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**CRISIS CONTROLLED**  
**Assessing Potential Threats**  
**of Violence**

**Trooper John R. Wright**  
**Virginia State Police**

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# TERRORISM

## AWARENESS AND PREVENTION



# PURPOSE

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- ❑ ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO BECOME PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR OWN SECURITY
  - ❑ FORGE A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY
  - ❑ DISCOURAGE, DETECT, AND DEFEAT TERRORISM IN AMERICA
  - ❑ THROUGH EDUCATION, AVOID ABUSES CAUSED BY PREJUDICE AND IGNORANCE.
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# THIS IS NOT ABOUT...

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- SPYING ON NEIGHBORS
- CREATING VIGILANTES
- HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE EYES



# WHAT IS TERRORISM?

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***THE UNLAWFUL USE OF  
FORCE OR VIOLENCE AGAINST  
PERSONS OR PROPERTY TO  
INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A  
GOVERNMENT OR CIVILIAN  
POPULATION, OR ANY  
SEGMENT THEREOF, IN  
FURTHERANCE OF POLITICAL  
OR SOCIAL OBJECTIVES.***

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# WHAT IS TERRORISM?

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- It must be against the law.
  - Terrorism's goal is to force change.
  - It has a particular objective – more than money or pleasure.
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# WHERE DO TERRORISTS COME FROM?

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- FRUSTRATED OVER SLOW OR LACK OF CHANGE**
  - LIFE CHANGING EVENT**
  - OBSESSED WITH CAUSE**
  - END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS**
  - SEE SELF AS HERO, NOT CRIMINAL**
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***PURPOSE OF TERRORISM?***

***IMMEDIATE GOALS***

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# FEAR

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- Used to leave you with a lasting impression.



# PANIC



Lorenzo Ciniglio / Corbis Sygma

# DISRUPTION

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- ❑ To cause effects beyond immediate victims.



# DEMORALIZATION

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- ❑ To affect our national psyche
- ❑ To shock or paralyze us into inactivity



# INTIMIDATION

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- ❑ Form of blackmail
- ❑ They hope to affect our ability to respond.



# EMBARRASS GOVERNMENT

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- Cause citizens to question the ability of our government to protect us.



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**MOST  
IMPORTANT**

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# MEDIA ATTENTION

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David Silverman / Newsmakers

## Used to:

- Intimidate or coerce
  - Publicize a cause
  - Give a sense of power and prestige
  - Raising support and recruiting.
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***PURPOSE OF TERRORISM?***

***LONG-TERM GOALS***

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# FORCE POLICY CHANGE

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- ❑ Marine barracks bombing in Beirut
  - ❑ Attack of special OPS troops in Somalia
  - ❑ Leads to pull out of humanitarian and peace keeping missions
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# OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS

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- ❑ 1979 President Carter lost election primarily because of Iranian hostage crisis
  - ❑ Not an overthrow but influential in government change
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# HOMELAND

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Organizations working to have their piece of the USA



- Aryan Nations
- American Indian movement
- Republic of New Africa

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# HOW TERRORISTS OPERATE

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# LOW KEY TERRORISM

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Smaller “crimes” are used to further goals

- ❑ GRAFFITI
- ❑ VANDALISM
- ❑ THREATS
- ❑ CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



# ASSAULTS & MURDERS

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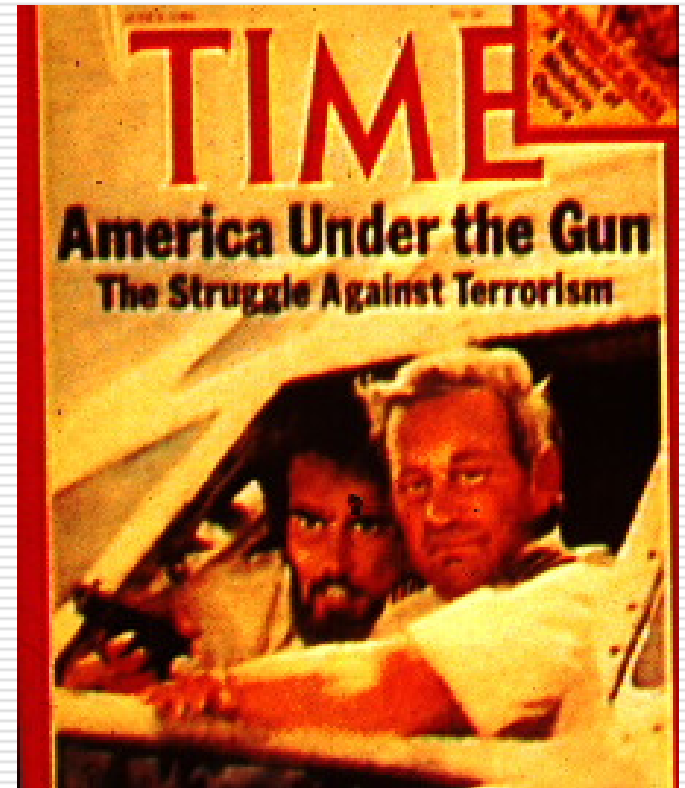
- ❑ Send Message
- ❑ Often Symbolic
- ❑ Dangerous for terrorist
  - Attacker must be present
  - Witnesses are usually present
  - Evidence is readily available



# KIDNAPPING & SKYJACKINGS

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- ❑ Can generate multiple victims
- ❑ Extended media coverage
- ❑ Bargaining
- ❑ 9/11
- ❑ Most dangerous to terrorists



# KIDNAPPING AND SKYJACKINGS

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## Kidnappings

- Public act
- Logistic support for victim
- Communication with authorities

## Skyjackings

- Plane eventually has to land
  - Method of storming plane is different
  - Terrorist is suicidal
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# ARSON & BOMBINGS

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- ❑ **MOST COMMON** – fires are easy to start and explosives are relatively simple to make
- ❑ **LOW RISK**
- ❑ **HIGH RETURN** – cause a great number of casualties
- ❑ **LETHALITY**
- ❑ **MEDIA MAGNET**



# WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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## Reasons for terrorist to consider WMD



- Next level of escalation
  - High level of harm
  - Chemical, biological, radiological WMD spread by air
  - Requires decontamination
  - Psychological impact
  - Difficult to prepare for
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# WMD “Defined”

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## ANY DEVICE THAT INCLUDES:

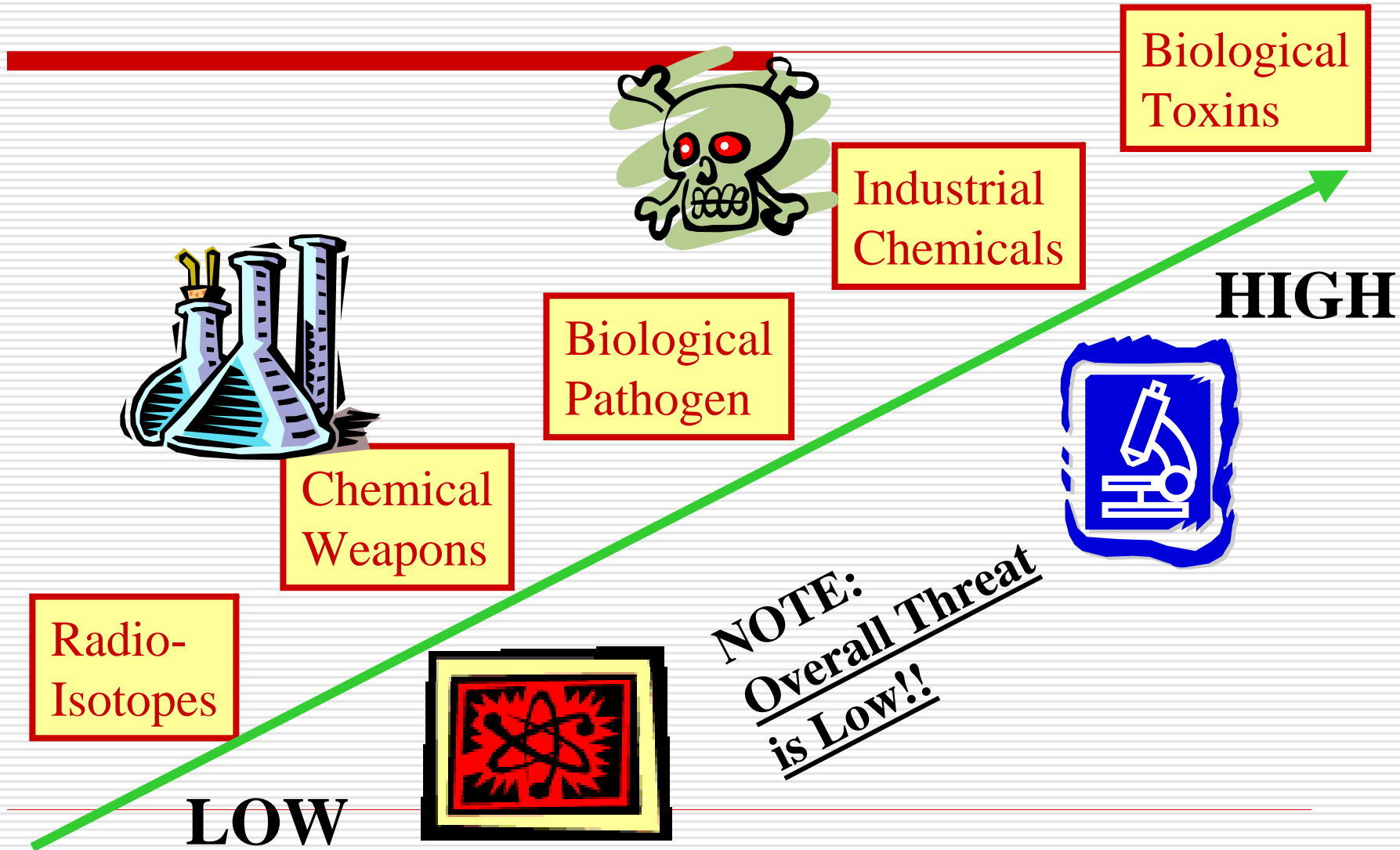
- ❑ EXPLOSIVES,
  - ❑ CHEMICALS AGENTS,
  - ❑ BIOLOGICAL AGENTS,
  - ❑ RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS,
  - ❑ NUCLEAR MATERIALS,
  - ❑ OR ANY OTHER DEVICE OR HARMFUL SUBSTANCES WHICH, WHEN USED, DETONATED OR RELEASED, HAS THE ABILITY TO CAUSE LARGE SCALE CASUALTIES AND/OR DEATH.
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# WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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- CHEMICAL
  - BIOLOGICAL (spread through inhalation, ingestion, or insects/mosquitoes)
    - Bacterial – Anthrax, Cholera, Plague
    - Viral – Smallpox
    - Biological toxins – botulism, ricin
  - RADIOLOGICAL
  - NUCLEAR
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# WMD Threat Spectrum



# WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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- WMD'S ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
  - CHEMICAL
  - BIOLOGICAL
  - RADIOLOGICAL
  - NUCLEAR
- CONVENTIONAL ATTACKS CAN BE WMD



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# CONVENTIONAL WMD

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***BETWEEN 1979 AND 2000, THE WORLD AVERAGED ONE CONVENTIONAL TERRORIST ATTACK EVERY TWO YEARS WITH A DEATH TOLL OF OVER 100. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR EACH ATTACK WAS 237.***

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# CYBERTERROR

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- RECRUITING AND COMMUNICATION
- STEAL INFORMATION
- DISRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE
- LOSS OF CONFIDENCE



# ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

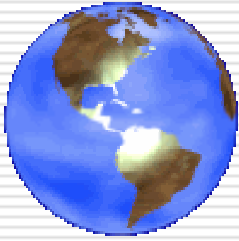
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- MAIMINGS**
  - ROBBERIES (BANKS AND ARMORED CARS)**
  - COUNTERFEITING**
  - NARCOTICS**
  - EXTORTION**
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# ***THE THREAT***

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# INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS

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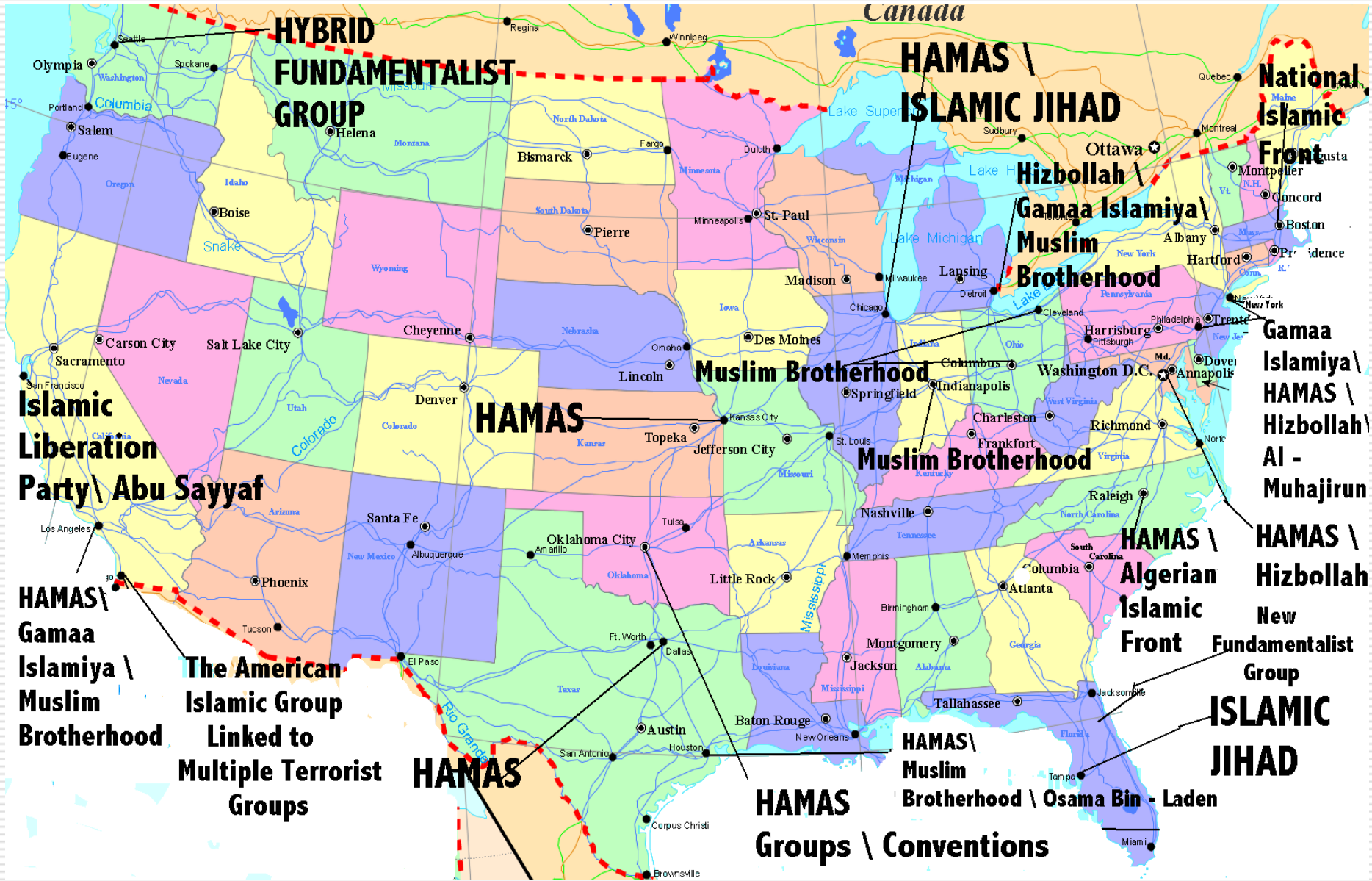
# ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

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Islam is one of world's 3 major religions;  
fastest growing

- ❑ AL-QAEDA
- ❑ AL-JIHAD
- ❑ AL-GAMA'A
- ❑ HAMAS
- ❑ HIZBALLAH
- ❑ AL-ISLAMIYYA
- ❑ AL-TAHID





**HYBRID  
FUNDAMENTALIST  
GROUP**

**HAMAS \  
ISLAMIC JIHAD**

**National  
Islamic  
Front**

**Hizbollah \  
Gamaa Islamiya \  
Muslim  
Brotherhood**

**Islamic  
Liberation  
Party \ Abu Sayyaf**

**HAMAS**

**Muslim Brotherhood**

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Muhajirun**

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**The American  
Islamic Group  
Linked to  
Multiple Terrorist  
Groups**

**HAMAS**

**HAMAS \  
Algerian  
Islamic  
Front**

**HAMAS \  
Hizbollah  
New  
Fundamentalist  
Group**

**ISLAMIC  
JIHAD**

**HAMAS  
Groups \ Conventions**

**HAMAS \  
Muslim  
Brotherhood \ Osama Bin-Laden**

# ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

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- DESTROY ISRAEL
  - END WESTERN INFLUENCE IN MIDDLE EAST
  - FUNDAMENTAL ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT
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# STATE SPONSORED TERROR

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**COUNTRIES THAT USE TERRORISM TO FURTHER NATIONAL GOALS.**

- IRAN**
- IRAQ**
- LIBYA**
- NORTH KOREA**
- SYRIA**
- CUBA**
- SUDAN**



# EXTREMIST GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

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HATE GROUPS

ETHNIC

ANTI-  
GOVERNMENT  
GROUPS

SINGLE ISSUE

ANARCHIST  
GROUPS

RELIGIOUS  
CULTS

SEPARATISTS

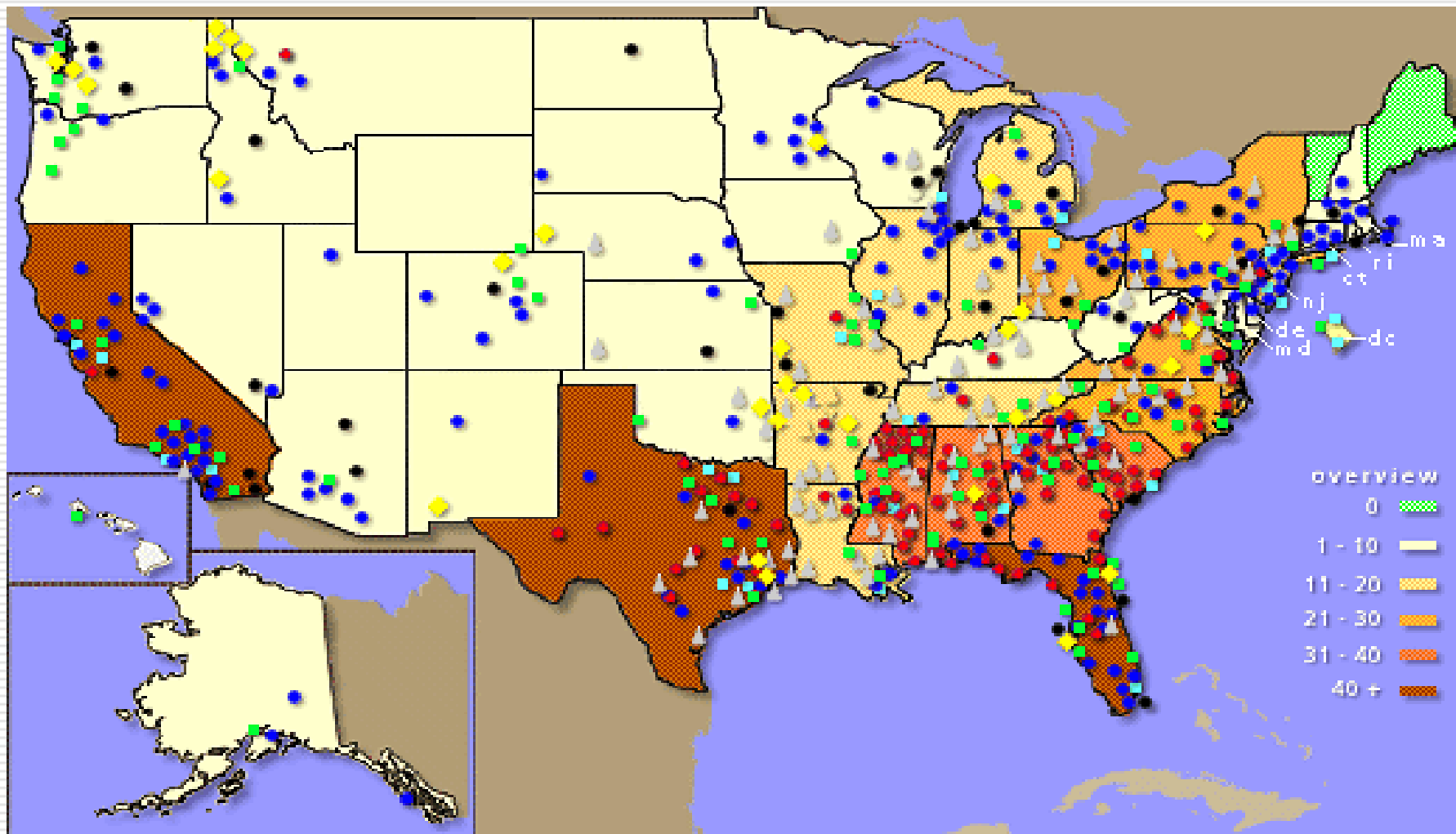
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# HATE GROUPS

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- ❑ Largest of the extremist groups
- ❑ Targets tend to be people of color, Jews, homosexuals, and liberal whites (race traitors)





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NEONAZI

RACIST SKINHEADS

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

NEOCONFEDERATE

BLACK SEPARATIST

OTHER

# KLU KLUX KLAN

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- **OLDEST  
CONTINUOUS  
HATE GROUP IN  
THE NATION**
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# ARYAN NATIONS

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- ❑ WHITES ARE GOD'S CHOSEN RACE
  - ❑ JEWS ARE SATAN'S CHILDREN
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# NEO-NAZI

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Elaine Thompson / AP

- ❑ VENERATION OF HITLER
  - ❑ DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST
  - ❑ MAINLY SKINHEADS AND INDIVIDUAL NATIONALIST /SOCIALISTS
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# WORLD CHURCH OF THE CREATOR

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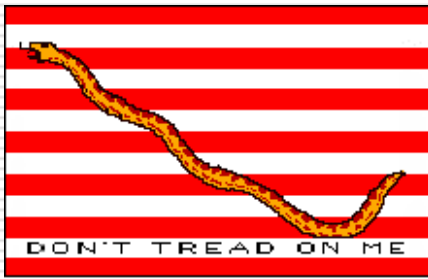
- SURVIVAL, EXPANSION & ADVANCEMENT OF THE WHITE RACE.
  - RACE IS RELIGION.
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# RACIST SKINHEADS

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- ❑ VIOLENT VERSION OF SKINHEAD SUBCULTURE
  - ❑ YOUTH GROUPS FOR ADULT HATE GROUPS
  - ❑ KNOWN FOR VIOLENCE
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# ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS ISSUES

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- Gun Rights
  - Sovereign Citizens
  - Individual vs. Federal
  - Tax Protestors
  - Constitutional Issues
  - Wise Use Movement
  - Judicial System
  - Loss of Sovereignty
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# ANARCHIST GROUPS

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- COUNTER-  
PROTEST HATE  
GROUPS
- PROTEST
  - GLOBALIZATION
  - WORLD TRADE
  - MILITARY  
INTERVENTION

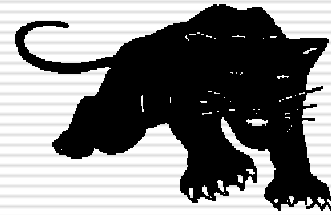


# SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS

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□ BLACK SEPARATISTS



□ PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS



□ AMERICAN INDIANS



# OTHER HATE GROUPS

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- ❑ **ETHNIC GROUPS (old country blood feuds)**
  - ❑ **SINGLE ISSUE EXTREMISTS (fix wrongs)**
  - ❑ **RADICAL ANIMAL RIGHTS**
  - ❑ **RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALIST**
  - ❑ **ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVISTS**
  - ❑ **RELIGIOUS CULTS**
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# BREAK

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# **COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

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# TERRORIST VULNERABILITIES

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- ❑ **THEY MUST LIVE AMONG US**
  - ❑ **THEY NEED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT**
  - ❑ **THEY MUST GATHER INFORMATION TO SELECT A TARGET**
  - ❑ **"THE ACT"**
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# SUCCESS STORIES

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## Zacarias Moussaoui

- French citizen
  - Moroccan descent
  - In US illegally
  - Taken into custody for insistence to learn to fly 747 in Minnesota
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# COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

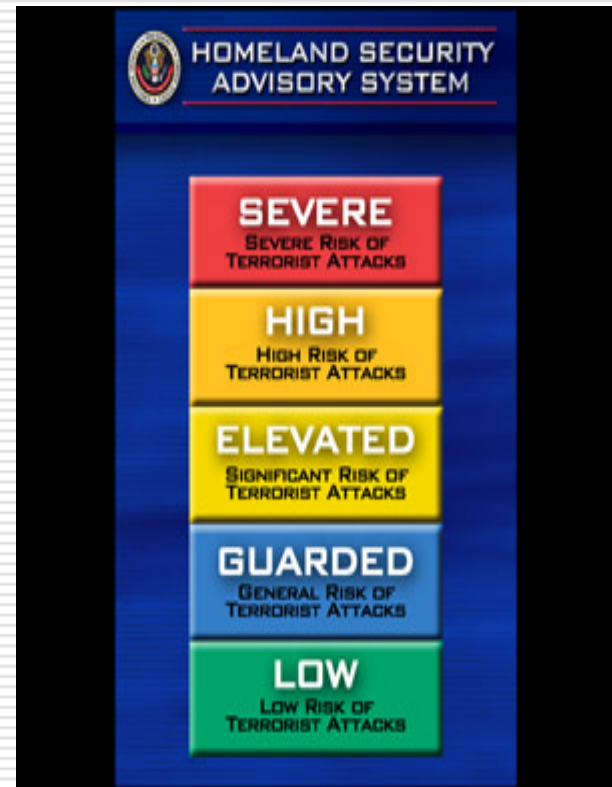
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  - BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
    - HOME
    - COMMUNITY
    - EMPLOYMENT
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# HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

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- LOCAL ACTIVITY
- CURRENT EVENTS
- THREAT NOTICES
- ADVISORY SYSTEM



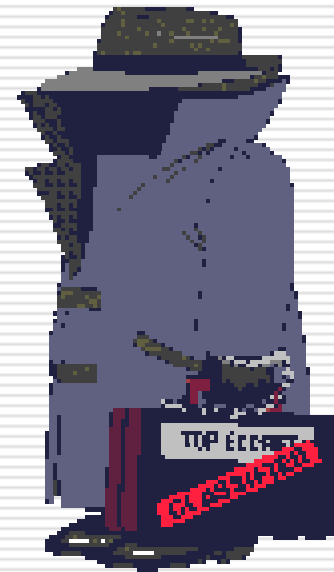
# Five-level national alert system

COLOR CODE	CONDITION LEVEL	RECOMMENDED PROTECTIVE MEASURES
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>LOW</b> <i>Low risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Refine security plans</li><li>- Assess facilities for vulnerabilities</li></ul>
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>GUARDED</b> <i>General risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Check emergency communications</li><li>- Review and update emergency-response plans</li></ul>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>ELEVATED</b> <i>Significant risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increase surveillance of critical locations</li><li>- Coordinate emergency plans with nearby towns</li></ul>
<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>HIGH</b> <i>High risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Take precautions at public events</li><li>- Restrict access to essential personnel</li></ul>
<b>RED</b>	<b>SEVERE</b> <i>Severe risk of terrorist attacks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Monitor or redirect transportation systems</li><li>- Close public and government facilities</li></ul>

# COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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- ❑ BE A PARTICIPANT NOT A SPECTATOR
- ❑ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- ❑ FORGET THE MYTHS
  - They don't lurk around in trench coats, wear towels on their heads



**Terrorists will try to fit in.**

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# WHO'S THE TERRORIST?

(Terrorists can look like anyone)

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**Osama Bin Laden**

- Al-Qaeda
- Khobar Towers  
1996; 19 dead



**Eric Rudolph**

- Abortion clinic  
bombings
- Atlanta Olympic  
Park Bombing



**Yu Kikumura**

- Japanese Red Army
  - Arrested 1988 with  
bomb materials in NJ
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# WHO'S THE TERRORIST?

(Terrorists can look like anyone)

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## Sarah Jane Olson

- Symbianese Liberation Army 1999
- Kidnapping, robbery, attempted bombing

## Luke John Helder

- 21 year old college student
- Midwest mailbox bomber, 2002

## Timothy McVeigh

- 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building Bombing
  - 168 dead; executed
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# COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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- BE A PARTICIPANT NOT A SPECTATOR
  - BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
  - FORGET THE MYTHS
  - RECOGNIZE WHAT IS OUT OF PLACE OR UNUSUAL
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# Why are we such easy targets?

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- ❑ Freedom of movement
  - ❑ Freedom of information
  - ❑ Easy access to infrastructure and the number and variety of potential targets
    - Public
    - Commercial
    - Government
    - Industrial targets
    - Symbolic
    - Critical Threat
    - Targets chosen by psychological effects
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# WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

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UNUSUAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN HIGH RISK OR SYMBOLIC TARGETS

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

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# TARGETS?

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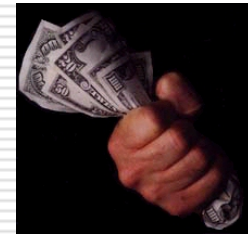
- INFRASTRUCTURE
  - SYMBOLIC
  - LARGE PUBLIC EVENTS
  - GOVERNMENT
  - CONTROVERSIAL
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# WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

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LARGE CASH TRANSACTIONS



FRAUDULENT/CONFLICTING DOCUMENTS



NUMEROUS VISITORS/MEETINGS

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# WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

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- AVOIDS COMMUNITY CONTACT/EXTREME PRIVACY**
  - UNCONVENTIONAL & IRREGULAR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS & PROFILES**
  - TEMPORARY OR TRANSIENT NATURE**
  - UNUSUAL PURCHASES OR THEFTS**
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# WHAT TO LOOK FOR!

## ❑ LARGE/UNUSUAL/HIGH RISK DELIVERIES



**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

### SUSPICIOUS MAIL ALERT

If you receive a suspicious letter or package:

**1** Handle with care. Don't shake or bump. **2** Isolate it immediately **3** Don't open, smell, touch or taste. **4** Treat it as suspect. Call local law enforcement authorities

**If a parcel is open and/or a threat is identified . . .**

<b>For a Bomb:</b> Evacuate Immediately Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HA/MAF Unit	<b>For Radiological:</b> Limit Exposure - Don't Handle Evacuate Area Shield Yourself From Object Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HA/MAF Unit	<b>For Biological or Chemical:</b> Isolate - Don't Handle Evacuate Immediate Area Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HA/MAF Unit
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# COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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- BE A PARTICIPANT NOT A SPECTATOR
  - BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
  - FORGET THE MYTHS
  - RECOGNIZE WHAT IS OUT OF PLACE OR UNUSUAL
  - PLACE INTO CONTEXT
  - DON'T RATIONALIZE IT...REPORT IT!
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# HOW TO OBSERVE & REPORT

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- OBSERVE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS
  - NOTE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS
  - NOTE PERMANENT DETAILS
  - NOTE CHANGEABLE DETAILS
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## ***Bad Lead***

***"I saw a suspicious guy near the Courthouse"***

## ***Good Lead***

***"I saw a white male, about 6 ft tall wearing black combat pants, a black t-shirt, and boots with the pants tucked in, taking notes for at least 2 hours outside the front entrance to the Courthouse. He was standing near a brown Ford pick-up truck, PA SYE-141, with a rusting tailgate and a bumper sticker that said, "Say No to the New World Order".***

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*What did you see?*

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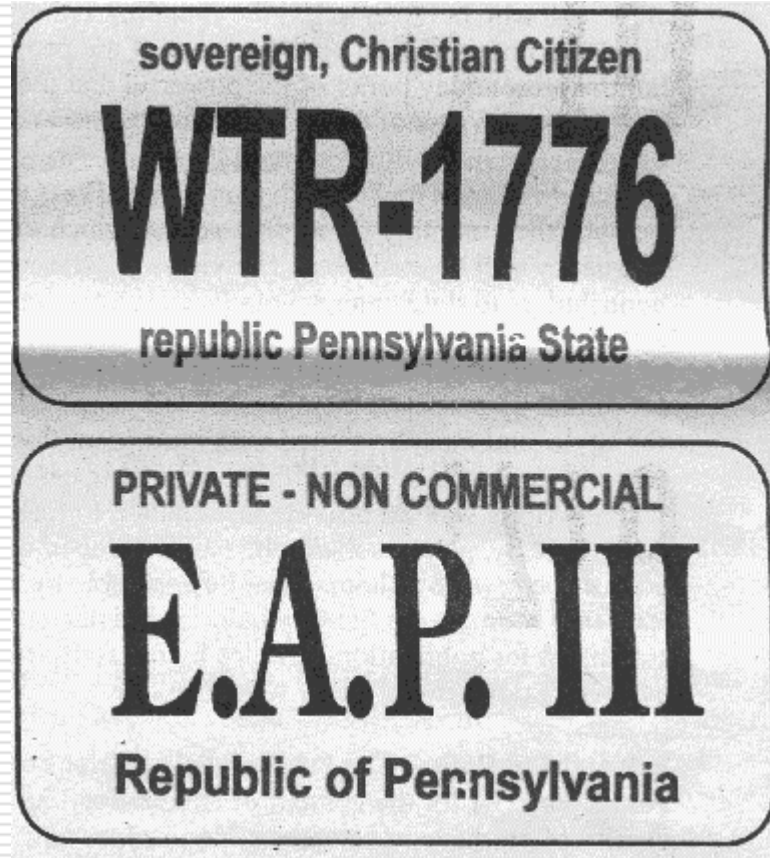
*What did you see?*

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# ANYTHING UNUSUAL?

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# HOW TO REPORT!

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- PRACTICE
  - NEVER ENDANGER YOURSELF
  - NEVER CONFRONT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
  - INDICATORS (“RED FLAGS”)
  - WORD PICTURE
  - TELL WHAT YOU SAW
  - TELL WHY IT IS SUSPICIOUS
  - MAKE YOUR OWN RECORD
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# WHO DO YOU REPORT IT TO?

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- Emergency Calls
- Non-Emergencies
- General Reporting
  - State Police
  - FBI



# WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

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- LOGGED/NOTED/  
INCIDENT  
REPORT
- VISUAL CHECK
- INVESTIGATIVE  
CHECK
- SUBSEQUENT  
INVESTIGATION



