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TRIP*wire* Report: New York, New Jersey Bombings

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) released the TRIP*wire* Extremist Threat Report "17-18 September 2016: Multiple IED Incidents in New Jersey and New York" (PDF, 601 Kb) on the bombings this weekend. The report is based on current open-source information.

The report contains a timeline, a summary of events, and a chart comparing the types of bombs used to the instructions for making bombs found in issues of Inspire magazine, al'Qaeda's English-language propaganda magazine. It also provides specifics, where possible, on the construction and functioning of the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) used in the attacks.

These bombings, and the stabbing attack in Minnesota, highlight concerns about lone wolf threats. ISIL and al'Qaeda have instructed lone wolf attackers to target public places and events, which happened in these and other recent domestic and foreign attacks.

It is vital to partner with private sector businesses, special events planners, and locations where people may congregate and help them learn to identify potential threats and suspicious behavior. DHS's site Hometown Security offers tools for private sector partners to help prepare your community for something unexpected.

(Source: OBP TRIPwire)

National 9-1-1 Data System Request for Information

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), on behalf of the National 9-1-1 Program, invites interested parties to submit comments and ideas on all aspects of the development, implementation and operations of a nationally uniform 9-1-1 data system. This is open to all public and private agencies, academic institutions, PSAP managers, associations, public interest groups, local and State 9-1-1 authorities, CAD vendors, and developers.

A nationally uniform 911 data system would provide essential information to assist strategic planning, governance decisions, and improvements to the 9-1-1 system and its operations at all levels of government. These data would also be useful to private sector companies providing services to local and state 9-1-1 agencies.

Comments may be submitted by Wednesday, September 28th through the Federal eRulemaking Portal by clicking "Submit a Formal Comment," as well as by mail or

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hand delivery to: Dockett Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, 20590.

For further information, contact Laurie Flaherty with the National 9-1-1 Program at Laurie.Flaherty@dot.gov or (202) 366-2705.

(Source: Federal Register)

Pipeline Emergency Response Webinars

The American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL) are hosting two webinars on September 19th and October 27th on the API Recommended Practice (RP) 1174 "Recommended Practice for Onshore Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Emergency Preparedness and Response" (PDF, 127 Kb).

RP1174 defines what is needed for an effective emergency management system when faced with pipeline emergencies and discusses elements necessary for improving response capabilities. The guidelines emphasize three critical areas:

- Increased focus on training and planned exercises;
- Improved communications and clearly-defined roles;
- Regular evaluation of operations to identify and address risks.

Participants will receive an overview of the key elements of the RP including the six fundamental steps to the emergency management system and the framework for enabling operators to continually improve pipeline emergency response. Interested parties must register.

In addition to the webinars, AOPL offers several resources focused on pipeline emergencies for first responders including online training, sample presentations on pipelines and pipeline emergencies, and an explanation of incident priorities. It also offers a number of "Shoulder to Shoulder" videos on incident management, emergency response roles, and hazard overviews.

(Source: API/AOPL)

"Workplace Down" Active Shooter Exercise

The HandsOn Network and Points of Light are conducting a no-cost exercise "Workplace Down – an Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise" on Thursday, September 29th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern. All interested parties must register by 12:00 p.m. Eastern on September 28th. The timing of this exercise if flexible. Participants can log in anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Eastern. The exercise will take two hours.

A few non-profit organizations and houses of worship have been targeted in the recent few years in mass shooting incidents, arsons, and even bombings. This scenario focuses on an active shooter event. Management and employees will be able to work through this exercise and face challenges associated with this type of incident.

While only private sector non-profit, community based, or faith based organizations may register for this exercise, it might provide an opportunity for law enforcement or emergency managers to perform some outreach to these entities in your community and possibly to sit in on the exercise with these community organizations.

(Source: Disaster Resistant Communities Group)