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Thank you for your interest in Tennessee Homeland Security.

The primary mission of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Office of Homeland Security is to prevent acts of terrorism and protect the citizens of Tennessee and our critical infrastructure from attack. We accomplish this, in part, by providing the resources and knowledge necessary for law enforcement, public safety agencies, private sector partners, and citizens to better understand the risks presented by both international and domestic threats.

The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security offers a variety of homeland security educational presentations and depending on your needs, it may be possible to customize a program to accommodate your target audience.

If your organization is interested in hosting a presentation or you would like additional information regarding our educational programs, please contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security at TNHomeland.SecurityTraining@tn.gov or (615)532-7825.

Public Safety

(Available for Law Enforcement and all other Public Safety Organizations)

Introduction to Terrorism – The Creation of Fear

Terrorism can range from complex plots to small scale attacks and can take many forms. Often, the terrorist goal is to create an atmosphere of fear – in an effort to convince a population that their government is powerless to protect them.

This **2 hour** presentation serves as an introduction to terrorism as a global phenomenon and is designed to provide a general understanding of terrorism, terrorist activities, and methodologies. The presentation discusses terrorist ideologies and belief systems, ‘lone wolf’ terrorism, and significant terrorist organizations and movements, which are a threat to the United States today.

Domestic Extremism – Terror from Within

While international terrorism is still on the top of the threat-pyramid, a chain of recent events and new research indicates that the threat from far right and far left extremist movements here in the United States is increasing. The current domestic terrorist threats facing the United States include racial hate groups, environmental extremists, violent anti-government groups, and radical separatists groups.

This **2 hour** presentation examines the fundamental beliefs of the most prevalent domestic extremism ideologies in the United States today. As well, this presentation provides information on radicalization, the threat from lone offenders, important extremist terms and concepts, and the challenges of domestic terrorism information gathering.

The Sovereign Citizen Movement – Understanding their Beliefs

The Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government and although they know the government exists; Sovereign Citizens believe that they have found obscure legal ways to be immune from its various laws.

This **2 hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing movement by discussing the most common conspiracy theories behind their ideology as well as the most common practices and tactics of the Sovereign Citizen. It is intended to heighten awareness of the threat for law enforcement and public safety professionals as they may encounter these individuals during the course of their duties.

Radicalization and Homegrown Violent Extremism – A Call to Global Jihad

The terrorism threat to the United States is ever evolving. While the threat of another large-scale September 11, 2001 attack from a foreign terrorist organization has been diminished, there has been an increase in individuals within the United States adhering to global radical ideology and mobilizing towards or even carrying out attacks within the homeland. These individuals are known as Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs) and while they share several characteristics of both traditional domestic and international terrorists, they are in a class all their own.

This **2 hour** presentation will provide an in-depth examination of homegrown violent extremism, to include the current state of the threat, terrorists' radicalization process, as well as U.S. counter strategies. It is intended to aid law enforcement and public safety professionals in understanding their role in detecting, disrupting, and deterring acts of terrorism within the homeland.

Critical Infrastructure Awareness

The systems that make up the infrastructure of our society are often taken for granted. However, if a disruption, from either a natural disaster or a deliberate act, was to impact any of these systems it would have major consequences - especially at the local and regional levels. Protecting, strengthening and maintaining these assets and systems require a proactive and collaborative effort across all levels of government and private industry.

This **1 hour** presentation is intended to inform and encourage law enforcement and public safety professionals to work closely with their private sector partners to increase security and resilience of America's critical infrastructure.

Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Liaison Officer

The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Liaison Officer serves as the conduit through which homeland security and crime-related information flows from the field to the Fusion Center for assessment and analysis as it has become evident that one of the best ways to mitigate criminal and terrorist activity is to prevent it.

This **8 hour** basic Liaison Officer program fosters communication and collaboration amongst public safety, law enforcement, and homeland security partners and provides the knowledge and resources to better understand the responsibilities of a Liaison Officer. This program is designed to train law enforcement and public safety officials in information collection, suspicious activity reporting, the role of fusion centers, the special problems of terrorism, as well as, increase the participant's knowledge of information versus intelligence and their awareness of civil rights and civil liberties issues in regards to information collection and information sharing.

Law Enforcement Only

(Restricted to Law Enforcement)

Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS)

Criminal activity knows no jurisdictional boundaries and often times offenders operate in multiple municipalities. But with limited time, resources, and budgetary restraints, information sharing can be a challenge for law enforcement. The Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) is a comprehensive database, available to Tennessee law enforcement, which can provide crucial information and aid in the criminal investigation process by making available access to statewide law enforcement department records.

This **2 hour** program is intended to provide a look of the Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) and how statewide law enforcement officers and investigators can benefit from this comprehensive tool. ***This is a 'hand-on' course, wherein attendees will utilize the CRMS system. Attendees are required to have access to an internet assessable computer.***

Public

(Available for all private and public groups and organizations)

Introduction to Terrorism – The Creation of Fear

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This **1 ½ hour** presentation serves as an introduction to terrorism as a global phenomenon and is designed to provide a general understanding of terrorism, terrorist activities, and methodologies.

What is “Suspicious Activity?”

Every citizen being alert to and reporting suspicious activity is the best way to protect our communities from terrorism and other criminal activity. In July 2010, the United States Department of Homeland Security launched a national *“If You See Something, Say Something™”* campaign, to raise public awareness and to highlight the importance of reporting suspicious activity.*

This **1 hour** presentation is designed to aid in identifying suspicious activity based on suspicious behavior and situations; as well as discuss who to report suspicious activity to and what mechanisms are in place to do so.

*United States Department of Homeland Security. *“If You See Something, Say Something™”* Campaign. <http://www.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something%E2%84%A2-campaign>

Sudden Violence – Surviving an Active Shooter

Throughout the United States, acts of sudden and unexpected violence in schools, shopping malls, office buildings, and other public locations have been on the rise. Events like the shootings in Virginia, Colorado, Oregon, and Connecticut raise awareness of this continuing national problem.

This **1 ½ hour** presentation - intended for businesses, schools, and other private entities - will provide vital information about mitigating the threat posed by individuals who carry out acts of violence, along with information that addresses intervention, clarifies the role of those involved, and how to effectively respond to the problem. *(This is not a tactical training course)*

Bomb Threat and Suspicious Package Management

Bomb and suspicious package threats persist as one of the most common threat related problems encountered by any organization.

This **1 hour** presentation - intended for private businesses and other entities - is designed to provide options for an organization faced with a bomb incident and/or a suspicious package at their facility. The program will cover reasons for bomb threats, credibility of the threat, search techniques, evacuations, and threat management choices.

Protecting Your Identity – What You Should Know, What You Should Do

Identity fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. It affects millions of victims each year and results in billions of dollars in losses for consumers, businesses, and financial institutions. It takes years to build one's identity, but it could be destroyed very quickly if it is misused by someone.

This **1 hour** presentation is intended to explain some common methods used by identity thieves, how to safeguard your identity, and what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

Internet Safety – Keeping our Children Safe Online

The Internet can be a wonderful resource and can open up a world of possibilities for children. Children can swipe a screen and have access to the world - but that access can also pose dangers. There are individuals online who attempt to exploit children through the use of the Internet.

This **1 hour** presentation is intended to offer parents, guardians, and even communities information about what they can do to better protect their children from these online threats.

How to Host a Training Program

In addition to delivering presentations at various conferences across Tennessee, the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security delivers our programs via host organizations. Organizations that host our programs are normally expected to provide training or classroom space and assist with marketing the class. The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security will typically provide everything else necessary to deliver the presentation, including instructors, handouts, and/or supplies.

Who can be a Host?

A host can be any organization – private, corporate, or government that:

- has a need or interest in one or more of our presentations
- has free access to a suitable classroom where the presentation can be given and
- is willing to get the word out and promote the presentation in and around their area.

What is required to become a Host?

1. Determine which program(s) you would like to host.*
2. Contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security.

Phone: (615) 532-7825

Email: TNHomeland.SecurityTraining@tn.gov - put "Host Training" in the subject line.

**If your organization needs a particular type of training and you do not see it in our catalog, please send us an email and we will try to accommodate your needs.*