

Community Emergency Response Team









Terrorism

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Community Emergency Response Team


-  Personal safety is ALWAYS the number one priority
-  Show up prepared
 - Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, have WATER
 - Wear PPE - your personal protective equipment ...gloves, helmet, goggles, mask, boots, etc.
 - Have at least one communications device: cell, radio, etc.
-  Work as a team
-  Size-up - maintain situational awareness
-  The CERT goal is to do the **Greatest Good for the Greatest Number**
-  *Hope for the best but plan for the worst!*

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Unit Objectives


-  What is terrorism
-  Targets, Tactics & Weapons
-  What to do if involved in a terrorist attack
-  How to counter terrorism
-  How to prepare




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What is Terrorism?

-  The U.S. Department of Justice defines terrorism as:
 - The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives






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What is terrorism?

“the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion, or intimidation”

-  Recognizes the psychological impact it has on a society for many years
-  Must be intended to coerce, intimidate, or convey some other message to a larger audience other than to the immediate victims
-  Outside the precepts of international humanitarian law

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Long history in the United States



1916



NYC 1975



9/11/2001



Wall Street 1920 - 38 deaths



Unibomber 1996



2015

286 Fatalities Between 2015 and 2019

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Some Terrorist Goals: Are Tactical

-  Mass casualties
-  Loss of critical resources
-  Disruption of vital services
-  Recruiting & fund raising



<https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2013/04/photos-of-the-boston-marathon-bombing/100495/>

Attention to surroundings can defeat terrorist's tactical goals

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Some Terrorist Goals: Are Strategic

-  Undermine confidence in the Government
-  Disruption of the economy
-  Geopolitical change
-  Heightened fear and spreading of misinformation-
Social Amplification



Terrorists DO NOT achieve strategic goals if we do not over react


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Hazards in Contra Costa for which we prepare

<p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires Floods Earthquake Tsunami Disease Extreme Weather 	<p>Technological</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous Materials Planes Trains Refineries and Pipelines Cyber
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Preparing for Hazards - Prepares for Terrorism

<p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires Floods Disease 	<p>Icons & “soft” targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public buildings Large public gatherings Parks, cafes 	<p>Technological</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous Materials Planes Trains Refineries Cyber
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Terrorist Tactics and Weapons

-  Improvised & Homemade Explosive Devices (IEDs)
-  Firearms
-  Vehicles
-  Chemical (Toxic Industrial Chemicals-TICs)
-  Biological
-  Radiological
-  Nuclear
-  Cyber

Any may be used in complex coordinated attacks

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Signs of Terrorism



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Potential Indicators of Terrorism

-  Look for unusual/suspicious behavior – out of the ordinary events or items
 - Unattended bags or leaking packages
 - People not dressed for the situation
 - People taking pictures of security arrangements
-  **If you see something, say something!**
 - Contact local law enforcement
 - Use the FBI Suspicious Activity Reporting Tip Line at <https://www.fbi.gov/tips>








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CBRNE Indicators

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Indicators

-  Vapor clouds or mists that are unusual for the area or for the time of day
-  Out of place and unattended packages, boxes, or vehicles
-  Multiple victims exhibiting similar symptoms
-  If you observe any indicators
 - Do not touch
 - Move away
 - Report it






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If You See Indicators

IF YOU FIND A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE:

-  Do not touch it!
-  Move away from the object
-  Report it to authorities



Caution: Using cellular phones or two-way radios may detonate an explosive device!








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Shelter-in-Place Procedures

-  Shut off ventilation systems
-  Go to your shelter-in-place room
-  Use precut plastic sheeting to cover air openings
-  Tape sheeting over doors, windows, vents
-  Use duct tape to seal other areas
-  Listen to a battery-powered radio
-  Ventilate room once contaminants are gone



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Until Help Arrives

- 👤 CERT volunteers are NOT equipped or trained to respond to terrorist incidents
- 👤 If you find yourself in a situation that you believe to be a terrorist attack, focus on the most lifesaving interventions:
 - Move those in grave danger to a safe place
 - Open airway
 - Stop bleeding
 - Prevent shock
- 👤 Consider the impacts of stress & fear on yourself and others
- 👤 Be alert to the possibility of a second coordinated attack




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Basic Personal Decontamination Procedures


- 👤 Leave the immediate contaminated area
- 👤 Take decontamination action
 - Remove everything
 - Wash hands before using them to shower
 - Shower or flush with cool water
 - Blot dry
- 👤 Report for professional decontamination



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What Professional Responders Will Do

-  **Follow size-up steps**
 - What is going on?
 - How bad is the situation and how much worse could it get?
 - Is there a possibility of a secondary attack
 - What measures can be taken to control the incident safely?
 - What resources will be needed?




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Active Shooter

-  **Run**
 - If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises
-  **Hide**
 - If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you
-  **Fight**
 - If you are unable to run, evacuate or hide and when your life is in imminent danger, you may attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter

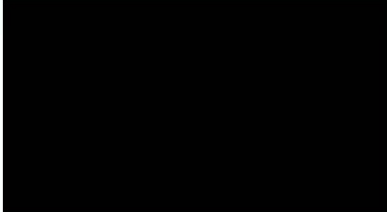
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Active Shooter



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Preparing for Terrorism – Sound Familiar?


- 🧰 Assemble a disaster supply kit
- 🧰 Identify a safe room and meeting place outside of the home or workplace
- 🧰 Develop a family communication plan
- 🧰 Learn shelter-in-place procedures
- 🧰 Stay informed: Only use authoritative & official sources of information



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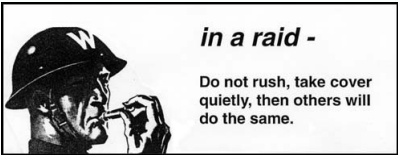
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What Else Might CERTs Do?



**Air Raid Wardens
WANTED**
AND THEY ARE WANTED
NOW
GET INTO TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL

- 👤 Fear is contagious, but so is confidence: Stay Calm
- 👤 Studies show social amplification can be mitigated by:
 - Trust in authorities
 - Accurate, consistent information even if the answer is “we’re not sure but stay tuned”
 - CERTs may be an avenue for disseminating authorized, accurate information



in a raid -
Do not rush, take cover quietly, then others will do the same.

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Questions ?



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Takeaways

-  **When terrorists attack, their goals are to:**
 - Create mass casualties
 - Disrupt critical resources, vital services, and the economy
 - Cause widespread fear
 - **STAY CALM**

-  **Terrorism is old but some tactics are new**
 - Active Shooter
 - Vehicles
 - Improvised Explosive Devices
 - Complex Coordinated Attacks
 - Cyber Attacks

 - BE ALERT: If you see something Say Something

-  **CERT volunteers are NOT equipped or trained to respond to terrorist incidents**



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