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National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin Reissue

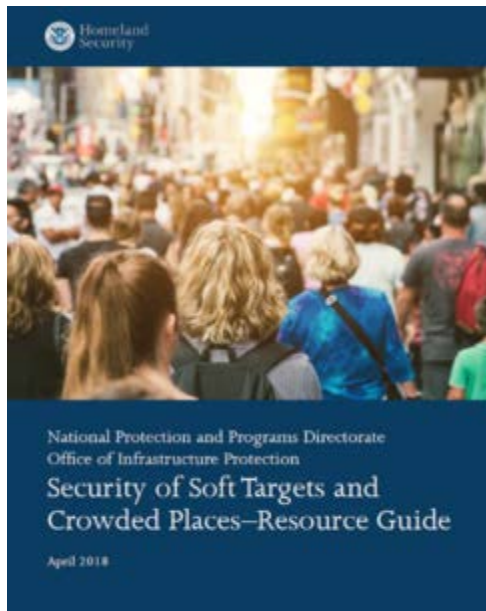
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen reissued the [National Terrorism Advisory System \(NTAS\) Bulletin](#) pertaining to the terror threat to the U.S. homeland. After carefully considering the current threat environment and input from the Department's intelligence and law enforcement partners, Secretary Nielsen determined it is necessary to extend the NTAS Bulletin at this time.

Terrorist groups continue to inspire, enable, and direct their followers to spread chaos using homemade weapons and by striking soft targets and crowded places. They also remain focused on conducting more sophisticated attacks using conventional weapons as well as new technologies and tactics. DHS is committed to staying a step

ahead of our enemies, and an informed and vigilant public remains one of the Department's greatest assets in protecting the homeland.

This marks the sixth iteration of the Bulletin on the homegrown threat, which has been reissued five times since the first Bulletin was released in December 2015.

NPPD Office of Infrastructure Protection Releases Soft Target Resource Guide



DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) is committed to improving the security and resilience of soft targets by providing relevant tools, training, and programs to both the public and private sectors, and the general public. On April 30, 2018, NPPD/IP released the [Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places-Resource Guide](#). The guide serves as a reference document for partners and stakeholders to quickly locate and leverage relevant IP soft target security resources.

More resources can be found by visiting <https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security> and <https://www.dhs.gov/activeshooter>. Additional inquiries can be directed to IP-SoftTargetSecurity@hq.dhs.gov.

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 DHSChemSecurityTalks — WEST-MID-EAST



DHS NPPD/IP is pleased to announce the dates and locations for the **2018 DHSChemSecurityTalks – WEST** and **DHSChemSecurityTalks – MID**. The WEST event will be held June 27 in Oakland, CA, with registration opening on May 17. The MID event will be held July 19 in Chicago, IL, with registration opening on May 24. The date and

location for the EAST event will be posted soon. Please check the [Chemical Sector Regional Events webpage](#) for details and registration information on all three events.

The DHSChemSecurityTalks serve as regional meetings that bring together industry owners and operators, key government officials, first responders, and law enforcement to engage in face-to-face discussions and share the latest in security best practices. NPPD/IP looks forward to hosting this year's events across the country to facilitate in-person participation and foster the growing public-private collaboration.

For more information contact DHSCHEMSECURITYTALKS@HQ.DHS.GOV.

2018 State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council Plenary



The State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC) held its annual multi-day, full-council plenary in April, 2018 in Arlington, VA. SLTTGCC Chair Jeremy Sroka updated attendees on the Council's accomplishments over the last year, highlighting efforts in the implementation of their Communications, Outreach, and Marketing Strategy (The Strategy), creation of [The Internet of Things](#) and [Humanizing Cybersecurity Awareness and Training](#) white papers, and participating in national level working groups as key achievements. Mr. Sroka also introduced new members from Louisiana and Southern Nevada.

Plenary Highlights:

Senior DHS NPPD officials addressed the Council and emphasized the important relationship between DHS and the Council to ensure the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) government perspective is involved in critical infrastructure security and resilience efforts. For example, participating on national level working groups and recognizing the need to evaluate current and establish new SLTTGCC led working groups to address issues of concern to the SLTT community.

The agenda included a panel discussion on the [Crisis Event and Recovery Access \(CERRA\) Framework](#); a grant priorities discussion; updates on cybersecurity efforts and available resources (such as the [DHS Cybersecurity Services Catalog for SLTT Governments](#)), the Election Infrastructure Subsector, and products and services offered by the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A); advancements of information sharing and data collection platforms; and lessons learned from the 2017 hurricanes.

Council members met with NPPD/IP Regional Directors and Regional Supervisory Outreach Coordinators to discuss opportunities for maturing the Council's Regional Liaison Program in alignment with NPPD/IP's regionalization efforts. SLTTGCC designated a member within each of the 10 regions as the Regional Liaison to be the primary point of contact for direct collaboration with regional offices and other SLTT stakeholder networks to share information within and between the regions.

During the next year, the Council will update The Strategy, expand their outreach efforts, compile educational and training resources, and scope projects such as a soft targets-crowded places white paper and a grants working group.

SLTTGCC seeks to increase membership and is accepting nominations of SLTT critical infrastructure protection and resilience officials willing to lead and represent their community. For more information read the [SLTTGCC Membership Nomination Factsheet](#), visit [the Council's DHS page](#), or contact slttgcc@hq.dhs.gov with any questions or to request member nomination information.

Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access (CERRA) Framework Real-Time Forum Webinar

As part of their ongoing Real-Time Forum webinar series, SLTTGCC will host and sponsor a webinar to discuss the [Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access \(CERRA\) Framework](#). CERRA focuses on supporting state, local, and regional efforts to enable the successful transit and access of critical response and recovery resources before, during, and after emergencies. Webinar participants will have the opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion regarding the CERRA Framework and the next steps in its development.

The Council invites all stakeholders, including those from public, private, and non-governmental organizations, to participate in this webinar and share this invitation amongst their critical infrastructure stakeholders and partners. For additional information, please contact SLTTGCC@hq.dhs.gov.

- **Date:** Thursday, May 24, 2018
- **Time:** 1:00–2:00 p.m. EDT
- **Dial-In:** 1-855-852-7677
- **PIN:** 9995-8976-2480#
- **Link:** <https://share.dhs.gov/slttgccmay2018rtf/>

Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program Webinar

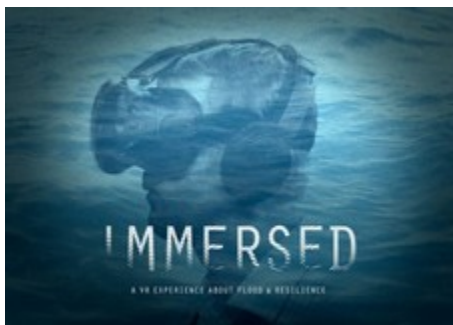
Multiple studies have shown that more than 90 percent of breaches and hacks begin with an email. [Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance \(DMARC\)](#) is one way to significantly reduce attacks and protect domains from malicious activity. In October 2017, DHS called for the implementation of DMARC across all Federal civilian domains.

During the [DMARC for Email Trust & Authentication](#) webinar, panelists will introduce DMARC and discuss how it can help organizations protect their email domains from malicious activity, and resources available for implementation.

Webinars are part of a series co-hosted by the Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3) and SLTTGCC.

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- **Time:** 1:00–2:30 p.m. EDT
- **Dial-In:** 1-888-391-6739
- **PIN:** 9466443#
- **Link:** <https://share.dhs.gov/c3vprc3slttgcc/>

IMMERSED: A “Virtual Reality” Check on Flooding



May 2018 is [National Building Safety Month](#). This year's theme is Building Codes Save Lives. Each week a different component of building safety is highlighted; week two focuses on “**Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science and Technology.**”

Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster, which is why it's critical for community leaders to be equipped with the information, tools, and skills needed to take mitigation action and build resiliency. To help educate community leaders about the value of being prepared for the worst, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) created a virtual reality experience about flood and resilience called [IMMERSED](#).

Using technology to place users at the center of a flood crisis, IMMERVED allows them to assess damage in a community and see the benefits of mitigation first-hand. By working through simple tasks, users experience a major flood event in a realistic manner. After experiencing IMMERVED, users are encouraged to explore additional information about mitigation actions and are provided details on grants and other available programs to support communities.

[FEMA's Building Science Branch](#) creates guidance and materials to develop the most up-to-date and technologically advanced building codes for new construction and the repair of existing buildings. It converts research into practice through its [Mitigation Assessment Teams](#) and through the publication of technical manuals that optimize technology and aid in the development of safe and secure structures.

Science and technology are leading the way for designing and constructing safe, efficient, and resilient homes and buildings. If you are considering renovating, remodeling, or building from the ground up, look for the latest technology and ensure it is based on the codes and standards that put safety and efficiency first.

For more information, please visit the International Code Council's [Building Safety Month webpage](#). To learn more about the IMMERVED experience, subscribe to the [FEMA Podcast](#) on iTunes, which features IMMERVED in the May 9 edition.

Emergency Management Institute Offers Dam Safety Virtual Tabletop Exercise

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) Program will offer three sessions, **July 17, 18, and 19**, on the effects of a major dam failure on a community. Content is the same each day and participants would attend only one session. The VTTX occurs **12:00–4:00 p.m. EDT**.

To participate, send an email to Doug Kahn at douglas.kahn@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-7645. Also, send a courtesy copy email to the Integrated Emergency Management Branch at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov or call 301-447-1381. **The application deadline is June 29, 2018.** Additional information is available at <https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx>.

The VTTX is designed to:

- Prepare participants for a potential dam failure that could impact power production, require emergency evacuations, open use of emergency spillways and recovery from a catastrophic loss.
- Enable participants to better coordinate their operations with counterparts from Federal and SLTT governments, private sector organizations, and non-governmental agencies.
- Provide a virtual forum to review emergency plans and contingency resources.

Each month, EMI conducts a VTTX series using a Video Teleconference (VTC) platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country by providing a virtual forum for interactive disaster training. The VTTX is designed for a group of seven or more representatives from SLTT emergency management and private/public corporate structures. It provides a unique opportunity for responders across the Nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific, facilitated discussion. Participants will need to connect via a site equipped with the appropriate VTC capability (not Adobe Connect or FaceTime-based), but alternate ways to participate are also available upon request.

New Training to Protect Critical Infrastructure Information

Within DHS NPPD/IP, the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program supports the protection of the Nation's critical infrastructure. The Critical Infrastructure Information (CII) Act of 2002 enhances the protection, storing, and sharing of CII. Since the vast majority of the critical infrastructure is owned by the private sector, and to enhance the sharing of CII, Congress in 2002 enacted a law that protects submissions of CII to the Federal Government from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and regulatory and civil actions. This allows the Federal Government to rapidly assess the information and share "Best Practices" with the private sector and SLTT governments.

To assist in understanding the PCII Program and the process to submit CII, the PCII Program Office developed a professional "Submitter Awareness" video. This training tool, located on [DHS's public website](#), encourages owner/operators of critical infrastructure to consider what proprietary information they can share with Federal partners and the protections afforded. To learn more about the PCII Program, please contact PCII-Assist@hq.dhs.gov or visit www.dhs.gov/PCII.

New Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Educational Materials



DHS developed a new [factsheet](#) to educate chemical facilities that possess propane in compliance with the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. DHS also developed two new informational videos titled "[What is CFATS?](#)" and "[What are Reportable Chemicals?](#)" These videos assist stakeholders with basic information regarding the CFATS program and understanding the various regulated Chemicals of Interest found in [Appendix A](#).

For other information, including Frequently Asked Questions, fact sheets, and programmatic updates, please visit the [CFATS Knowledge Center](#) or the new [Chemical Security webpage](#).

Chemical Sector Monthly Unclassified Threat Calls

DHS NPPD/IP, serving as the [Chemical Sector-Specific Agency](#), conducts a monthly unclassified threat call in coordination with DHS NPPD Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C), DHS I&A, Office of The Director of Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and more. The call is intended to provide unclassified threat information to Chemical Sector partners and those in associated sectors. The call is held every fourth Thursday of each month.

- **Dates:** May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. EDT
- **Dial-In:** 1-855-852-7677
- **PIN:** 0618178
- **Link:** <https://share.dhs.gov/ssacall/>

For more information about the Chemical Sector Monthly Classified Threat Call contact chemssa@hq.dhs.gov.

Corporate Security Symposia Dates

The DHS I&A Private Sector Outreach Program, in coordination with FBI, hosts regional Corporate Security Symposia around the country to discuss and inform public and private sector audiences on the most challenging security issues our Nation faces today.

The Corporate Security Symposia focus on topics that are critical to security within the public and private sectors. Events feature public and private subject matter experts (SMEs), who provide insight on a variety of issues such as cybersecurity, infrastructure protection, communications, global intelligence, border security, and counterintelligence. Several Fortune 500 companies, including Sony, the Walt Disney Company, Gulfstream, and Microsoft, have hosted past Corporate Security Symposia.

Region II

- Washington, DC, Wednesday, July 18 [Register Here](#)

Region IV

- Nashville, TN, Thursday, August 23 [Register Here](#)

Region V

- Detroit, MI, Wednesday, June 13, [Register Here](#)

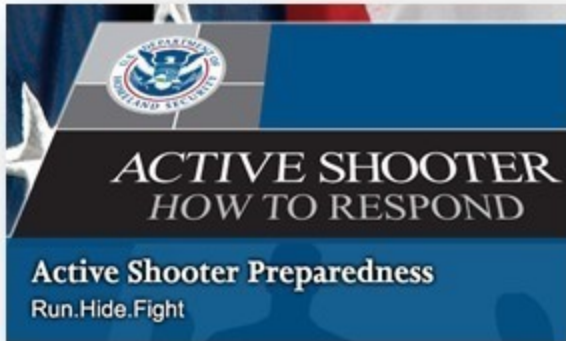
Region IX

- Las Vegas, NV, Wednesday, June 27 [Register Here](#)

To register or for more information please contact I&APrivateSector@hq.dhs.gov.

Training/Resources

DHS offers a wide array of training programs and resources, at no cost, to government and private sector partners. Web-based training, classroom courses, and associated training materials provide government officials and critical infrastructure owners and operators with the knowledge and skills needed to implement critical infrastructure security and resilience activities. For further information, visit the [DHS Critical Infrastructure Training website](#) or the [Critical Infrastructure Resources website](#).



Active Shooter Program Resources

NPPD/IP's [Active Shooter Preparedness Program](#) remains committed to developing resources that help the critical infrastructure community mitigate the potential impacts associated with the evolving threat environment. Visit the [Active Shooter Preparedness webpage](#) to access a variety of new products ranging from an active shooter preparedness fact sheet and Pathway to Violence informational poster to translated materials.

A recently developed [Vehicle Ramming Attack Mitigation](#) video provides information to assist with mitigating the evolving threat corresponding to vehicle

ramming incidents with insightful technical analysis from public and private sector SMEs. It leverages real-world events and provides recommendations aimed at protecting organizations and individuals against a potential vehicle ramming incident.

The following are the other available resources:

- **Recovering From An Active Shooter Incident Fact Sheet:** provides high level considerations for the short and long-term phases of recovery following an incident.
- **Active Shooter Recovery Guide:** provides detailed information on actions organizations should consider to reconstitute services more effectively and ensure the wellness of their employees and visitors.
- **Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Video:** A great resource for individuals unable to attend an in-person workshop or those who would like a refresher. This dynamic 90-minute video describes the fundamental concepts of developing an emergency action plan for an active shooter scenario by leveraging the perspectives of survivors, first responders, and SMEs.
- **Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Trailer:** This one-minute video provides a brief overview of the components of the Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan video.
- **Options for Consideration:** Replacing the previously available resource, this seven minute video demonstrates possible actions individuals can take if confronted with an active shooter; it provides updated information that includes considerations for individuals with disabilities and incorporation of technology into security practices.
- **Understanding the Insider Threat Video:** uses security and behavior experts to discuss how insider threats manifest in a variety of ways including terrorism, workplace violence, and breaches of cybersecurity.
- **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Video:** contains information on critical infrastructure challenges associated with the UAS threat, counter UAS security practices, actions to consider for risk mitigation, and provides messages of facility and organizational preparedness related to UAS incidents

For questions, please contact ASworkshop@hq.dhs.gov.

Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop Dates

Active Shooter Preparedness Workshops are conducted across the Nation to provide participants with information that helps mitigate the impacts of an active shooter incident. These workshops—which include case studies, visual media content, and facilitated dialogue in breakout sessions—allow participants to begin developing an emergency action plan for their respective organizations.

Below is the tentative schedule of upcoming workshops. For additional information regarding the upcoming schedule, please contact ASworkshop@hq.dhs.gov.

Region I

- Willimantic, CT, Wednesday, July 25
- Nashua, NH, Tuesday, August 14

Region V

- Bloomington, MN, Monday, August 20
- Cleveland, OH, Tuesday, July 10
- Detroit, MI, Tuesday, September 11

Region VI

- Camden, AR, Tuesday, August 28
- Oklahoma City, OK, Thursday, August 30
- Pineville, LA, Tuesday, June 19

Region VII

- Wichita, KS, Wednesday, September 5

Region VIII

- Denver, CO, Thursday, October 4

Region IX

- Phoenix, AZ, Wednesday, November 7

Region X

- Canyonville, OR, Friday, June 22

Office for Bombing Prevention Training Courses

Independent Studies

These web-based courses are self-paced and designed for a broad audience to provide general awareness-level, counter-improvised explosive device (IED) information to general public and private sector partners to enhance awareness and response to IED threats. They are offered free-of-charge.

Homemade Explosives and Precursor Chemicals Awareness for Public Safety (AWR-349)

This one-hour, awareness-level, computer-based course, available through [TRIPwire](#), educates law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and other public safety personnel about homemade explosives (HME),

the precursor chemicals that are used to manufacture HME, and actions to take if HME precursor chemicals or equipment are thought to be present during a routine service call.

Improvised Explosive Device Awareness and Safety Procedures (AWR-341)

This one-hour, awareness-level, computer-based course, available on [TRIPwire](#), provides foundational knowledge concerning IED and proper safety precautions and procedures for reacting and responding to unattended and suspicious items.

Direct Delivery In-Person Training

Coordinated through DHS Protective Security Advisors (PSA), State Homeland Security Officials, and training offices, Office of Bombing Prevention courses educate Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial participants—such as municipal officials and emergency managers, state and local law enforcement and other emergency services, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and security staff—on strategies to prevent, protect against, respond to, and mitigate bombing incidents. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses are instructor-led and designed for small groups of 25 participants.

Bombing Prevention Awareness Course (AWR-348)

This one-day awareness course provides an overview of bombing prevention topics. Course topics include IED and HME awareness, explosive effects mitigation, protective measures awareness, suspicious behaviors and items, and an introduction to the terrorist attack cycle for bombing events. This course is designed for public and private sector critical infrastructure owners and operators interested in or required to have a basic awareness of bombing prevention measures, public safety personnel, emergency managers, law enforcement, and special event security personnel can also benefit from the course. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

Region IV

Anniston, AL – Michael Aguilar, 866-213-9547

- Tuesday, June 19

IED Search Procedures Course (PER-339)

This one-day, performance-based course introduces participants to basic, low-risk search protocols and allows participants to practice an IED search of a facility, an area, and a route in order to reduce vulnerability and mitigate the effects of IED attacks. This course is designed for public and private facility owners and operators and security staff that may be tasked with search duties during a bomb threat incident. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

Region III

Pittsburgh, PA – Robert E. Winters, robert.e.winters@hq.dhs.gov

- Friday, June 1

Scranton, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, June 13

Region V

Detroit, MI – Ernest Lorson, ernest.lorson@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, July 26

Springfield, IL – Kevin Pennell, kevin.pennell@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 5

Region VIII

Jackson, WY – Kenneth Longfritz, kenneth.longfritz@hq.dhs.gov

- Monday, June 18

Bomb Threat Management Planning Course (MGT-451)

This one-day, management-level course introduces participants to the DHS risk management process and the development of a bomb threat management (BTM) plan. During the course, participants will learn how to apply specific portions of the risk management process and BTM procedures against mock BTM plans. This course is designed for public and private sector emergency management representatives, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and law enforcement officials. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

Region II

Bridgewater, NJ – Andrew Smith, andrew.smith@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, June 7

Region III

Arlington, VA – Kyle Wolf, kyle.wolf@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 12

Carlisle, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, July 18

Pittsburgh, PA – Robert E. Winters, robert.e.winters@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, May 31

Scranton, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 12

Region IV

Anniston, AL – Michael Aguilar, michael.aguilar.fema.dhs.gov

- Monday, July 9

Region VII

Jackson, WY – Kenneth Longfritz, kenneth.longfritz@hq.dhs.gov

- Friday, June 15

Overland Park, KS – Seth Mecum, seth.mecum@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 19

Region VIII

Jackson, WY – Kenny Longfritz, kenneth.longfritz@hq.dhs.gov

- Friday, June 15

Region IX

Saipan, MP – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Monday, July 2

Protective Measures Course (PER-336)

This one-day, performance-based course provides participants with a basic understanding of how to identify risks and vulnerabilities to a facility, determine additional security needs for a special event or public gathering, and identify and apply physical and procedural protective measures to mitigate the threat of an IED or vehicle-borne IED (VBIED). This course is designed for public and private sector security personnel at the executive, management, and operations level. Public safety workers, emergency managers, law enforcement, and special event security personnel can also benefit from the course. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

Region II

Bridgewater, NJ – Andrew Smith, andrew.smith@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, June 6

Region III

Carlisle, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 17

Scranton, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, June 14

Region IV

Anniston, AL – Michael Aguilar, michael.aguilar.fema.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 19
- Monday, July 23

Region V

Cincinnati, OH – Michael McMasters, michael.mcmasters@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 31

Detroit, MI – Ernest Lorson, ernest.lorson@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 10

Springfield, IL – Kevin Pennell, kevin.pennell@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, June 6

Region VII

Overland Park, KS – Seth Mecum, seth.mecum@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, June 20

Region IX

Honolulu, HI – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, June 21

Saipan, MP – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 3

Phoenix, AZ – Christine Figueroa, christine.figueroa@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 10

Tucson, AZ – Christine Figueroa, christine.figueroa@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, July 11

Surveillance Detection for Law Enforcement and Security Professionals (PER-346)

This three-day, performance-based course provides instruction on how to detect hostile surveillance by exploring surveillance techniques, tactics, and procedures from an adversary's perspective. These skills enhance counter-IED capabilities of law enforcement and security professionals to detect, prevent, protect against, and respond to

IED threats. This course incorporates multiple hands-on exercises and culminates in a field exercise that includes role players. This course is designed for law enforcement and public and private sector security staff. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

Region I

Concord, NH – Jason Climer, jason.climer@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 17

Region II

Seaside Heights, NJ – Andrew Smith, andrew.smith@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, May 30

Region III

Pittsburgh, PA – Robert E. Winters, robert.e.winters@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 24

Region V

Detroit, MI – Ernest Lorson, ernest.lorson@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, July 11

Green Bay, WI – John Busch, john.busch@hq.dhs.gov

- Monday, June 25

Region VI

San Antonio, TX – Edwin Lee Otten, edwin.otten@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 19

Region VIII

Jackson, WY – Kenneth Longfritz, kenneth.longfritz@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 12

Region IX

Agana Heights, GU – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 3

Honolulu, HI – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 26

Region X

Eugene, OR – Chass Jones, chass.jones@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, July 31

Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) Detection Course (PER-312)

This one-day, performance-based course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to recognize the VBIED threat and identify VBIED components and devices, methods for reacting to improvised explosive devices, and procedures for inspecting vehicles to detect VBIEDs. This course is designed for first responders, public safety officers, security officers, and law enforcement officers tasked with inspecting vehicles for explosive threats, hazards, or prohibited items.

Region II

Picatinny Arsenal, NJ – Andrew Smith, andrew.smith@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 5

Region III

Arlington, VA – Kyle Wolf, kyle.wolf@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, June 13

Carlisle, PA – James Cratty, james.cratty1@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, July 19

Pittsburgh, PA – Robert Winters, robert.e.winters@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, May 30

Region V

Detroit, MI – Ernest Lorson, ernest.lorson@hq.dhs.gov

- Wednesday, July 25

Region VII

Kansas City, MO – Seth Mecum, seth.mecum@hq.dhs.gov

- Thursday, June 21

Region VIII

Jackson, WY – Kenneth Longfritz, kenneth.longfritz@hq.dhs.gov

- Tuesday, June 19

Region IX

Honolulu, HI – James Cruz, james.cruz@hq.dhs.gov

- Monday, June 25

Virtual Instructor Led Training (VILT)

These web-based courses provide general awareness-level, counter-IED information to a broad audience via an online virtual training experience with a live instructor, using Adobe Connect through the Homeland Security Information Network. These courses are designed for small group instruction of 15 to 25 participants.

A FEMA Student ID (FEMA SID) is required to participate in all VILT OBP course offerings. To obtain a FEMA SID, visit [FEMA's website](#) to apply. To view the VILT training schedule and register for a course, please visit the [VILT website](#).

Homemade Explosive (HME) and Precursor Awareness (AWR-338)

This one-hour awareness course provides a basic understanding on HMEs and common precursor materials. Participants will define HMEs, explain the considerations perpetrators have when evaluating whether or not to use HMEs as the explosive for an attack, and identify common precursor chemicals and materials used to make HMEs. This course is designed for public and private sector individuals who are interested in or required to have a basic awareness of homemade explosives and precursor chemicals. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 29, 2018
- Thursday, May 31, 2018
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018
- Wednesday, June 20, 2018
- Wednesday, June 27, 2018
- Wednesday, July 11, 2018
- Tuesday, July 24, 2018
- Thursday, July 26, 2018
- Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Construction and Classification Course (AWR-333)

This one-hour awareness course provides participants with a basic understanding of the function, components, construction, and classification of IEDs. It is designed for public and private sector individuals who are interested in or required to have a basic awareness of IED construction and classification. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 29, 2018
- Thursday, May 31, 2018
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018

- Tuesday, June 12, 2018
- Thursday, June 14, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Tuesday, June 26, 2018
- Thursday, June 28, 2018
- Wednesday, July 11, 2018
- Thursday, July 12, 2018
- Tuesday, July 17, 201
- Thursday, July 19, 2018

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Explosive Effects Mitigation Course (AWR-337)

This one-hour awareness course introduces participants to the effects of detonations and details the difference between blast, thermal/incendiary, and fragmentation effects and the destructive consequences of each on various targets. It also describes security measures and best practices that can help prevent or mitigate explosive effects. This course is designed for public and private sector individuals who are interested in or required to have a basic awareness of how to mitigate the explosive effects of IEDs. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 30, 2018
- Thursday, May 31, 2018
- Thursday, June 7, 2018
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018
- Tuesday, June 19, 2018
- Wednesday, June 20, 2018
- Tuesday, June 26, 2018
- Thursday, June 28, 2018
- Wednesday, July 11, 2018
- Tuesday, July 17, 2018
- Thursday, July 19, 2018
- Wednesday, July 25, 201
- Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Introduction to the Terrorist Attack Cycle Course (AWR-334)

This one-hour awareness course introduces a conceptual model of common steps that terrorists take in planning and executing terrorist attacks. It enhances participants' awareness and capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and mitigate attacks that use IEDs against people, critical infrastructure, and other soft targets. This course is designed for public and private sector individuals who have a responsibility for critical infrastructure protection and those who are interested in or required to have a basic awareness of terrorist operations and bomb prevention. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 30, 2018
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018
- Thursday, June 7, 2018
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018
- Tuesday, June 19, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Wednesday, June 27, 2018
- Tuesday, July 10, 2018
- Thursday, July 12, 2018
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018

- Tuesday, July 24, 2018
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018
- Thursday, July 26, 2018
- Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Response to Suspicious Behaviors and Items Course (AWR-335)

This one-hour awareness course serves as an overview of appropriate responses to suspicious behaviors and items by differentiating normal and abnormal behaviors and highlighting appropriate responses to potential terrorist or criminal activity. It also discusses the differences between unattended and suspicious items, and the responses for each situation. This course is designed for managers and employees of stores that sell homemade explosive precursors, facility managers, public and private sector emergency management representatives, security professionals, and law enforcement. Upcoming scheduled courses are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 29, 2018
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018
- Tuesday, June 12, 2018
- Thursday, June 14, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018
- Wednesday, June 27, 2018
- Tuesday, July 10, 2018
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Training Course

The [Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service \(TEEX\)](#) is offering a course for practitioners managing physical and cybersecurity. The course is the result of a partnership between TEEX, NPPD IP, NPPD Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, and the FEMA National Training and Education Division. The course, MGT 452 – Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure, encourages collaborative efforts among individuals and organizations responsible for both physical and cybersecurity toward development of integrated risk management strategies that lead to enhanced capabilities necessary for the protection of our Nation's critical infrastructure.

Participants will identify physical and cybersecurity concerns impacting overall infrastructure security posture, examine integrated physical and cybersecurity incidents and the evolving risks and impacts they pose to critical infrastructure, and explore resources that can be applied to improve security within an organization, business, or government entity. The target audience is critical infrastructure owners and operators and individuals responsible for physical and/or cybersecurity within their organization, including Federal, State, local, regional, tribal, and territorial government officials, and owners and operators of small businesses and nonprofit organizations. This instructor-led course is eight hours in length and offers 0.8 continuing education units. For more information, contact nerrtc@teex.tamu.edu.

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Region III

- Washington, DC, Thursday, June 14, 2018

Region IV

- Marietta, GA, Wednesday, July 18, 2018
- Miramar, FL, Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Region V

- Canton, OH, Friday, June 1, 2018
- Columbus, OH, Thursday, June 7, 2018
- Oak Forest, IL, Wednesday, October 11, 2018

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