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Transportation Sector Security Planning & Training

Recent ramming attacks in Europe may point to a new trend by foreign terrorist organizations to use the Transportation Sector to carry out terrorist attacks. Several of these overseas attacks used hijacked cargo and delivery trucks.

The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) issued a notice to truck owners and rental companies warning them to be vigilant. Several programs exist to assist those working in or with the Transportation Sector to identify suspicious behavior, and first responders are encouraged to be familiar with possible indicators of terrorism as well.

First Observer/First Observer Plus is a video training program for highway transportation professionals and focuses on recognizing suspicious activity possibly related to terrorism and how to report it.

The Highway Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancements (BASE) is a voluntary, risk-based program designed to identify security vulnerabilities within the various highway transportation modes and, in turn, offer mitigation options for reducing those vulnerabilities. Contact HighwaySecurity@dhs.gov for more information.

The Transportation Security Template and Assessment Review Toolkit (T-START) provides a security overview, guidance on conducting a vulnerability assessment, and instructions on completing a security plan. Pocket Counterterrorism Guides, intended to provide an awareness of issues to be addressed when developing and implementing a security plan, are also available. Email HighwaySecurity@dhs.gov for information on these resources.

Finally, the Intermodal Security Training & Exercise Program (I-STEP) provides exercise, training, and security planning tools and services to the transportation community, including, but not limited to, highway and motor carrier. The risk-based exercise program helps identify, manage, and mitigate risk.

(Source: TSA)

FEMA Seeks Comments on NIMS Draft Changes

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released draft documents on the Resource Management component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and a 30-day National Engagement period is now open, allowing stakeholders to review the changes and provide feedback. This may be the only opportunity to weigh in on these proposed changes affecting NIMS Guidelines for Mutual Aid, Cre-

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dentialing of Personnel, Job Titles/Position Qualifications, and Position Task Books.

NIMS describes the requirements necessary for a standardized response and provides a consistent, common approach and vocabulary enabling the whole community to work together seamlessly to manage all threats and hazards regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

FEMA is hosting webinars throughout May to describe the drafts and answer any questions participants may have on providing feedback. Please visit the National Engagement site to review the drafts and for details on the webinars. To provide comments on the drafts, complete the feedback form and submit it to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov. The Engagement Period closes at 5 p.m. Eastern on June 9, 2017.

(Source: FEMA NIMS National Engagement)

SAVER Reports Provide Purchasing Guidance

The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T) System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) program tests and evaluates equipment used by first responders, enabling agencies to make informed purchasing decisions based on measured results.

S&T recently announced SAVER Program reports are available for download. SAVER produced 23 new reports in 2016, addressing seven categories of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Authorized Equipment List (AEL), including Handheld Thermal Imagers, Ballistic-Resistant Body Armor for Women, Throwable Robots, and Personal Cooling Systems.

SAVER reports are free, written "Consumer Reports" style, and searchable by AEL category to align with grant opportunities.

The SAVER program's new online resources are housed on the First Responder Communities of Practice site, FirstResponder.gov, an online vetted community focusing on emergency preparedness and response. The limited distribution documents may be accessed by local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. If you fall into that category but do not have access to FirstResponder.gov, you may request an account.

(Source: SAVER Program)

Webinar: Mapping Pharmacies During Disasters

Healthcare Ready is hosting the webinar "Rx Open: Mapping Pharmacies During Disasters" on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. Those interested can join using the meeting number: 598 127 725.

Rx Open helps patients and medical staff find nearby open pharmacies in areas impacted by disaster. Using data feeds from several sources in the pharmaceutical industry, people can search Google Maps to see the locations of pharmacies and know which are open, closed, and which are status unknown. This information is also critical for government agencies trying to determine a disaster's impact on infrastructure and public health.

As of this writing, Rx Open is not activated, but you may view the map on the website to see what local pharmacies are participating. Participation in Rx Open is free. For more information, see the Rx Open FAQs page or email contactus@healthcareready.org.

(Source: Healthcare Ready)