



## State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

### Law Enforcement Response to Terrorism

#### Introduction

Do you know some of the indicators of terrorist activity? Do you know how to report this information? Can you think like a terrorist? Do you know what to do in case of a terrorist attack? Learn these things and more in this highly interactive course.

This is a one-time refresher/update training per POST Specialized Training Requirements, Law Enforcement Response to Terrorism (LERT) (PC 13519.12) and Regulation 1081.

#### Learning Objectives

The course will address the following learning objectives:

- Recognize the importance of the dispatcher's and officer's role in recognizing and disrupting potential threats of terrorism.
- Identify the key elements of terrorism, pre-incident indicators, and the phases of terrorist activity.
- Identify the various options for reporting terrorist activity including a Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) and correctly report suspected evidence of terrorist activity.
- Identify the role of the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO), Fusion Centers, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), State Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (STTAC), and the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Centers (RTTAC) and the Federal Terrorism Screening Center (TSC).
- Identify the types of weapons most used by terrorists including materials used to build weapons and where these materials can be accessed.
- Identify critical infrastructures and potential targets of terrorist activity.
- Identify the correct actions to take as a first responder to a terrorist attack.
- Recognize the threats presented by different types of weapons of mass destruction.
- Identify the elements of the incident command system and the officer's role within it.



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## Content Outline

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- Overview of ways in which communities are vulnerable to terrorist attack and the role of field officer vigilance in disrupting terrorist attacks.
- Describes four common elements of terrorism including violent illegal actions, social or political motivations, targeted civilian populations, and an intention to coerce a government.
- Identifies the definitions of terrorism.

### Recognizing and Reporting

- Reviews the pre-incident indicators of terrorist activity: recruiting new members, raising funds, selecting targets, conducting reconnaissance, selecting and building weapons, transporting weapons to targets.
- Learning Activity: Participants review scenario-based situations based on several types of terrorist acts, identify potential indicators of terrorist activity, and select the appropriate actions to gather and report the suspicious activity.

### The Mindset of a Terrorist

- Identifies how terrorists raise money, recruit new members, and consider targets.
- Identifies locations where terrorists can find weapon components.
- Defines critical infrastructure and encourages participants to identify their local infrastructures.
- Describes weapons including explosives, incendiary devices, chemical weapons, radiological devices, biological agents.
- Learning Activity: Participants review scenarios and make decisions using the mindset of a terrorist/terrorist group.

### First Response to Terrorist Attacks

- Explains why the decisions of first responders to terrorist attacks are critical.
- Identifies the importance of managing hazards and contamination.
- Describes the levels of personal protective equipment (PPE) and their limitations.



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- Defines and identifies the role of first responders within the incident command system (ICS). Describes function of the ICS and how it controls resources, command and coordination at the scene.
- Reviews the characteristics of and responsibilities of personnel within the hot zone, warm zone, and cold zone.
- Overview of how the State Emergency Management System (SEMS) coordinates between local, mutual aid, county and state personnel.
- Overview of how the National Incident Management System (NIMS) coordinates between federal and state personnel.
- Learning Activity: Participants review scenario-based terrorist attacks and make decisions on reporting and responses.