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PHYSICAL SECURITY & ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

AUGUST IS ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

The month of August is recognized as Antiterrorism (AT) Awareness month within the Department of Defense (DoD). The purpose of AT Awareness month is to raise awareness and increase the vigilance of DoD personnel and their families to reduce the threat of terrorist attacks. The 2019 Worldwide Threat Assessment of the Intelligence Community identified many different groups who pose a threat to Americans living or traveling abroad and in the U.S. homeland. Regular vigilance and the reporting of suspicious activities and behavior to local authorities are key to preventing a terrorist attack. For Antiterrorism Officers

(ATOs), the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) offers the **Antiterrorism Officer (ATO) Level II eLearning** course.

This recently updated, 13-hour CDSE online training is For Official Use Only (FOUO) and meets the refresher training requirements outlined in DoDI O-2000.16 "Department of Defense (DoD) Antiterrorism (AT) Program Implementation." The course details the responsibilities of ATOs at DoD facilities and installations around the world. Students will explore the AT plan by examining physical security considerations,

the antiterrorism planning process, and resource management. This course also uses interactive practice exercises which allow students to apply their knowledge.

ADDITIONAL ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS RESOURCES:

- **Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal (ATEP)** – Select the DoD Signature eMail certificate on Internet Explorer
- **Antiterrorism Awareness Information** – Army OneSource
- **eGuardian** – FBI
- **Traveler Resources** – U.S. Department of State

DID YOU KNOW?

Antiterrorism knowledge is important because terrorism is an enduring, persistent, worldwide threat to our communities.



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SECURING THE NATION: THE PHYSICAL SECURITY AND ANTITERRORISM PROGRAMS

As we approach the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it is important to highlight the initiatives created by the U.S. government to improve national security. One of those initiatives is Force Protection (FP), which describes the preventive measures taken to mitigate hostile actions against Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. This article will focus on two independent enablers of FP: the Physical Security (PHYSEC) Program and the Antiterrorism (AT) Program. Even though they serve unique functions, both programs teach government personnel ways to protect the nation and themselves from foreign and domestic threats.

Not all terrorists seek the immediate destruction of U.S. landmarks. Some terrorists have used tactics such as hijackings, kidnappings, armed assaults, other acts of unlawful violence, or the threat of it to instill fear in the public. That is why PHYSEC's focus is to prevent unauthorized access to personnel, equipment, installations, material, and documents. The PHYSEC Program uses active and passive measures, designed to

prevent unauthorized access and to safeguard assets against terrorism, espionage, sabotage, damage, and criminal activity. Its goal is to protect U.S. assets from a myriad of threats because failure to do so could damage national security and potentially lead to loss of life. CDSE plays a vital role in educating security professionals by offering multiple PHYSEC courses.

AT is defined as the "defensive measures used to reduce the vulnerability of individuals and property to terrorist acts, including rapid containment by local military and civilian forces." The AT Program advises

security professionals to think both big and small when it comes to thwarting terrorism. Sometimes reporting an unattended piece of luggage to a security officer is enough to prevent a disaster; however, Antiterrorism Officers study the most extreme and dangerous aspects of AT.

CDSE offers an ATO Level II course that discusses terrorist group operations, hostage-taking and survival, terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction, active shooter threats, and more. The course also incorporates "physical security considerations," since the two programs have similar

principles. They are meant to work together and build off of each other in support of the FP mission.

The PHYSEC and AT programs are just two of many FP enablers. They are tools used to fight terrorism, and are only effective if we use them properly. Security is a shared responsibility in which we all must participate to ensure safety. Reporting a stranger who was asking questions about your installation or a vehicle left in the "no parking" zone could save lives. Remember, if you see something, say something.





PHYSICAL SECURITY TRAINING AND RESOURCES

CDSE has a variety of Physical Security (PHYSEC) training and resources. If you are new to PHYSEC, we suggest you start with the following eLearning courses, in the order listed, to develop a foundation in PHYSEC concepts and principles. After completing these eLearning courses, find additional training and resources to expand your knowledge and skills on the [Physical Security content webpage](#).

RECOMMENDED eLEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Introduction to Physical Security** PY011.16 [CompTIA](#)
- **Physical Security Measures** PY103.16 [CompTIA](#)
- **Physical Security Planning and Implementation** PY106.16 [CompTIA](#)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND RESOURCES

- **Physical Security and Asset Protection ILT Course** PY201.01
- **eLearning courses**

DOD LOCK PROGRAM AND CDSE LOCK RESOURCES

An integral part of PHYSEC is the DoD Lock Program. This program is designated as the DoD technical authority for locks, safes, vaults, seals, and containers used to protect national security information and arms, ammunitions, and explosives. The DoD Lock Program website provides technical lock information, a technical support hotline, a "What's New" section, and a biannual Security Facts Newsletter. Learn more about the DoD Lock Program and all available products [here](#).



To support the DoD Lock Program, CDSE provides training and resources for you to learn more about DoD locks and how to use them. These resources include the approved types of locks, operating, opening, closing, and changing the combinations, etc. Access the eLearning courses, shorts, videos, job aids, and other resources in the [Locks](#) tab of the [Physical Security Toolkit](#).

PHYSICAL SECURITY CERTIFICATION

Demonstrate that you have the skills and knowledge needed to address physical security threats and challenges by obtaining a Physical Security Certification (PSC). The PSC is ideal for DoD employees, federal employees, and contractors assigned to physical security functions. The PSC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Learn more [here](#).

NEW CDSE PSAs NOW AVAILABLE

Are you a security manager looking to share information with your organization about CDSE? We now have three separate Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that outline our Training, Education, and Certification that are easily shared with the following links:

Any questions or requests for more information about these PSAs can be directed to dcsa.ncr.dcsa-cdse.mbx.cdse-communications@mail.mil

Training:



<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/760594/cdse-training-program-psa>

Education:



<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/760595/cdse-education-program-psa>

Certification:



<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/760596/cdse-certification-program-psa>

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"As both a federal Law Enforcement Officer and military reservist, this was great training that will be useful in both careers."

– Anonymous

Course: Antiterrorism Officer (ATO) Level II GS109.16