extremist literature.
- b. Flags indicating affiliation with an extremist group.
- c. Various versions of the Quran.
- d. Blueprints (subject may have no affiliation to architecture).
- e. Photographs/diagrams of specific high-profile targets or infrastructure; to include entrances/exits of buildings, bridges, power/water plants, routes, security cameras, subway/sewer, and underground systems.
- f. Photos/pictures of known terrorists.
- g. Numerous prepaid calling cards and/or cell phones.
- h. Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) unit.
- i. Multiple hotel receipts.
- j. Financial records indicating overseas wire transfers.
- k. Rental vehicles (cash transactions on receipts; living locally but renting).

**D.) Thefts, Purchases or Discovery of:**

- a. Weapons/explosive materials.
- b. Camera/surveillance equipment.
- c. Vehicles (to include rentals – fraudulent name; or failure to rent vehicle).
- d. Radios; short-wave, two-way and scanner.
- e. Identity documents (State Ids, passports etc.).
- f. Unauthorized uniforms.

**ADDITIONAL INDICATORS OF CONCERN**

**1.) Identification Red Flags**

- a. Multiple or altered IDs, including international driver's permits (often misunderstood as licenses).
- b. Fraudulent or inconsistent personal details.

**2.) Employment/Training**

- a. Lack of clear employment or enrollment in suspicious training (e.g., flight or explosives).

**3.) Unusual Items or Behaviors**

- a. Extremist literature or symbols.
- b. Diagrams, blueprints, or photos of critical infrastructure or high-profile targets.
- c. Suspicious financial activity, such as large overseas wire transfers or cash transactions.

**4.) Suspicious Transactions**

- a. Purchases of weapons, surveillance equipment, or materials for homemade explosives.
- b. Unusual vehicle rentals or acquisitions, especially linked to fraudulent identities.

**ACTIONABLE STEPS FOR DEPUTIES**

**1.) Document and Report:**

- a. Detailed documentation of observations and contacts is critical.
- b. Notify the **Special Investigations Division (SID)** immediately for coordination with the **FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)**.

**2.) Mental Health Concerns:**

- a. For individuals exhibiting signs of mental illness, contact a **MET** or **JET** unit to address potential mental health crises.

**3.) Critical Incident Considerations:**

- a. Supervisors should reference the **Civil Unrest Guide** for tactical planning. Copies are available through **Volunteer Services** upon request.

## **RESPONDING TO A CRITICAL INCIDENT**

When responding to an active terrorism incident:

- **Scene Safety:** Ensure safety for personnel and civilians; establish a secure perimeter.
- **Communications:** Maintain clear and consistent communication with command and other agencies.
- **Resource Requests:** Quickly assess and relay resource needs (e.g., medical, EOD teams, SWAT).
- **Evacuation and Containment:** Coordinate evacuation or shelter-in-place procedures as appropriate.
- **Preservation of Evidence:** Protect the integrity of potential evidence for investigative follow-up.

Deputies on the front line are often the first to recognize a potential suspect or respond to the incident itself. Any updates or trends noticed nationally will be passed on to deputies through follow-up training bulletins.

## **AVAILABLE FIRST RESPONDER GUIDES**

- **Counterterrorism Guide for Public Safety Personnel**
  - <https://www.dni.gov/nctc/jcat/index.html>
- **U.S. Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicators 2021**
  - [https://www.dni.gov/files/NCTC/documents/news\\_documents/Mobilization\\_Indicators\\_Booklet\\_2021.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/NCTC/documents/news_documents/Mobilization_Indicators_Booklet_2021.pdf)
- **First Responder Toolbox for Counterterrorism**
  - <https://www.dni.gov/index.php/nctc-features/252-about/organization/national-counterterrorism-center/jcat/2588-first-responder-toolbox>

## BOMB THREAT / EXPLOSION

<u>TACTICAL MISSIONS (OPERATIONS)</u>	<u>COMMAND POST TASKS</u>
<p><b>BOMB THREAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Survey surrounding area prior to entry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact person familiar with area and building</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct search with person familiar with area and building</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Time of detonation (if stated)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Area where the alleged bomb was placed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Motive or reason for placing the bomb</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of the group or individual caller</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prior history of bomb threats</li> </ul> <p><b>DEVICE IS LOCATED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If bomb device located, evacuate minimum of 300-ft</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do not move, open, or tamper with any suspicious objects, or devices</li> </ul> <p><b>EXPLOSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Evacuate area and building</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be observant for possible secondary device</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish and maintain inner and outer perimeters.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguard emergency response personnel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assist injured victims,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish a perimeter at a radius from the seat of the explosion equal to 1 ½ times the distance to the farthest debris</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish the Incident Command Post, beyond inner perimeter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request Mobile Command Post</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain control of event until there is no longer threat of explosive; utilize Fire Dept as assisting agency if there are injuries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign a scribe. Maintain log of activities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explosion – Implement ICS, Unified Command</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify units on scene, location and call-sign, via roll call</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTIFICATIONS AS NEEDED</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Watch Lieutenant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bomb Squad Commander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Department Operations Center (DOC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EMS/FIRE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Works</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Haz/Mat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reserves / Search and Rescue</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coroner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crime Laboratory/TI</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Officer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> K-9</li> </ul>

### SAFETY MESSAGE

- ◆ **DO NOT TOUCH** any suspected bombs, suspicious objects, or devices
- ◆ It is better to move “people” than to move a bomb
- ◆ Turn off computer terminals, cellular telephones, and two-way radios when in close proximity to a suspected explosive device
- ◆ Do not transmit on radios or MDCs in close proximity to suspected explosive device
- ◆ Use landline telephone for communication
- ◆ **BE AWARE** of secondary devices

This checklist is intended to assist the field supervisor in the initial stages of a bomb threat response. These guidelines are flexible and can be modified to deal with specific field situations.

References: Sheriff's Policy DPPM H-600

## CIVIL DISTURBANCE / CROWDS

<p><b><u>TACTICAL MISSIONS (OPERATIONS)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide a detailed <u>Situation Assessment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Size of the involved area</li> <li>◆ Location of the incident</li> <li>◆ Number of injuries and casualties, if known</li> <li>◆ Estimated size of the crowd</li> <li>◆ Additional assistance (mutual aid, fire, medical, military, CHP, SAR, etc.)</li> <li>◆ Location of Staging Area</li> <li>◆ Determine number of department personnel, not units</li> <li>◆ Nature of the problem (demonstration, spontaneous response, etc.)</li> <li>◆ Ingress/egress routes for emergency vehicles</li> <li>◆ Equipment needed (chemical agents, barricades, shields, tow trucks, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Park vehicles in one group away from the crowd, with a guard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unlawful Assemblies/Riots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Know the criteria for declaring an Unlawful Assembly (violence or imminent threat of violence)</li> <li>◆ Issue Dispersal Order (726 PC)</li> <li>◆ Organize squads and contain situation</li> <li>◆ Arrest violators</li> <li>◆ Contact organizer(s) and discuss event</li> <li>◆ Obtain voluntary compliance</li> <li>◆ Video record event</li> <li>◆ Contain and Control Traffic</li> <li>◆ Isolate</li> <li>◆ Disperse</li> <li>◆ Determine if TRO is applicable/or enforceable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>COMMAND POST TASKS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish the Incident Command Post</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish Incident Command System (ICS)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request Mobile Command Post</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign a scribe</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain log of all activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify units on scene, location and call-sign</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure squads and leaders are designated</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Issue equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan for next operational period</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTIFICATIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Watch Lieutenant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Patrol / Substations Commander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> CRF/Lerdo Commander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Department Operations Center (DOC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services (Mutual Aid)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allied Agencies – CHP, BPD, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EMS/FIRE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Works (Barricades)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reserves / Search and Rescue</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Officer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SWAT/CNT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BOMB SQUAD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SID/UC Personnel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drone Team</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> K-9</li> </ul>
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- ◆ Provide protective equipment helmets, vests and batons
- ◆ Observe and evaluate before taking action
- ◆ Beware of high ground hostile crowd elements

- ◆ When dispersing crowds do not surround them. Provide them an exit
- ◆ Individual action should be avoided (e.g., maintain squad formation integrity)
- ◆ Use simple formations (e.g., Squad Skirmish Line/Wedge or Arrest Circles) need minimal explanation and/or coordination
- ◆ Passive demonstrators – Don't get involved until you have sufficient personnel
- ◆ Use standby time for scouting (gathering information and analyzing intelligence).

## **COMMAND POST LOCATION**

<b><u>TACTICAL MISSIONS (OPERATIONS)</u></b>	<b><u>COMMAND POST TASKS</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine appropriate safe location based on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Defensible against crowds, snipers, firebombs, etc.</li><li>◆ Size of the involved area. (Emphasize numbers of department personnel, not units)</li><li>◆ Accessibility to responding personnel, and equipment</li><li>◆ Availability of restrooms, electricity, telephones, water, radio, and television</li><li>◆ Location and proximity of Staging Area from command post location. Best available ingress/egress routes for emergency vehicles</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish a perimeter and devise a traffic plan</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain ingress/egress routes (Ensure initial responders do not block roadways)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Determine appropriate staging area, and landing zone(s) if necessary (aircraft/helicopter)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish the Incident Command Post.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Request Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign a scribe. Maintain log of all activity</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign a Public Information Officer (PIO) and Press staging area.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify units on scene, location and call-sign</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign site/scene security</li></ul> <b><u>POTENTIAL SITES</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Schools</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Parks</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Parking lots</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Public and Private Office buildings</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Residential and Commercial buildings</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV)</li></ul>

## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

- ◆ Ensure all personnel are on selected radio frequency
- ◆ Ensure all personnel receive water and nourishment
- ◆ Ensure all personnel are logged and accounted for
- ◆ Ensure all personnel have necessary equipment

## DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER (DOC) ACTIVATION

<p><b>LOCATION:</b></p> <p><b>Kern County Sheriff's Office</b> <b>Headquarters</b> <b>1350 Norris Road</b> <b>Bakersfield, California</b> <b>Building F</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Obtain Code from Comm Center / Open DOC</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Watch LT will serve as IC until relieved</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> IC will contact Comm Center and advise when the DOC is activated.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If available, Tactical Dispatcher should be assigned</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign second arriving person as Scribe</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign third arriving person to handle sign-in roster and provide security as needed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Notifications are made</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Call-in additional personnel, as needed<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-JTTF (Intel)</li><li>-SWAT/CNT (Tactical)</li><li>-Bomb Squad</li><li>-SID (Undercover)</li><li>-Detectives (Investigations)</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b><u>COMMAND POST TASKS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Incident Commander (IC) needs to appoint:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Public Information Officer</li><li>◆ Incident Scribe</li><li>◆ Safety Officer</li><li>◆ Liaison Officer</li><li>◆ Operations OIC</li><li>◆ Planning/Intelligence OIC</li><li>◆ Logistics OIC</li><li>◆ Finance/Administration OIC</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Incident Commander has to ensure that the following personnel concerns are handled:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Shift deployment is accomplished, assure that DOC personnel will be relieved</li><li>◆ DOC personnel have rest breaks, water, food, and refreshment</li><li>◆ Plan for next operational period</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><u>NOTIFICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>To activate the DOC, the following key personnel should be contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> On-Duty Watch Lieutenant</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> On-Call Volunteer Services Coordinator</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> SID Lieutenant</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Detective Lieutenant</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> SID Commander</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Patrol/Substations Commander</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> LE Mutual Aid Coordinator</li></ul>
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## EMERGENCY ACTIVATION OF PERSONNEL

<p><b><u>TACTICAL MISSIONS (OPERATIONS)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> During a major disaster or unusual occurrence all on-duty personnel will remain on-duty until relieved or reassigned.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assess the evolving emergency situation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assess the availability and condition of resources including the number of on-duty personnel and vehicle status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Consider alerting and/or recalling off-duty personnel</li> <li>◆ Phone messages left for off-duty personnel should provide the name and phone number of the contact person to call for further instructions. Minimally, they should be instructed to check in with the Comm Center (661) 861-3110</li> <li>◆ Consider activating/staffing DOC with sufficient personnel to handle the level of mobilization contemplated</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assignment of Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Determine level of response and number of personnel needed</li> <li>◆ Take into account how long current personnel have been on-duty</li> <li>◆ Plan for next operational period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Team 1.....0700 to 1900 hours</li> <li>✓ Team 2.....1900 to 0700 hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Assess and determine the necessity of specialized teams, equipment, and resources (SWAT, Search and Rescue, etc.)</li> <li>◆ <b>Until a Cost Center can be established, use:</b> <b>CC 2309 – Emergency Operations / OT - 600</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>COMMAND POST TASKS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Activate the Department Operation Center</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request Mobile Command Post</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assign a scribe. Maintain log of all activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify units on scene, location and call-sign</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish a logistics branch for mobilization call-out.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establish Incident Command System (ICS)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NOTIFICATIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Watch Lieutenant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Patrol / Substations Commander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> CRF/Lerdo Commander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Comm Center</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Department Operations Center (DOC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services (Mutual Aid)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allied Agencies – CHP, BPD, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EMS/FIRE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Works (Barricades)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reserves / Search and Rescue</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Officer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SWAT/CNT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BOMB SQUAD</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SID/UC Personnel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drone Team</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> K-9</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HAZ/MAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coroner</li> </ul>
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### SAFETY MESSAGE

- ◆ Ensure all personnel have rest breaks, water, food, and refreshments
- ◆ Ensure all personnel have an opportunity to contact family and loved ones