

Terrorism & Security: What Information is Out There?

*An evaluation of websites, publishers, and
content*

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Arlington, VA, October 15, 2007

Our Intent

- Define “terrorism” and “homeland security”
- Highlight our three organizations
- Describe a variety of the major information sources useful for researching these topics

Terrorism: What is it?

“War on Terrorism” – yesterday’s definition!

- Many policymakers steering clear of phrase
- Other concepts coming into vogue
- State Dept (since 1983)
 - “premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets...usually intended to influence an audience”
- Terrorism (courtesy *Oxford English Dictionary*):
 - “A system of terror.”
 - “A policy intended to strike with terror those against whom it is adopted; the employment of methods of intimidation; the fact of terrorizing or condition of being terrorized.”

Homeland Security: What is it?

- Difficult to define!
- Any definition freighted with administrative and emotional entanglements
- Homeland Security
 - EO13228 [2001] “To deter, prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks...”
 - Latest HS strategy document [2007] “...a concerted national effort to prevent terrorist attacks *within* the United States, reduce America’s vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the damage and recover from attacks that do occur.” [DHS responsibility]
- Homeland Defense
 - DoD HD strategy document [2005] – “The protection of U.S. sovereignty, territory, domestic population, and critical infrastructure against *external* threats and aggressions, or other threats as directed by the President .” [DoD responsibility]
 - DoD provides *civil support* “for domestic emergencies and for designated law enforcement and other activities.”

Department of Homeland Security*

- Created January 24, 2003
- Merged 22 existing government agencies, bureaus, offices and units into one
- Organized as five directorates:
 - Border and Transportation Security
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Science and Technology
 - Information Analysis & Infrastructure Protection
 - Management

Major Departments Transferring Responsibilities to DHS

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Department of the Treasury (3)

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- *Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense*

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- *Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response*
- *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*

Department of Energy

- *Undersecretary for Nuclear Security*

Department of Justice

- *Assistant Attorney General for National Security*
- *Federal Bureau of Investigation*

Department of State

- *Coordinator for Counterterrorism*

Department of Transportation

- *Director of Intelligence, Security & Emergency Response*

Department of the Treasury

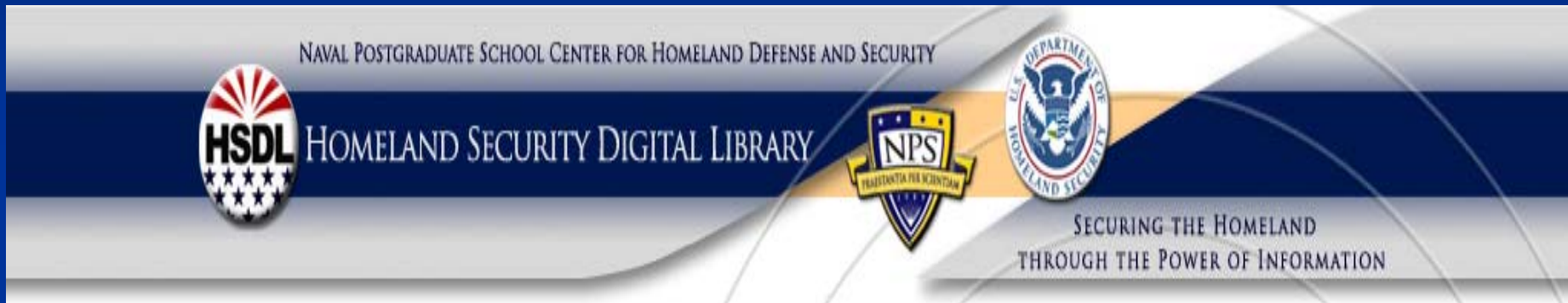
- *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection*
- *Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes*

Environmental Protection Agency

- *Associate Administrator for Homeland Security*

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Three new CHDS podcasts available addressing homeland security leadership, public/private partnerships, and public health

Submitted by Stephanie on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 - 16:23

Three new Viewpoints interviews are available [online](#) or for download through [iTunes](#). The Fall 2007 CHDS Thesis Series features recent graduates from the Master of Arts program in Security Studies/Homeland Security and Defense at the [Naval Postgraduate School](#). In [Can You Lead Me Now? Leading in the Complex World of Homeland Security](#), Nola Joyce, Chief Administrative Officer, Metropolitan Police, District of Columbia discusses her masters thesis on suggested activities and processes to yield more successful leadership within an organization which is required when facing complex issues and problems like those found in homeland security. In [Integrating Public and Private Partnerships to Produce More Effective Intelligence-led Policing](#), Matt Simeone, Security/Police Information Network Administrator, Nassau County Police Department discusses the distinct advantages in improving data collection using partnerships developed between local law enforcement agencies and the public and private industry. In [Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis in Public Health](#), Sinan Khan, Epidemiology Analyst, Los Angeles County Emergency Preparedness and Response Program, speaks on the topic of analyzing the effectiveness of alternative modes of dispensing prophylaxis on a large scale.

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October 10, 2007: International Day for Disaster Reduction

Submitted by Stephanie on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 - 00:00

"In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly designated the second Wednesday of October [International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction](#)." The day is meant to be "a vehicle to promote a global culture of natural disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness."

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Mission

- MIPT was created following the Oklahoma City bombing.
- MIPT is a non-profit, nationally recognized think tank creating state-of-the-art knowledge bases and sharing information on terrorism.
- MIPT's mission is to counter terrorism through knowledge.
- Congress directed MIPT to act as “a national point of contact for antiterrorism information sharing” and to “conduct research into the social and political causes and effects of terrorism.”

History

- MIPT's early research centered on technical projects addressing the needs of responders in a number of areas:

- Explosives Detectors and Countermeasures
- Chemical and Biological Detectors
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Forensics
- Mental Health
- Communications
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Bioterrorism Exercises
- Law and Counterterrorism Policy
- National Preparedness Studies



Information Sharing

- MIPT moved from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security following its creation.
- Under DHS, MIPT has increasingly focused on information sharing through its four major websites:
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 - [Lessons Learned Information Sharing \(LLIS\)](#)
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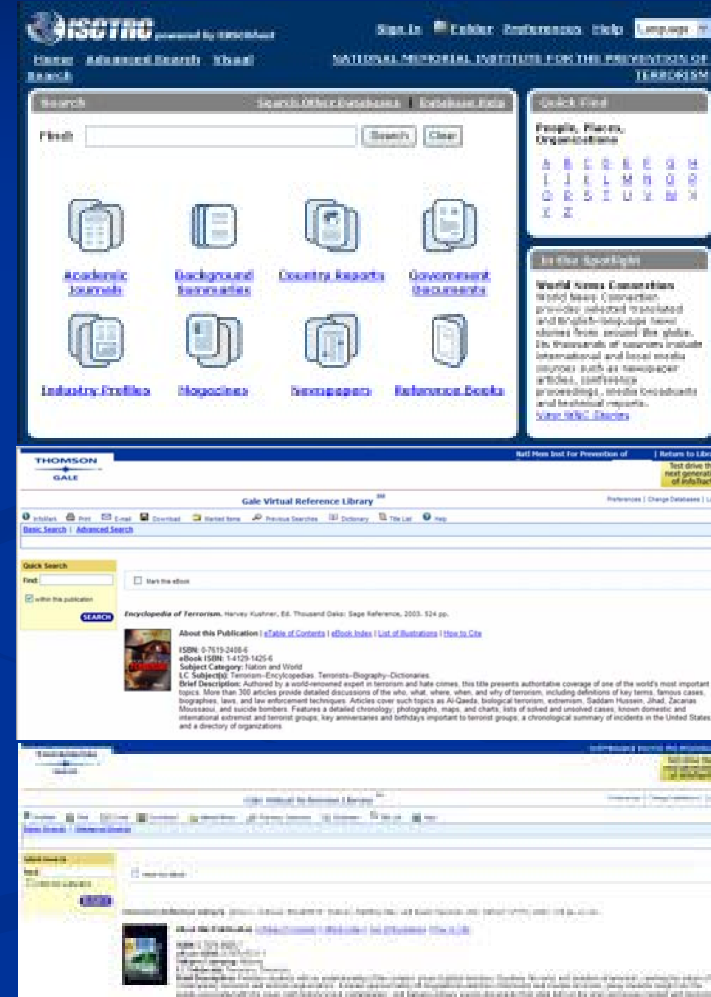
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TIC Databases

- MIPT's Terrorism Information Center also offers free digital access to two major security databases.
- The EBSCO International Security & Counter Terrorism Reference Center includes over 1.3M full-text items as well as many journals.
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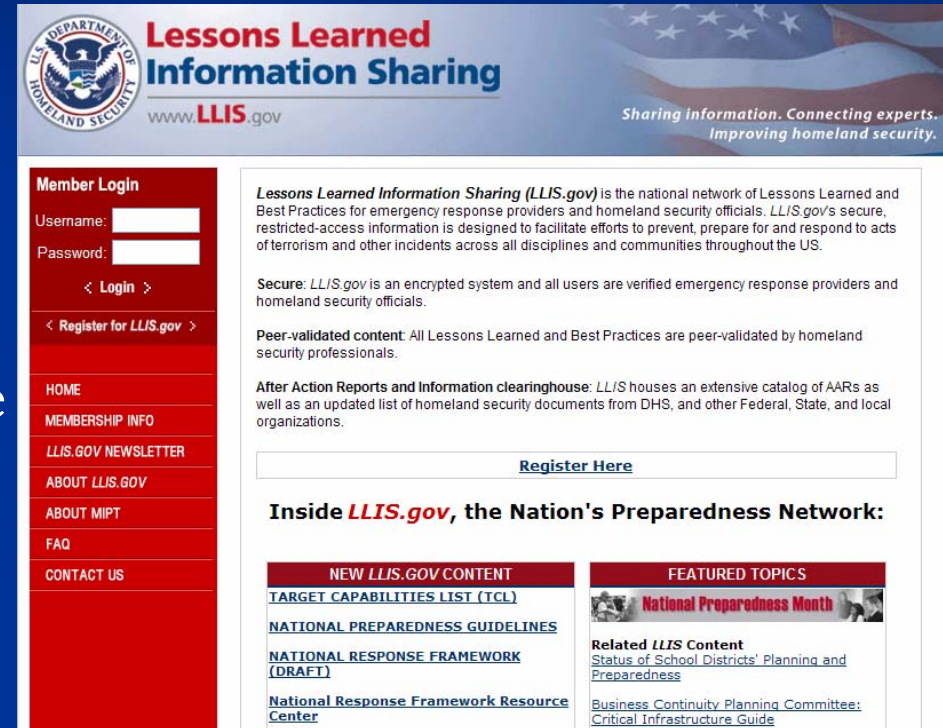
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- LLIS.gov is the official repository of lessons learned for DHS.
- It is a password-protected site that acts as a national network of nearly 40,000 emergency responders and others in the homeland security community.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) website. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo. The main header features the text "Lessons Learned Information Sharing" in red and blue, with the URL "www.LLIS.gov" below it. To the right is a banner with an American flag and the tagline "Sharing information. Connecting experts. Improving homeland security." Below the header is a red sidebar with a "Member Login" section containing fields for "Username:" and "Password:" and buttons for "< Login >" and "< Register for LLIS.gov >". Below the login section are navigation links: HOME, MEMBERSHIP INFO, LLIS.GOV NEWSLETTER, ABOUT LLIS.GOV, ABOUT MIPT, FAQ, and CONTACT US. The main content area on the right contains introductory text about LLIS.gov, a "Secure:" statement, "Peer-validated content:" information, and "After Action Reports and Information clearinghouse:" details. A "Register Here" button is located below this text. Further down, there is a section titled "Inside LLIS.gov, the Nation's Preparedness Network:" which includes two columns of links. The left column, "NEW LLIS.GOV CONTENT", lists "TARGET CAPABILITIES LIST (TCL)", "NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES", "NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK (DRAFT)", and "National Response Framework Resource Center". The right column, "FEATURED TOPICS", features a "National Preparedness Month" graphic and "Related LLIS Content" including "Status of School Districts' Planning and Preparedness" and "Business Continuity Planning Committee: Critical Infrastructure Guide".

LLIS Materials

- LLIS.gov includes nearly 10,000 documents.
- It has over 1,000 lessons learned, best practices, and after action reports.
- LLIS also includes over 1,300 emergency operations plans from the Federal, State, and local levels.



LLIS Special Topics Pages

- LLIS also includes over a dozen special topics pages that bring together plans, policies, and other data.
- These cover hurricanes, pandemic flu, radiological devices, mass evacuations, school emergencies, transit security, and more.

School Emergency Management Planning

Schools and universities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards, including accidents, kidnapping, natural disasters, shootings, and terrorism. Emergency management planning is essential to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from these incidents. School and university administrators are learning valuable lessons that, when shared, can improve school safety across the country. To capture these reports, *Lessons Learned Information Sharing* is conducting research in the area of school emergency management planning and highlighting the research on this page.

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Submit Lessons Learned and Innovative Practices **Submit Plans, After-Action Reports, and Other Documents** **Email Comments, Experiences, and Observations**

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON SCHOOL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We would like to hear from you directly about any actions or your institution have taken in recent days in response to the tragic events at Virginia Tech. Have you made any changes in daily operations, planning, or coordination? What are you doing differently on your campus, especially in regards to security, safety education, emergency planning, and response protocols? Any information you provide would be valuable. Our goal simply is to offer school and university officials with ideas they may not have considered. LLIS.gov plans to compile this information and present it on the School Emergency Management Planning Page of our website.

Click here to fill in an easy-to-use template with anything you would like to share. Please note that you have the option to post your comments anonymously.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The Department of Homeland Security is sponsoring the fourth annual National Preparedness Month this month to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. In this section, you will find Campus Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Guidelines created by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). These EOP Guidelines were drafted in response to HSPD-5 and HSPD-8 as promulgated during and after 2004, and to conform with NIMS and the IIRP. This document was created by combining effective aspects of over 20 college and university EOPs, and is especially in a constant state of revision as an administrative plan. These guidelines are intended to be used as a starting point from which to formulate an institutional emergency plan.

Campus Emergency Operations Planning Goals

Please click on the link below to participate in an active discussion of this publication. We would like to know if these guidelines are helpful to you in creating or updating your campus EOP, and if your EOP has additional sections or a different organization that you think is more effective. Any information you provide would be valuable. Though each campus is unique and there is no one best way to organize an EOP, our goal is to start a dialogue on effective EOP features, and to assist IACLEA in revising these guidelines. Please post any thoughts, comments, and questions by participating in the Campus

LLIS.GOV ORIGINAL RESEARCH

PREVENTION AND MITIGATION

- [School Safety: Sharing Student Criminal Records with School Administrators](#)
- [Emergency Communications: Incorporating National Goals and Administrative Administration Public Alert Signals into School Emergency Management Plans](#)

Hurricane Preparedness

This page highlights key documents and information regarding various issues related to hurricane preparedness including evacuation and sheltering, disabilities and functional needs, health and medical needs, and public information. It is intended to provide planners and practitioners with myriad resources to aid them in hurricane preparedness planning.

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Storm Season 2007

- [9/13/07: Texas Governor Activates Emergency Resources due to Tropical Storm Humberto](#)
- [9/18/07: Hurricane Plans for Tropical Storm](#)
- [9/24/07: Hurricane Felix Death Toll: 48 and Predicted to Rise](#)
- [9/24/07: Vastral Supports Local Disaster Preparedness](#)
- [9/24/07: Hurricane Felix: Storm Surge Causes Losses Power](#)

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Health & Medical

- [Emergency Management Programs for Healthcare Facilities: Emergency Operations Plan](#)
- [Eye of the Storm: Impact of the 2004 Hurricane Season on Florida's Hospitals](#)
- [Operationalizing a Regional Unified Medical Command](#)
- [The Commissioned Corps Response to Hurricane Katrina and Rita](#)

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- [Save the Children's Hurricane Preparedness Workshop](#)
- [After the Storm: Social Capital Rebuilding in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina](#)
- [Secure the Wood: Protecting Your Home from Hurricane Wind Damage](#)
- [2007 Stormtrack Hurricane Preparedness Guide \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#)
- [Charleston County 2007 Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#)


Weekly Featured Topic: Continuity of Operations Planning

- [Chatham, GA Municipality, Department and Business Continuity of Operations Plan \(CCOOP\) Template](#)

DHS Guidance

•LLIS includes major DHS guidelines and policy documents, and members are sometimes allowed to comment on them online.

•These include the National Preparedness Guidelines, draft National Response Framework, and Target Capabilities List. The site also features the Homeland Security Grant Program Resource Center.






National Preparedness Month

This month is the fourth annual National Preparedness Month, a nationwide initiative sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies. This year, National Preparedness Month focuses on back-to-school planning, business preparedness, multicultural preparedness, and home and family preparedness. To assist preparedness planning, LLIS.gov has created this page to share important information about these issues. For more information on how to get involved in National Preparedness Month, see www.ready.gov and www.citizencorps.gov.

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<h3>BACK-TO-SCHOOL</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Status of School Districts' Planning and Preparedness▪ Guidelines for Increasing Preparedness at Institutions of Higher Education, with Particular Reference to the State of Mississippi▪ Emergency Preparedness Plan for Utah Schools▪ Sacramento City Unified School District Emergency Preparedness Guidelines▪ Prince William County Public Schools Crisis/Emergency Preparedness 2005-2006 Brochure <p>For more information, please see the School Emergency Management Planning page.</p>	<h3>Calendar of Events</h3> <p>View Citizen Corps's Calendar of Events for National Preparedness Month activities by clicking the icon below.</p> 
<h3>BUSINESS PREPAREDNESS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Business Continuity Planning Committee: Critical Infrastructure Guide▪ Continuity of Operations Planning Manual▪ Municipality, Department, and Business Continuity of Operations Plan Template▪ New Jersey's Business Force▪ Beyond Business Continuity: The Role of the Private Sector in Preparedness Planning <p>For more information, please see the Private Sector page.</p>	<h3>Important Resources</h3> <p>Find more information about National Preparedness Month by clicking on the icons below.</p>  
<h3>MULTICULTURAL PREPAREDNESS</h3>	

Fusion Centers and Centers of Excellence

- LLIS includes a subportal focused specifically on fusion centers, called the Fusion Process Technical Assistance Program Resource Center.

- The site also has a section on DHS Centers of Excellence, based at leading educational institutions. These centers provide places for researchers to collaborate on homeland security solutions.

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Responder Knowledge Base

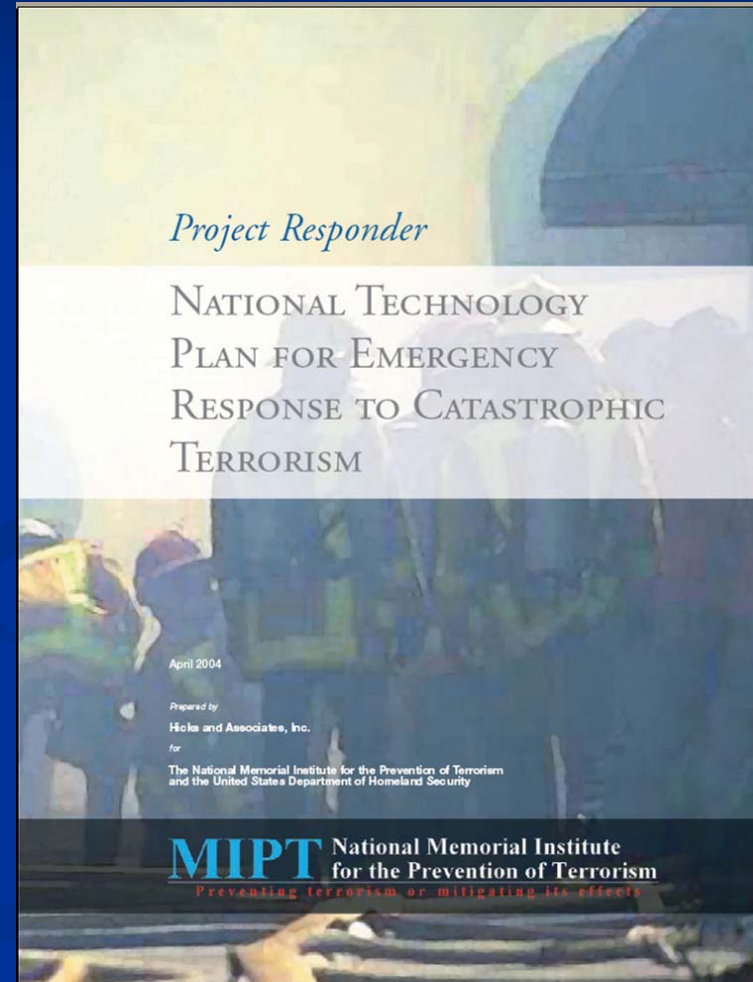
- RKB provides emergency responders, purchasers, and planners with a trusted, integrated, on-line source of information on products, certifications, standards, grants, and other equipment-related information.
- The site is endorsed by more than ten major responder associations



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Responder Knowledge Base. At the top, the logo reads "RESPONDER KNOWLEDGE BASE" and "MIPT National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism". The date "Tuesday, February 1, 2006" is displayed in the top right. A circular collage of images shows emergency responders in various settings. The main text welcomes users and explains the site's purpose: "This Knowledge Base has been built specifically to serve the needs of Emergency Responders. It contains information on currently available products, along with a wealth of related information such as standards, training, and grants. All vendor information is screened before posting." It offers options to "Use the Knowledge Base as a guest!" or "Log into the RKB" with fields for email and password. A "Register Here" button is also present. Below the login section, there is a link to "Want to submit your data to the Responder Knowledge Base?" and a contact email "rkb@terrorism.com". The footer features logos of partner organizations, including the Department of Homeland Security and NAEMT, and a copyright notice for MIPT from 2003-2004.

Project Responder

- RKB developed from a technological gap analysis called Project Responder.
- This effort found that responders had insufficient knowledge about existing capabilities and little input into national research and development activities.



RKB Answers

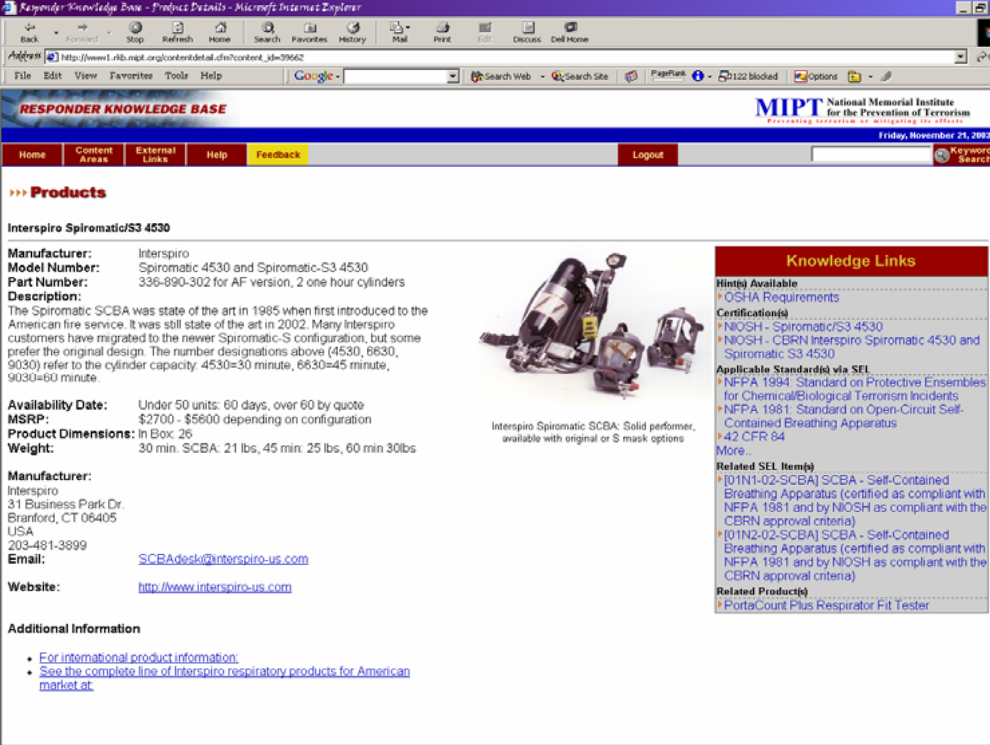
RKB answers these questions:

- What's out there?
- Has it been tested?
- To what standard?
- What training is needed?
- How do I pay for it?
- Who else is using it?



RKB Content

- RKB has information on over 4,600 products, including their operational, physical, and logistical characteristics as well as special requirements.
- Where applicable, these items are linked to standards, third-party certifications, and related products and training.



The screenshot displays the Responder Knowledge Base website in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The page title is "Responder Knowledge Base - Product Details - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://www1.rkb.mpi.org/contentdetail.cfm?content_id=39662". The website header includes the "RESPONDER KNOWLEDGE BASE" logo and the "MPIPT National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism" logo. The date "Friday, November 21, 2003" is displayed in the top right corner. A navigation menu contains links for "Home", "Content Areas", "External Links", "Help", "Feedback", and "Logout". The main content area is titled "Products" and features a red "Products" button. The product details for "Interspiro Spiromatic/S3 4530" are listed, including manufacturer, model number, part number, and a detailed description. A photograph of the SCBA unit is shown with the caption "Interspiro Spiromatic SCBA: Solid performer, available with original or S mask options". A "Knowledge Links" section provides links to OSHA Requirements, Certifications, Applicable Standards, and Related SEL Items. The "Additional Information" section includes links for international product information and a complete line of Interspiro respiratory products for the American market.

Interspiro Spiromatic/S3 4530

Manufacturer: Interspiro
Model Number: Spiromatic 4530 and Spiromatic-S3 4530
Part Number: 336-890-302 for AF version, 2 one hour cylinders
Description: The Spiromatic SCBA was state of the art in 1985 when first introduced to the American fire service. It was still state of the art in 2002. Many Interspiro customers have migrated to the newer Spiromatic-S configuration, but some prefer the original design. The number designations above (4530, 6630, 9030) refer to the cylinder capacity: 4530=30 minute, 6630=45 minute, 9030=60 minute.
Availability Date: Under 50 units: 60 days, over 60 by quote
MSRP: \$2700 - \$5600 depending on configuration
Product Dimensions: In Box: 26
Weight: 30 min. SCBA: 21 lbs, 45 min: 25 lbs, 60 min 30lbs

Manufacturer: Interspiro
31 Business Park Dr.
Branford, CT 06405
USA
203-481-3899
Email: SCBAdesk@interspiro-us.com
Website: <http://www.interspiro-us.com>

Additional Information

- [For international product information.](#)
- [See the complete line of Interspiro respiratory products for American market at.](#)

Knowledge Links

Hint(s) Available

- [OSHA Requirements](#)

Certification(s)

- [NIOSH - Spiromatic/S3 4530](#)
- [NIOSH - CBRN Interspiro Spiromatic 4530 and Spiromatic S3 4530](#)

Applicable Standard(s) via SEL

- [NFPA 1994: Standard on Protective Ensembles for Chemical/Biological Terrorism Incidents](#)
- [NFPA 1981: Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus](#)
- [42 CFR 84](#)

More.

Related SEL Item(s)

- [\[01N1-02-SCBA\] SCBA - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus \(certified as compliant with NFPA 1981 and by NIOSH as compliant with the CBRN approval criteria\)](#)
- [\[01N2-02-SCBA\] SCBA - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus \(certified as compliant with NFPA 1981 and by NIOSH as compliant with the CBRN approval criteria\)](#)

Related Product(s)

- [PortaCount Plus Respirator Fit Tester](#)

RKB Membership

•RKB includes over 60,000 members. The majority of these are emergency response and procurement officials.

•The site also has over 1,000 vendor representatives.

•RKB responder members can connect with other responders to discuss equipment.

The screenshot shows a product page for the Draeger AirBoss Evolution Plus CBRN SCBA 2216psig. The page is titled "Products" and includes a navigation menu with tabs for "General", "Operational Parameters", "Physical Parameters", "Logistical Parameters", and "Special Requirements". A warning box at the top states: "Warning: This category includes items submitted for testing or planned for future submission, as well as those already approved. CHECK THE CERTIFICATION KNOWLEDGE LINKS AT RIGHT to determine whether this item is currently NIOSH CBRN approved." The product details include: Manufacturer: Draeger Safety Inc.; Model Number: Various; Part/Stock Number: various; Description: Draeger offers the only wireless, in-mask heads up display in the new AirBoss Evolution Plus. The Prism Heads up Display utilizes inductive loop technology which allows wireless communication between pressure transducer and LEDs providing the user with cylinder pressure information. A RIC Universal Airline Coupling is also part of the new SCBA. The design of the AirBoss Evolution Plus offers excellent wearer comfort with a true ergonomic backplate, providing maximum freedom of movement and safety. Large, low profile friction buckles allow easy donning and doffing even while wearing gloves. A harness system of Kevlar/Aramid/Blend provide excellent abrasion resistance and strength. The LDV Plus is first breath activated and user friendly with large donning switch and bypass knob. The AirBoss Evolution Plus demonstrates Draeger's continued commitment to Technology for life. Features: Wireless in mask Heads Up Display; Rapid intervention Crew Universal Airline Coupling; Ergonomic harness and backplate assembly; Lightweight carbon composite backplate; Fail-safe first stage reducer; LDV Plus delivers 550 lpm with easy to use donning switch; Three sizes in one facepiece; Panorama Nova provides an excellent field of vision; Multilink buddy breather available in 20' or 40' length; Spectacle kits available. Duration Rating: 30 Minutes; Breathing Air: 2216 psig; Cylinder: 2216 psig; MSRP: not provided; Availability: Manufactured on demand. Information Provided By: Draeger Safety, Inc. 101 Technology Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15275 USA 412-787-6900 Email: Website: www.draeger-safety.com. The page also features a "Knowledge Links" section with categories: Mission Critical Hint(s) Available! (OSHA Legal Requirements); Third Party Certifications (NIOSH CBRN Certification-AirBoss™ Evolution Plus SCBA and AirBoss™ PSSB100 Plus SCBA; SEI - NFPA 1981 (2002 Edition) Draeger AirBoss Evolution Plus and Evolution PSS100 Plus SCBA; SEI - NFPA 1981 (2002) and NFPA 1992 (1998) - Super I-PASS II and Sentinel); Applicable Standards (4 found, click here to see all items); Related Ensemble (4 found, click here to see all items); Related AEL Item(s) ([1.1.1.1] SCBA, CBRN; [1.1.1.3] CBRN Retrofit Kit, SCBA; [1.12.1.1] System, Personal Alert Safety (PASS)); Applicable Fall 2004 SEL Item(s) ([1]A-R01-SCBA) SCBA, CBRN; [0]ZA-01-PASS) System, Personal Alert Safety (PASS)); Related Training (TEEX - INDUSTRIAL EXTERIOR FIRE BRIGADE 1061 CERTIFICATION TRAINING); Related Product(s) (PuraCount Plus Respirometer Fit Tester).

AEL and SEL

- RKB hosts a copy of the DHS Authorized Equipment List (AEL), which lists generic equipment that is allowable under DHS grant programs.

- The site also includes the Standardized Equipment List (SEL), which describes the minimum equipment needed for a WMD response. An integrated display of the AEL and SEL is also available.



SEL Only

The [Standardized Equipment List \(SEL\)](#) is recommendations for response to WMD incidents.



AEL Only

The [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#) is primarily for DHS grant programs, including the Homeland Security Grant Program.



Integrated AEL / SEL Display

To support the response community, the RKB provides an integrated display of information from both lists without the need for separate searches.



Grant Info and CEDAP

- RKB includes information on over 130 grants.
- The site also acts as the application point for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP), which provides free equipment to responders not within Urban Areas Security Initiative cities. This includes PPE, imaging, detection, communications, and IT tools.

RESPONDER KNOWLEDGE BASE

Logged in as James Ellis [edit user information / change password] Logout

Home Search the RKB Ask An Expert Help Feedback MyRKB RKB Admin

>>> Grants and Assistance Programs

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) FY2007 Description and Application

Source: DHS FEMA, National Preparedness Directorate (NPD)
Reference Number: 97.096
Objectives: The FY 2007 CEDAP complements the FEMA National Preparedness Directorate's other major grants programs to enhance regional response capabilities, mutual aid, and interoperable communications by providing technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance required to operate that equipment, to public safety agencies in smaller jurisdictions and certain metropolitan areas.
Deadlines:


The application period for CEDAP 2007 began at 0900EDT April 25, 2007, and ended at 2359EDT June 29, 2007.

Award announcements are currently planned for November, 2007. Updates to this schedule will be posted here as necessary.

Users may download a sample of the CEDAP 2007 application or a CEDAP Fact Sheet (see links at bottom of this page). The products offered in CEDAP 2007 are available for review on the site (see Knowledge Links at right).

If you have questions regarding the status of your application, PLEASE check the status first online using the RKB site (www.rkb.mipt.org).

Prospective applicants should direct any questions regarding CEDAP, the application, or the awards process to the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at 1-800-368-6498 or via e-mail at askcsid@dhs.gov. If the CSID representative cannot answer your question, your call may be routed to FEMA's technical agent for CEDAP located at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona at 1-866-659-9170.



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TKB offers access to:

- 33,000+ terrorist incidents
- 1,200+ terrorist biographies
- 1,000+ group profiles
- 200+ legal cases

Features:

- Interactive maps
- Easy to use charts and graphs
- Side-by-side comparisons

The screenshot displays the MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Base website. The header includes the title "MIPT TERRORISM KNOWLEDGE BASE" and the subtitle "A Comprehensive Databank of Global Terrorist Incidents and Organizations". A navigation menu contains links for HOME, ABOUT TKB, ANALYTICAL TOOLS, METHODOLOGIES, DOWNLOADS, LINKS, FAQ, and FEEDBACK. The main content area is divided into several sections: "tkb virtual tour" with a two-minute virtual tour link; "overview" describing the site's development by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT); "Quick Reference Guide" with a logo; "other mipt systems" including "Lessons Learned Information Sharing" and "THE RESPONDER KNOWLEDGE BASE"; "isctrc" with a link to the International Security and Counter Terrorism Reference Center; and "us state department lists" detailing classifications like Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) and Terrorist Exclusion List (TEL). A search section titled "search for groups and incidents" features a world map and a search location input field. A "knowledge base directory" lists categories such as Groups, Incidents, Cases, Leaders & Members, Countries/Areas, and Further Reference. An "analytical tools" section offers custom charts and reports, accompanied by a pie chart icon. A "sign up for free newsletter" section includes a sign-up form and a "sign up" button. The footer contains "terms of service" and "feedback" links, along with data status information: "TKB Data Status: Incident data: Last updated on Aug. 14, 2006; Indictment data: Last updated on Aug. 22, 2006." The page is powered by EMM.

TKB GIS Mapping of Terrorist Incidents

- Interactive maps overlay incident locations with:
 - detailed satellite images
 - population density
 - key infrastructure
- Users view incidents by:
 - region
 - country
 - city

MIPT TERRORISM
KNOWLEDGE BASE

A Comprehensive Databank of
Global Terrorist Incidents and Organizations

HOME | ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE BASE | ABOUT MIPT | ANALYTICAL TOOLS | LINKS | FAQ | GLOSSARY

maps
Choose from the background options to customize your map view or click the map to view country-specific terrorist incidents.


World > Middle East / Persian Gulf > Turkey

map backgrounds | map overlay options | incident filters | reset | clear | redraw

General	Power Plants	Mining: Metals	Mining: Non-metals	Mining: Fuels
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Roads	<input type="checkbox"/> Atomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Copper	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamonds	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil / Natural Gas
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication/ Electrical Lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydro	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas Pipelines	<input type="checkbox"/> Thermal	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Non-Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Fuels
<input type="checkbox"/> Rail Roads		<input type="checkbox"/> Lead		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rivers		<input type="checkbox"/> Uranium		
<input type="checkbox"/> Factories		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Metals		

Plotted Terrorist Incidents

- Show incident dots as same size
- Red
- Blue
- Green



incident results | group results

TKB Terrorist Group Profiles

Over 1,000 group profiles

Profiles include:

- Mother-tongue Name
- Base of Operations
- Founding Philosophy
- Current Goals
- “Baseball Card” Terror Stats
- Key Leaders
- Related Groups
- Additional Resources

MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Base - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

MIPT TERRORISM KNOWLEDGE BASE

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terrorist group profile

HAMAS



Mother-tongue Name: حماس

Aliases: Harakat al-Muqawamah al-Islamiyya, Islamic Resistance Movement

Base of Operation: Palestine
Inter Arab

Founding Philosophy: Hamas is a violent outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood. The Muslim Brotherhood is a Sunni, Islamist, religious movement that originated in Egypt and seeks broad social, moral, and political reforms based upon Islam. From the late 1960s, Hamas' founder and spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, was actively involved in non-violent Muslim Brotherhood activities in the Palestinian Territories, including preaching, education, and charity work. In 1973, Yassin established al-Mujamma' al-Islami (Islamic Center), an umbrella organization overseeing Muslim Brotherhood activities in the Gaza Strip. By the early 1980s, Yassin's ideology had begun to radicalize with Yassin more openly espousing violence against Israel.

After the outbreak of the first Palestinian intifada in December 1987, Hamas was established as the political arm for Muslim Brotherhood activities and Hamas members began actively promoting the uprising. In August 1988, Hamas released its official charter. Hamas is dedicated to creating an Islamic state in the territory of "Palestine" (all of Israel and Palestinian Territories). According to Hamas' charter, the land of Palestine has been endowed to Islam, and it is therefore the duty of all Muslims to liberate Palestine through violent jihad.

Current Goals: Hamas remains zealously dedicated to its violent, Islamist goals and seeks to destroy Israel and replace the Palestinian Authority with an Islamic state. While Hamas and the Palestinian Authority/PLO do cooperate occasionally, Hamas has generally presented itself as an Islamic counterweight to Arafat's secular government. Hamas has violently opposed any political compromises with Israel and has frequently used suicide bombings and rocket attacks against Israel to derail the

Date Formed: 1987

Strength: Greater than 1,000 members

Classification: Religious, Nationalist/Separatist

Last Attack: 2003-09-13

Financial Sources: Iran (state-sponsored); Donations (especially through Islamic charities); Remittances from Arab expatriates; Commercial enterprises (sewing and weaving centers and cattle farms)

U.S. Terrorist Exclusion List Designee: No

US State Dept. FTO >>

Designated: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

Watched: No

key leaders >>

al-Zahhar, Mahmud Ghousheh, Ibrahim Hanud, Mahmud Abu Marzuq, Musa Abu Rantisi, 'Abd al-Aziz

more...

related groups >>

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) • Rival and Ally

Hezbollah • Ally

1968 - Present		
Incidents	Casualties	Fatalities
123	2,274	467

Targets:

Terrorists as Targets	0%
Tourists	0%
Government	0%
Unknown	4%
Military	3%
Private Citizens & Property	54%
Utilities	0%
Business	6%
Unresolved/Unknown	5%
Transportation (other than air, sea)	17%
Other	2%
Police	3%

Hamas attacked Unknown target (Sep. 13, 2003, Occupied Territories)

Hamas attacked Private Citizens & Property target (Sep. 10, 2003, Occupied Territories)

Hamas attacked Private Citizens & Property target (Sep. 09, 2003, Israel)

Hamas attacked Private Citizens & Property target (Sep. 07, 2003, Occupied Territories)

Hamas attacked Private Citizens & Property target

TKB Terrorist Leader Profiles

1,200 key leader and member profiles

Profiles include:

- Aliases
- Role
- Current Location
- Biography
- Photographs
- Legal cases

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MIPT TERRORISM KNOWLEDGE BASE

A Comprehensive Databank of Global Terrorist Incidents and Organizations

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Tues 24 Aug 2004 2:05pm EST

UNITED SELF-DEFENSE FORCES/GROUP OF COLOMBIA

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Date Formed: April 1997
Strength: Approximately 10,000 members
Classification: Nationalist/Separatist, Right-Wing Conservative
Last Attack: May 21, 2004
Financial Sources: Drug Trafficking; Donations
U.S. Terrorist Exclusion List Designee: No

[US State Dept. FTO](#) >>

Designated: 2001, 2002, 2003
Watched: 2000

[key leaders](#) >>

Aroca, Argemiro Nunez
Gil, Carlos Castaño

key leader profile

GIL, CARLOS CASTAÑO

Aliases: No known aliases

Role: Co-Founder, Leader, Member of the Political and Military Leadership Council (four-person governing group), Spokesperson

Current Location: At Large; Believed to be in Colombia

Biography: In 2001, Carlos Castaño resigned as military leader of the AUC. Castaño claimed that he would concentrate on a public and political process to achieve his goals. However, when the Colombian government and the United States rejected the AUC as a political organization, some believe that Castaño began to re-assert himself as the de facto military and political leader of the AUC. Others believe that Carlos Castaño never intended to resign as military chief, but rather used his announcement as merely propaganda tool to gain more support for the AUC.

resources

Related Categories

- Knowledge Base Directory > Leaders & Members
- Knowledge Base Directory > Leaders & Members > By Group > Self-Defense Groups of Cordoba and Uraba
- Knowledge Base Directory > Leaders & Members > By Group > United Self-Defense Forces/Group of Colombia

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key leader photos



Source: AUC

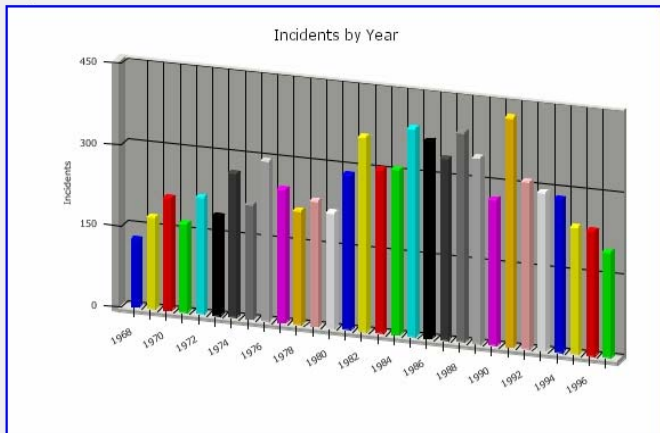


Source: AUC

TKB Incident Analysis Wizard

Incident analysis wizard

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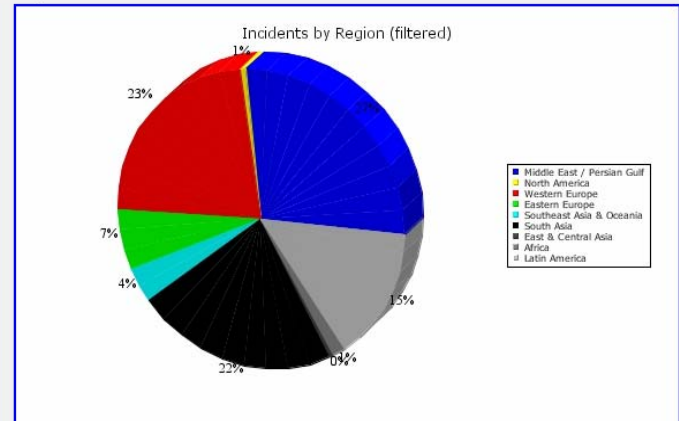
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Incident analysis wizard

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- African nation, indeter.
- Albania
- Algeria
- Alliance for Progress
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola

Institute for Defense Analyses

- Dates from World War II
- Federally funded research & development center
 - funded by national budget
 - Each FFRDC different (astronomy observatories; nuclear laboratories; research institutes)
 - National Academy of Sciences; RAND are “sisters”
- Serves Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Unified Military Commands
- Independent and nonpartisan

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IDA Homeland Security Tasks

- Administer the SAFETY Act (“Support Antiterrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies” Act)
- Hosted classified congressional panel examining the effects of EMP in U.S.
- Accept smaller, more specific tasks from DHS Science & Technology Directorate

In-House Publications

Library is demonstrating its worth to the organization!

- Daily e-mail summary tracking all new reports, documents, studies, congressional testimony
 - From over 40 organizations
 - From several government agencies
- IED Bibliography

What Else Is Out There?

- Scholarly Journals
- Magazines and newsletters
- Books and encyclopedias
- Databases and online services
- Statistics
- Congressional testimony
- Specialized media
- Websites

Scholarly Journals

Biosecurity and Bioterrorism

Disaster Prevention and Management

*FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin**

Hampton Roads International Security Quarterly

*Homeland Security Affairs**

Intelligence and National Security

International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence

International Security

Journal of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Studies in Conflict and Terrorism

*Studies in Intelligence**

Terrorism and Political Violence

* Free sites

Magazines and Newsletters

Homeland Defense Journal (*Market Access International*)

Homeland Defense Watch (*Inside Defense*)

Homeland Security Alert (*Frost & Sullivan*)

Homeland Security Magazine (McGraw-Hill)

Journal of Homeland Security (H S Institute)

Terror Response Technology Report (Defense Daily)

Books/Encyclopedias

Direct interest:

- *Critical Infrastructure Protection in Homeland Security*
- *Encyclopedia of Bioterrorism Defense*
- *Encyclopedia of Terrorism*
- *Homeland Security: Protecting America's Targets*
- *Threats to Homeland Security*

Collateral interest:

- *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence & Security*
- *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East & North Africa*
- *Encyclopedia of Islam & the Muslim World*

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Databases, A-K

- [Agricola](#)
- Congressional Research Service (see later slide for more detail)
- [CQ Homeland Security](#)*
- [Defense Technical Information Center](#)
- [Energy Citations Database](#)
- [ForensicNetBase/LawEnforcementNetBase](#)
- [Global Terrorism Database](#)
- [Government Accountability Office](#)
- [Homeland Security Digital Library](#)**
- [International Security & Counter-Terrorism Reference Center](#)*
- [Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre](#)*

* Commercial site **Speaker affiliated sites

Databases, L-Z

- Lessons Learned Information Sharing**
- National Agricultural Safety Database
- National Criminal Justice Reference Center
- National Technical Information Service
- PolicyFile*
- PubMed (MedLine)
- Responder Knowledge Base**
- Terrorism Knowledge Base**
- Terrorism Research Center
- TRIS Online (Transportation Research Information Services)
- Worldwide Incidents Tracking System (NCTC)

Statistics

- Bureau of Justice Statistics
- CDC Statistics
- FAA Accident and Incident Data
- Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center
- FedStats
- National Center for Health Statistics
- Office of Immigration Statistics
- Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics
- Statistical Abstract of the United States
- Uniform Crime Reports
- US Fire Administration Statistics

Congressional Testimony

Vendors:

- CQ
- Federal News Service
- LexisNexis

Official Sources

- Congressional Websites [included prepared statements and sometimes videos of sessions]
- GPO Access Hearings [final official version but often long delay]

Prepared testimony vs. transcripts of delivered testimony

- Prepared testimony does not include questions and answers or items submitted for the record
- Prepared remarks are not always delivered as anticipated

A Note About CRS Reports

Availability

- Prepared for Members of Congress; no public distribution

Vendors

- GalleryWatch/Penny Hill
- LexisNexis Congressional Research Digital Collection

Free Sites

- [Open CRS](#)
- [Federation of American Scientists \(FAS\)](#)
- [National Agricultural Law Center](#)
- [National Council for Science and Environment](#)
- [University of North Texas](#)

Premium Content Intelligence Media

- SITE (Search for International Terrorist Entities) Institute
 - Issues immediate transcriptions of public statements and video appearances by major terror groups & figures
- STRATFOR
- Terrorism Research Center

Websites, A-H

- [Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)
- [Center for Terrorism Risk Management Policy](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)
- [Combating Terrorism Center](#)
- [Counter-Terrorism Training and Resources for Law Enforcement](#)
- [Dept of State, Office of the Coordinator of Counterterrorism](#)
- [Emergency Management Institute](#)
- [Emergency Response & Research Institute](#)
- [Homeland Defense and Security Resources](#)
- [Homeland Security Institute](#)

Websites, I-Z

- [Illinois Law Enforcement Media Resource Center](#)
- [Institute for Homeland Security Studies](#)
- [International Institute for Counter-Terrorism](#)
- [JURIST Legal News & Research—Terrorism Law & Policy](#)
- [National Emergency Training Center—Learning Resource Center](#)
- [National Homeland Security Knowledgebase](#)
- [PPRI Disaster and Emergency Management Information Network](#)
- [SEARCH \(National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics\)](#)

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