THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH 2022: INCREASING VIGILANCE TO DETER THREATS

This August is the twelfth annual Antiterrorism (AT) Awareness Month for the DOD community. The purpose of AT awareness is to promote vigilance and increase the DOD workforce's knowledge regarding potential threats, the AT program, training/ resources, force protection measures, and reporting. This program is a proactive effort focused on detecting and preventing terrorist activities targeting DOD personnel, their families, work facilities, and installation critical infrastructure.

In February 2022, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) released their **Annual Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community**. This annual report focuses on the worldwide threats to U.S. national security for the upcoming year, and specifically "provides the Intelligence Community's (IC's) baseline assessments of the most pressing threats to U.S. national interests." Per this report, "Terrorism remains a persistent threat to U.S. persons and interests at home and abroad. Individuals and small cells inspired by a variety of ideologies and personal motivations... probably present the greatest terrorist threat to the United States."

In 2020, both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security found that a range of concerning motivations and behaviors were a growing threat to the United States. On June 15, 2021, the Biden Administration released the first-ever National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism to address the security challenge posed by domestic terrorism. A **fact sheet** released by the White House contained pillars to address this challenge to America's national security and improve the federal government's response.

Pillar 1: Understand and Share Domestic Terror-ism-Related Information

Pillar 2: Prevent Domestic Terrorism Recruitment and Mobilization to Violence

Pillar 3: Disrupt and Deter Domestic Terrorism Activity

Pillar 4: Confront Long-Term Contributors to Domestic Terrorism

The comprehensive strategy outlined in the fact sheet provides a nationwide framework for the U.S. Government and partners to understand and share domestic terrorism-related information; prevent domestic terrorism recruitment and mobilization to violence; disrupt and deter domestic terrorism activity; and confront long term contributors to domestic terrorism.

Most DOD personnel are required to take AT Level 1 training annually. CDSE and other DOD/Government agencies offer additional training and resources in the areas of AT, insider threat, reporting, active shooter, physical security, travel, etc., which can increase workforce awareness and knowledge of AT/force protection. There are also threat awareness and force protection tools all DOD personnel should get familiar with to enable them to remain vigilant and safe from potential terrorist activity. DHS also has a "see something, say something" campaign which encourages vigilance in observing and reporting suspicious activity to prevent and mitigate terrorist and/or criminal acts.

DOD and DHS both have advisory systems to inform personnel and organizations about threat levels in their areas. The systems are as follows:

Force Protection Standards (DOD) - U.S. military organizations use a system of protective measures to reduce vulnerability to terrorist attack. These measures, known as force protection conditions (FPCON), change as the threat of attack changes. Regional commanders announce the FPCON for units under their command. Local commanders may increase the FPCON based on local factors and may apply additional protection measures to reduce the risk of attack.

DOD Terrorism Levels - The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and other U.S. agencies assess a terrorist threat level for each country. If there is indication that a terrorist group is active and targeting U.S. forces, DIA will issue a terrorism warning report. Regional and local U.S. commanders can assign a different Terrorist Threat Level for specific personnel, units, and installations. These threat levels indicate that DOD personnel need to take appropriate precautions.

National Terrorism Advisory System (DHS) – NTAS advisories communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, Government agencies, first responders, public

DOD TERRORISM LEVELS

High - Anti-U.S. terrorists are operationally active and use large casualty-producing attacks as their preferred method of operation. There is a substantial DOD presence and the operating environment favors the terrorists.

Signifcant - Anti-U.S. terrorists are present and attack personnel as their preferred method of operation or a group uses large casualty-producing attacks as its preferred method, but has limited operational activity. The operating environment is neutral.

Moderate - Terrorists are present, but there are noindications of anti-U.S. activity. The operating environment favors the host nation and the U.S.

Low - No terrorist group is detected or the group activity is non-threatening.

FORCE PROTECTION STANDARDS

FPCON Normal	This condition applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture. At a minimum, access control will be conducted at all DOD installations and facilities.
FPCON Alpha	This condition applies when there is a general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel and facilities, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable, and circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON Bravo measures. The measures in this force protection condition must be capable of being maintained indefinitely.
FPCON Bravo	This condition applies when an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained for weeks without causing undue hardship, affecting operational capability, and aggravating relations with local authorities.
FPCON Charlie	This condition applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action against personnel and facilities is likely. Implementation of measures in this FPCON for more than a short period will probably create hardships and affect the peacetime activities of the unit and its personnel.
FPCON Delta	This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack occurred or when intelligence shows that a terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized condition.

sector organizations, airports and other transportation hubs. NTAS consists of two types of advisories: bulletins and alerts. If warranted, DHS will share alerts regarding potential terrorist activity. You can also subscribe to the bulletins and alerts by visiting the **NTAS webpage**. **Download** this poster to share information about NTAS advisories.

Security is a shared responsibility. Organizations are encouraged to provide opportunities to learn more about AT with awareness campaigns in August and throughout the year. Share this newsletter, which lists training and awareness tools, within your agency to promote security vigilance and reporting to your workforce. Individuals can do their part to support the AT program by practicing safety and security best practices learned through AT training at work and home. Learn your organization's emergency procedures for evacuation, bomb threats, active shooter, and other situations. Most importantly, report any suspicious activity to your security personnel or law enforcement. Awareness, vigilance, and reporting are key to detecting and preventing terrorist activities and keeping yourself, your family, and your workplace safe and secure!

"As (Secretary of Defense) Austin has emphasized, the department is focused on prohibited activity; not on a particular ideology, thought or political orientation. The new definition preserves a service member's right of expression to the extent possible, while also balancing the need for good order and discipline to affect military combat and unit readiness."

– John F. Kirby, Pentagon press secretary

National Terrorism Advisory System
www.DHS.gov/advisories

⊛NTAS
NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM

BULLETIN

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism

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ELEVATED ALERT

Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States

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IMMINENT ALERT

Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States

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Report suspicious activity
to local law enforcement
or call 9-1-1 in case
of emergency

CDSE/DOD ANTITERRORISM AND FORCE PROTECTION RESOURCES

PRODUCT	TYPE	URL
Antiterrorism Officer Level II (GS109.16)	eLearning Course	**https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/GS109/**
Antiterrorism Considerations and Design/ Construction Standards	Physical Security Toolkit	**https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Physical-Security-Toolkit/**
Active Shooter Awareness	Short	**https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/ multimedia/shorts/active-shooter/story_html5.html**
CI Foreign Travel Brief	Short	**https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/ multimedia/shorts/ci-foreign-travel/story_html5. html**
DOD Prevention, Assistance, and Response Capabilities	Short	**https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/ multimedia/shorts/parc/parc/parc/page_0005.html**
CI Awareness and Reporting Course for DOD Employees (CI116.16)	eLearning Course	**https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/CI116/**
Targeted Violence	Security Awareness Game	**https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/ multimedia/games/kinetic/index.html**
CJCS Guide 5260, A Self Help Guide to Antiterrorism	Job Aid/Guide	**https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/ Library/Handbooks/CJCS%20Guide%205260. pdf?ver=qVc2hqnMpe1UOrNcgY175A%3d%3d**
Antiterrorism Individual Protective Measures Card	Job Aid/ Pocket Card	**https://home.army.mil/liggett/application/ files/9115/6513/1214/CJCS_5260_Pocket_Card.pdf**
Insider Threat Toolkit (Kinetic Violence Tab)	Job Aids/ Reports/Videos/ Policy/Training	**https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Insider-Threat-Toolkit/#kinetic-violence**

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY ANTITERRORISM RESOURCES

PRODUCT	SOURCE	URL
Traveler Resources	U.S. Department of State	**https://www.state.gov/travelers/#americans-abroad**
Counterterrorism Guide	Office of the Director for National Intelligence	**https://www.dni.gov/nctc/index.html**
JCAT: Products and Resources	Office of the Director for National Intelligence	**https://www.dni.gov/index.php/nctc-features/1464**
Preventing Terrorism	Department of Homeland Security	**https://www.dhs.gov/topic/preventing-terrorism**
See Something/ Say Something Campaign	Department of Homeland Security	**https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/ recognize-the-signs**
National Terrorism Advisory Alerts/ Bulletins	Department of Homeland Security	**https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system**

UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE invites you to join our upcoming webinars:

NBIS The Future of Personnel Vetting
Thursday, August 18, 2022
1:00pm to 2:00 pm ET

Physical Security Posture: Security-In-Depth
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Counter Insider Threat Resources for Your Organization
Thursday, September 8, 2022

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Disinformation and Insider Threat
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Personnel Vetting Policy Overview with OUSD(I&S)
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Register today for these events and join the discussion!

SIGN UP FOR FALL EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration is still open for the fall semester of CDSE Education classes that run from August 22 to December 18, 2022. There are 14 courses available during the fall semester. Several of the courses are full but seats are still available in some courses including the following:

- Writing and Communication Skills for Security Professionals (ED 201)
- Organizational Considerations in Applying Security within the Federal and DOD Bureaucracy (ED 502)
- Understanding Adversaries and Threats to the United States and the DOD (ED 504)

Learn more about all of the classes being offered and register for them by accessing the links located here: **https://www.cdse.edu/Education/Courses/**

To register, log into the Security, Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP) via: **https://cdse. usalearning.gov/local/pwt_privacy_policy/view.php**

If you have any questions, or need additional information, send inquiries to: **dcsa.cdseeducation@mail.mil**

NEW AND UPDATED CYBERSECURITY COURSES NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE recently released one new and one updated cybersecurity eLearning course:

New Risk Management Framework (RMF): Prepare Step (CS101.16). This course provides training to DOD personnel with assessment and authorization responsibilities to help them prepare their organization to manage its security and privacy risks using the Risk Management Framework. To learn more, register, and access course resources, visit **https://www.cdse.edu/ Training/eLearning/CS101/**

Updated Introduction to the Risk Management Framework (RMF) (CS124.16). This course identifies policies and regulations that govern the DOD RMF process and defines DOD Information Technology and the categories of DOD information affected by the RMF. Additionally, it provides an understanding of the Seven Step Implementation process of RMF and the RMF's applicability to the DOD Acquisition Process.

This course was updated to introduce a new RMF Prepare Step because of major changes to Policy and Guidance. It also reflects updates to information flow, content, graphics and terminology refresh to ensure alignment with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800-37 Rev 2, Risk Management Framework for Information Systems and Organizations: A System Life Cycle Approach for Security and Privacy.

To learn more and register for the updated course, visit **https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/CS124/**

UPCOMING SECURITY CONFERENCES

Register now for the **Insider Threat Virtual Security Conference**. Registration is not yet available for the DOD Security Conference but will be announced in future Pulse issues, the CDSE Flash, CDSE's social media and on the **CDSE Webinars and Conferences** webpage.

2022 Insider Threat Virtual Security Conference
September 1, 2022

2022 Virtual DOD Security Conference (vDSC)
October 12-13, 2022

NATIONAL INSIDER THREAT AWARENESS MONTH

National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM) is next month! First held in 2019, NITAM is an annual, month-long campaign during September that brings together thousands of U.S. security professionals and policy makers from Government and industry, located in 25 countries around the globe, to educate Government and industry about the risks posed by insider threats and the role of insider threat programs. This year's theme is "Critical Thinking in Digital Spaces." For more information, visit the **NITAM website**.

PERSEREC COUNTER-INSIDER THREAT SUMMIT

The Defense Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC) Threat Lab will host the Counter-Insider Threat (C-InT) Social & Behavioral Science (SBS) Summit: September 1-30, 2022.This 30-day virtual training event will feature live webinars, prerecorded webcasts, articles, books, training aids, and other open-source resources created and curated by leading subject matter experts in counter-insider threat research and practice. The Summit will focus on building Cognitive Immunity. Register here: **https://sbssummit.com/**

★★★★★ **WHAT THE SECURITY COMMUNITY IS SAYING**

Antiterrorism Officer (ATO) Level II (GS109.16) -eLearning

"Great great course. Very informative."

"Good Course, study guides helped."

"Glad we have this ability to mitigate the loss of AT Level II travel training teams."

SEPTEMBER DOD SECURITY SPECIALIST COURSE

The next DOD Security Specialist Course (SSC) is scheduled to start September 12, 2022 and is entirely virtual! The four-week, virtual SSC has been well-received within the community averaging over 85 percent approval rating amongst students. The course provides students a baseline of fundamental knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices. It incorporates industrial, information, personnel, and physical security disciplines to understand their interrelationships, related policies, programs, and procedures.

To learn more, register, and view the required prerequisites, visit: **https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Virtual-Instructor-led-Courses/GS101/**

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Insider Threat Bulletins	Flash	Quarterly Product Report