TERRORISM FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

ONLINE COURSE: 1/12/2020– 4/25/2020

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Check out the UC Fire Science web page to see the course outline, the list of the subject matter experts.

25 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FROM ACROSS NATION AND CANADA – SHARING ON VIDEOS

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**Kevin McGee;** Prince William County, VA - *Fire Chief (retired)*

*Subject Expert:* In Command: 9/11 Plane into Pentagon

**John Donnelly;** District of Columbia Fire & EMS - *Assistant Fire Chief*

*Subject Expert:* In Command: Navy Yard Active Shooting

**Steve Heitman;** Mercer Island Fire Department, Washington - *Fire Chief*

*Subject Expert:* Multi-County Police & Fire Response Plan

**Ken LaSala;** International Association of Fire Chiefs, VA - *Director of Government Relations & Policy*

*Subject Expert:* Legislation, Department of Homeland Security

**Chris Case;** Chatham–Kent Fire & Emergency Services, Canada - *Assistant Fire Chief of Operations*

*Subject Matter:* CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Materials)

**Greg Cassell;** Clark County, Nevada - *Fire Chief*

*Subject Matter:* Las Vegas Shooting

**IAFC METRO CHIEFS (NFPA 3000)**

**Otto Drozd**— Immediate Past President, METRO Chiefs, Orange County Fire / Rescue, FL - *Fire Chief (retired)*

*Subject Expert:* Developed NFPA 3000, following his work at the Pulse Nightclub incident

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TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

20 FST 3021

Spring Semester 2020 – 14 weeks online

Jan. 12, 2020 – April 25, 2020

SYLLABUS
Attachment A - Homework Schedule;
Attachment B - Appendix of Online Resources;
Attachment C - Current Events.

Syllabus

FST3021, Terrorism & Homeland Security for Emergency Responders
Distance Learning, Spring Semester 2020 (Jan. 12, 2020 – April 25, 2020)

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Students are expected to review and follow the UC Faculty Senate policies on the following topics:

- Attendance
- Class Cancellation
- Academic Integrity
- Accessibility
- Title IX (Sex-Based Discrimination/Harassment & Sexual Violence)
- Counseling Services

Course Overview, Description, Purpose
Welcome to the class. This class will focus on “real world, current” issues regarding terrorism awareness and in preparation in the United States and your community.

This course focuses on domestic terrorism and homeland security emergency preparation. The course includes a review of the terrorists arrested and prosecuted in the United States, current events concerning homeland security, recent court decisions, Federal, state and local agencies that may respond to a terrorist event, and steps to improve emergency operation plans in your community.

Please read the syllabus in its entirety. The syllabus contains the information needed to complete the various portions of the course. The course will utilize UC’s CANVAS on-line learning platform. See Access To The CANVAS Platform.

This is a paced course, thus assignments and discussion questions have due dates in which you are asked to adhere to in order to allow networking and collaboration with your fellow students and instructor. If extenuating circumstances arise, please contact me and we can work to create a solution.

Congratulations on taking another step towards the completion of your degree!

Course Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe terrorist arrests and prosecutions in the United States, and lessons learned in homeland security in their local community.
2. Identify the legal and political issues concerning the prevention of terrorist activities in the United States, and in your local community.
3. Review and discuss homeland security, including emergency operation plans in place in your community.
4. Describe Federal, state and local emergency response agencies that may respond to a terrorist event.
5. Discuss specific recommendation to improve preparation for a terrorist event and improve homeland security, including formation of joint police/fire response teams for entry into “hot zones”.

Modules:

 MODULE I – HOMELAND SECURITY
 MODULE II – MASS CASUALTY EVENTS
 MODULE III – ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS, INCLUDING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS
 MODULE IV – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION
 MODULE V – CYBERSECURITY
 MODULE VI – RESPONSE TO CBRNE INCIDENT
 MODULE VII – SHARING INTELLIGENCE – FUSION CENTERS, JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCES
 MODULE VIII - AFTER ACTION REPORTS / NFPA 3000

TEXTBOOK: free, online:


HOMEWORK SCHEDULE: see Attachment A.

APPENDIX of ONLINE RESOURCES: see Attachment B (updated periodically).

CURRENT EVENTS: “Legal Lessons Learned” from Recent Cases - see Attachment C (updated periodically).

GRADING [90 points assignments / 10 points Final Video: 100 points]

Assignments: 3 points per assignment x 30 assignments: 90 points

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Interview local Subject Matter Expert (15 – 20 minutes), attach SOG, Policy or other document.

Extra Credit: Post video describing the “Best SME Video.” Prof. Bennett will share with the SME, unless you advise in writing to not share it.

Grading Rubric:

- Memos: For each written post, scores will be based on student identifying three key facts learned that are relevant to Homeland Security.
- Videos: For each video, scores will be based on your discussion of relevancy to your fire department or local community. Late Final Videos: Unexcused late videos will result in a course final grade being reduced by one letter (for example, final course grade of “A” is reduced to “B”).

Final Course Grades:
Grades will be based on maximum of 100 points.

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E-mails:
When sending e-mails to the professor, please use only your UC e-mail address. Each e-mail shall identify name / number of the course, since the professor may be teaching several courses.

UC Help Desk:
If need technical advice, call 513-556-4357.

See also CANVAS Guides and Tutorials.
UCIT-Learning Technical Support. I want to thank following who have provided assistance to me in developing my first course on CANVAS: Melissa Kessel, Executive Staff Assistant, CETL - Center For the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, 513-556-9319, kesselms@ucmail.uc.edu; Daniel Dale, CETL, (513-556-9372), Dale, Daniel (daledl) daledl@ucmail.uc.edu.

Required Software and Hardware
Due to this course being offered completely online, you will need access to a computer in order to participate. **Please note that some internet browsers may not compatible with CANVAS.** Typically, Mozilla Firefox is most effective. You will also be asked to explore interactive, media-rich websites throughout this course. Some external websites may use multimedia components, such as audio tracks, video, etc. The multimedia features provide a richer experience for the viewer by using sound and movement to make content come alive. Some of these sites require you to download special software programs called plug-ins. Plug-ins allow your web browser to view or play certain types of files. The plug-ins are free and download quickly. If you do not have a required plug-in, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader or Macromedia Flash Shockwave Player, the websites will typically direct you to where they can be downloaded. You may also find the software by using a search engine such as Google or Yahoo. Please note, some of the content may not be compatible with tablets and phones.

Firefox Download Link

Academic Integrity Policy
The University Rules, including the Student Code of Conduct, and other documented policies of the department, college, and university related to academic integrity will be enforced. Any violation of these regulations, including acts of plagiarism or cheating, will be dealt with on an individual basis according to the severity of the misconduct.

Student Code of Conduct

Privacy / HIPAA
Please respect the privacy of your personnel, patients or others, by not identifying them by name in your posts unless this has already been a matter of public record in a newspaper or other general circulation publication, and you attach or provide a link to the publication.

Special Needs Policy
If you have a disability (e.g., visual impairment, hearing impairment, physical impairment, communication disorder, and/or specific learning disability, etc.) which may influence your performance in this course, you must meet with the Disability Services Office (DSO) to arrange for reasonable accommodations to ensure an equitable opportunity to meet all the requirements of this course. If you require accommodations due to disability, please contact DSO at 513-556-6823, Campus Location: 210 University Pavilion. You will be provided an Accommodation Form indicating your accommodation needs for the quarter. Please present this form to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to ensure your accommodation needs are discussed, agreed upon, and provided.

Disability Services
Counseling Services, Clifton Campus
Students have access to counseling and mental health care through the University Health Services (UHS), which can provide both psychotherapy and psychiatric services. In addition, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can provide professional counseling upon request; students may receive five free counseling sessions through CAPS without insurance. Students are encouraged to seek assistance for anxiety, depression, trauma/assault, adjustment to college life, interpersonal/relational difficulty, sexuality, family conflict, grief and loss, disordered eating and body image, alcohol and substance abuse, anger management, identity development and issues related to diversity, concerns associated with sexual orientation and spirituality concerns, as well as any other issue of concerns. After hours, students may call UHS at 513-556-2564 or CAPS Cares at 513-556-0648. For urgent physician consultation after-hours students may call 513-584-7777.

Title IX
Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of your actual or perceived sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Title IX also covers sexual violence, dating or domestic violence, and stalking. If you disclose a Title IX issue to me, I am required forward that information to the Title IX Office. They will follow up with you about how the University can take steps to address the impact on you and the community and make you aware of your rights and resources. Their priority is to make sure you are safe and successful here. You are not required to talk with the Title IX Office. If you would like to make a report of sex or gender-based discrimination, harassment or violence, or if you would like to know more about your rights and resources on campus, you can consult the website www.uc.edu/titleix or contact the office at 556-3349.

Required APA Style Format for Written Assignments
This course, and others in UC Fire Science, has also adopted the conventions of the APA (6th ed.) Publication Manual for formal written assignments. These conventions include the use of 12-point font, 1” margins, double-spaced text, and specific style requirements for in-text citations, and end-of-text references. Information about this style can be found on Blackboard under the “Writing Resources” tab.

Assignment Policy – Timely Posting Is Critical
This is an accelerated, 7-week course (covering 14-weeks of materials). Timely posting is there critical.

1. Late assignments are not accepted without prior written permission from the Professor. You must contact me no less than 48 hours before the due date to receive permission for late submissions.
2. Assignments will not be accepted after the last day of class.
3. Rubrics will be provided for all assignments. Please review rubrics and ask questions about requirements prior to submission.
Grading – Discussion Board Grading Rubric:
- For each written post, scores will be based on how well you have educated the rest of the class and the Professor concerning RELEVANCY to your fire department or community.
- For each 3-5 minute video, scores will be based on your discussion of RELEVANCY to your fire department or community, and applied research information you have presented.

Final Video Grading Rubric:
- This is an “Applied Research” course, where the grade will focus on student’s quality of both the interview and applied research.
- Length of video: min. of 5 minutes.
- Late Final Videos: Unexcused late videos will result in a COURSE FINAL GRADE BEING REDUCED BY ONE LETTER (for example, final course grade of “A” is reduced to “B”).

Electronic Communication Policy
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ATTACHMENT A – HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

12/2/2019

TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY
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Syllabus
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WELCOME
1/12/2020: Professor: Lawrence Bennett, Esq. – Post your Resume and brief Intro video; reply to two fellow students.

Memo: Read Prof. Bennett’s 9/11 Commission timeline – identify three opportunities missed to discover terrorists in the USA.
**MODULE I – HOMELAND SECURITY**


TEXTBOOK: Chap. 1, WE HAVE SOME PLANES


APPENDIX – MODULE I

1/22/2020: SME: Fire Chief Steve Heitman – Seattle area Police & Fire Multi-County Response Plan

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 2, THE FOUNDATION OF THE NEW TERRORIST

1/25/2020: SME: Ken LaSala, IAFC – legislation establishing Department of Homeland Security

CURRENT EVENT

**MODULE II – MASS CASUALTY EVENTS**

1/29/2020: SME: Greg Cassell – Las Vegas Shootings

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 3, COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORT


APPENDIX – MODULE II

2/5/2020: SME: Dustin Calhoun, MD, University of Cincinnati – Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 4, RESPONSES TO AL QAEDA’S INITIAL ASSAULTS


CURRENT EVENTS

**MODULE III – ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS, INCLUDING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

2/12/2020: SME: Sgt. Jun Cho – Blue Ash Police Department, Active School Shooter Training
TEXTBOOK: Chap. 5, AL QAEDA AT THE AMERICAN HOMELAND

APPENDIX – MODULE III

2/19/2020: SME: Mark Johnston – Tactical Casualty Wound Care

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 6, FROM THREAT TO THREAT

MODULE IV – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION
2/22/2020: SME: Fire Chief (ret) Doug Witsken – Hamilton County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

APPENDIC; MODULE IV

2/26/2020: SME: Captain Ted Sampson – Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 7, THE ATTACK LOOMS


CURRENT EVENT

MODULE V – CYBERSECURITY
3/4/2020: SME: Andrew Knapp – Hamilton County 911 Communications

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 8, “THE SYSTEM WAS BLINKING RED”

3/7/2020: SME /Adjunct Professor: Eric Reiner – Deerfield Township, OH

APPENDIX – MODULE V

MODULE VI – RESPONSE TO CBRNE INCIDENT
3/11/2020: SME / Adjunct Professor: Fire Chief (ret) BJ Jetter, PhD – Greater Cincinnati HAZMAT

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 9, HEROISM AND HONOR

3/14/2020: SME / Adjunct Professor: Colonel (ret) Brian Canteel – Colonel (Ret), U.S Army: DOD / National Guard Resources
APPENDIX – MODULE VI

3/18/2020: SME: Operations Chief Chris Case – Canada: CBRNE

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 10, WARTIME

MODULE VII – SHARING INTELLIGENCE – FUSION CENTERS, JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCES

3/21/2020: SME: FBI Special Agent (ret) Rob Warfel, Esq. – Joint Terrorism Task Forces

APPENDIX – MODULE VII

3/25/2020: SME: Lt. Brian Bender & Officer Andrew Nogueira - Cincinnati SWAT

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 11, FORESIGHT – AND HINDSIGHT


CURRENT EVENT

4/1/2020: SME: Prof. Kelly Cohen, PhD, UC Aerospace – Protecting Mass Gathering From Drones

TEXTBOOK: Chap. 12. WHAT TO DO? A GLOBAL STRATEGY

MODULE VIII – AFTER ACTION REPORTS / NFPA 3000


  Video: Discuss your points.
  Reply to two fellow students’ videos.


- Report: Oct. 2018: Orlando Fire Department Response To Pulse Nightclub, FL (June 12, 2016)
  Video: Discuss your points.
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4/18/2020  Prof. Bennett: Read NFPA 3000 – identify three key points for Fire & EMS.

  Reply to two fellow students’ videos.

4/22/2020:  FINAL PROJECT: Identify a local Subject Matter Expert (local SME #2);
  Student videotaped interview of local SME (15 – 20 minutes); also attach relevant document, such as SOG or Policy.
  Reply to two fellow students’ videos.

  EXTRA CREDIT: Extra Credit: Post video describing the “Best SME Video.”

From Syllabus:

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ATTACHMENT B – APPENDIX OF ONLINE RESOURCES

[As of 12/2/2019; to be updated throughout course.]

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MODULE I – HOMELAND SECURITY [online resources]

FBI:

- Nov. 13, 2019 FBI Lone Offender Terrorism Report


U.S. Department of Justice:

- Nov. 27, 2019: DC - Department Of Justice Announces Update To Policy On Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy

FAA:

- Nov. 21, 2019: Public Safety Small Drone Playbook

DHS:


- Sept. 20, 2019: DHS Announcement: Acting Secretary McAleenan announces DHS Strategy for Combating Terrorism and Targeted Violence

Sept. 20, 2019: DHS Report: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM AND TARGETED VIOLENCE
FDNY:
- **Course:** The Fire Department of the City of New York and the US Military Academy’s Counterterrorism Leadership Program:

  “The goal of the Counterterrorism Leadership Program is to challenge current FDNY emergency response planning by equipping senior FDNY officers with an intellectual understanding of terrorism and the analytical tools to assess the Department’s terrorism preparedness needs. The course does this by enabling students: fTo understand how terrorism has changed the security landscape; fTo develop a framework for understanding the new security environment so students can prepare for uncertainty; fTo critically analyze information and intelligence on terrorist groups and their activities; and fTo learn how to allocate resources based on an understanding of how terrorism affects the FDNY and New York City.”

U.S. Army:
- **Army War College – Strategic Studies Institute**
  - West Point: The Terrorism Studies Minor

  “This program is designed to provide cadets with the intellectual, conceptual, analytical, and theoretical tools to understand the nature, implications, root causes, and complex challenges posed by terrorism in the 21st century, and the multifaceted issues associated with counterterrorism policy.

- **Center For Homeland Defense And Security** — [Digital Library – Domestic (U.S.) Terrorism](#)

  - Aug. 12, 2019: [Domestic Terrorism: Some Considerations](#)
  - May 6, 2019: [Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and the Internet: Free Speech Considerations](#)
  - April 26, 2019: [Terrorism Risk Insurance: Overview and Issue Analysis for the 116th Congress](#)
  - Feb. 1, 2019: [The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA)](#)
  - Jan. 29, 2019: [The Trump Administration's National Strategy for Counterterrorism: Overview and Comparison to the Prior Administration](#)

- **Executive Leaders Program**
  - “Develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements needed to defeat terrorism in the United States.”

- [Emergency Management Assistance Compact (Oct. 19, 1996)](#)

- [Congressional Research Service Reports on Terrorism](#)
• Thesis:
  2017: Framework for Violence: Clarifying the Role of Motivation in Lone-Actor Terrorism
  
  2016: Sovereign Citizen Movement: The Shifting Ideological Winds
  
  2015: Combating Paramilitary Terrorism on the Homefront: An Examination of Capabilities and Limitations of U.S. Response Forces
  
  2014: Emerging Threat of Domestic Terrorism: A Systematic Review of Evolving Needs, Threats, and Opportunities
  
  2011: Christian Extremism as a Domestic Terror Threat
  
  2009: Assessing Domestic Right-Wing Extremism Using the Theory of Collective Behavior

Rand Corporation (Domestic Terrorism):
• April 4, 2019: Countering Violent Extremism Programs May Gain Insights from Each Other

• Feb. 14, 2019: Terrorism Prevention Programs Need Strengthening If They Are to Be Effective

• Feb. 14, 2019: Practical Terrorism Prevention - Executive Summary

• Feb. 14, 2019: Building an Effective and Practical National Approach to Terrorism Prevention

DOD:
• Homeland Defense & Security Information Analysis Center (HDIAC)

MODULE II – Mass Casualty Events [online resources]

FBI:

• July 9, 2019: Mass Attacks In Public Spaces

• Sept. 2018: Pre-Attack Behaviors of Active Shooters in the U.S. 2000-2013

Department of Justice:
• Feb. 2019: U.S. Dept. of Justice / National Institute of Justice: Research on Domestic Radicalization and Terrorism

• Jan. 2018: Executive Order 13780: Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States

Other Resources:
• Dec. 2017: Hamilton County, OH – Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Response Plan


• Committee For Tactical Emergency Care

• American College of Emergency Physicians – Tactical Emergency Care

• John Hopkins Medicine – Tactical Medicine Fellowships

• Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (2d Edition)

FEMA:
• Oct. 3, 2019: Field Manual - Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT)
MODULE III - Active Shooter Events, Including School Shootings [online resources]

US Secret Service:
- Nov. 2019: PROTECTING AMERICA’S SCHOOLS - A U.S. SECRET SERVICE ANALYSIS OF TARGETED SCHOOL VIOLENCE

FBI:
- Nov. 13, 2019: Lone Offender Terrorism Report
- 2014: Active Shooter Study: Quick Reference Guide
- Jan. 1, 2011: Workplace Violence Prevention - Readiness and Response Workplace Violence
- FBI Reports and Publications (all types)
- FBI: Making Prevention A Reality: Identifying, Assessing, and Managing the Threat of Targeted Attacks

FEMA:
- April 23, 2019: Prep Talks: Rethinking School Safety Michele Gay’s PrepTalk, “Rethinking School Safety” relays her personal experience as the parent of a child killed in the Sandy Hook tragedy in 2012. She highlights some of the simple solutions that students and staff needed during the crisis at Sandy Hook, and presents Safe and Sound Schools’ Framework for Comprehensive School Safety Planning and Development: Emergency Management, Community Engagement, Physical Safety, Mental and Behavioral Health, Climate and Culture, and Health and Wellness.

DHS:
- May 13, 2019: Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide
• Aug. 1, 2017: Options for Consideration Active Shooter Training Video

DOD:

YouTube:
• July 23, 2012: Run, Hide, Fight – Surviving An Active Shooter

Alice Training Institute:
• Active Shooter Recommendations – IACP

US Fire Administration:
• Active Shooter Preparation & Response Guide

IAFC:
• Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Terrorist Events
• Active Violence and Mass Casualty Terrorist Incidents
• Active Shooter Toolkit

IACP:
• Active Shooter

ASSOCIATION OF THREAT ASSESSMENT PROFESSIONALS:
• Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
MODULE IV – Critical Infrastructure Protection [online resources]

DHS:
- Nov. 2019: Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience
- May 28, 2019: Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access
- National Infrastructure Protection Program (NIPP)

EPA:
- Nov. 2019: RMP [Risk Management Program] Reconsideration Final Rule Fact Sheet – Facility Chemical Hazard Information:
  Prior rule: Information very broadly defined must be made available by facility to public on request
  New rule: Recinded. During interagency review of the RMP Amendments in 2016, one agency warned that requiring release of this information “could assist terrorists in selecting targets and/or increase the severity of an attack.” This rescission addresses those concerns by eliminating the significant risk of the compelled release of information that could pose a security/terrorism threat without a demonstrated need for the information.

FEMA:
- PrepTalks: Public Works & Emergency Management - Restoring Life Line Services
  Philip Mann's PrepTalk, "Public Works & Emergency Management: Restoring Lifeline Services" helps emergency managers and public works personnel understand the role of public works and public works role in response and recovery from disasters. The most important goal for response and recovery is “to get our citizens back to their normal life," Mann said, "and to do that the most efficient way is if police, fire, and public works work together.”
  Mann is the Public Works Director for Gainesville, Florida. He chaired the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) Emergency Management Committee and is APWA’s representative to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, which is working on the FirstNet project, developing the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety.

GAO:
- Feb. 2018: GAO: Critical Infrastructure Protection

US Fire Administration:
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
US Department of Energy:
- Office of Cybersecurity for Critical Energy Infrastructure

**MODULE V – Cybersecurity [online resources]**

**DHS:**
- Nov. 7, 2019: [DHS - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency - CISA Cyber Essentials](https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-essentials) - Your success depends on cyber readiness. Both depend on you. CISA’s Cyber Essentials is a guide for leaders of small businesses as well as leaders of small and local government agencies to develop an actionable understanding of where to start implementing organizational cybersecurity practices. Consistent with the [NIST Cybersecurity Framework](https://www.cisa.gov/resources/nist-cybersecurity-framework) and other standards, the Cyber Essentials are the starting point to cyber readiness.

- [Cybersecurity](https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity)
- [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency (CISA)](https://www.cisa.gov)
- Cyber Infrastructure – [Ransomware](https://www.cisa.gov/ransomware)

**FBI:**
- [Internet Crime Complaint Center](https://www.ic3.gov)
- [Ransomware Victims Urged to Report Infections to Federal Law Enforcement](https://www.fbi.gov/telephones-and-mail)
- Ransomware Prevention and Response for CISOs ([Chief Information Security Officers](https://www.fbi.gov/topic/cybersecurity/other-information-and-resources)

- [Internet Crime Complaint Center](https://www.ic3.gov)

**NIST:**
- [Cybersecurity Framework](https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework)
The Multi-Jurisdiction Improvised Explosive Device Security Planning (MJIEDSP) Program is a systematic process that fuses counter-improvised explosive device (IED) capability analysis, training, and planning to enhance IED prevention, protection, mitigation, and response capabilities. The program assists with collectively identifying roles, responsibilities, capability gaps, and how to optimize limited resources within a multi-jurisdictional planning area.

Sept. 25, 2019: Congratulations to Our August BMAP Administrator Trainer Graduates!

Anniston, AL. – Recently, 30 state, local, and private sector first responders from Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Virginia completed the Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP) Administrator Trainer (AT) course, giving them the skills to conduct outreach within their community as well as train Community Liaisons. During the AT Course, participants gained the knowledge and ability to conduct outreach to industries and businesses, increasing public and private sector awareness of homemade explosive (HME) precursor chemicals and improvised explosive device (IED) components. Congratulations to class 19R-0578, and welcome to the BMAP Community.

Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program Administrator Training: FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness

Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP)

Aug. 22, 2018: What To Do - Bomb Threat
- Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Search Procedures Course
  and:
  AWR-333: Improvised Explosive Device Construction and Classification;
  AWR-337: Improvised Explosive Device Explosive Effects Mitigation;
  AWR-338: Homemade Explosive and Precursor Awareness.

FEMA:
- May 7, 2019: FEMA - National Incident Management System PrepTalk – Saving Lives After a Nuclear Detonation

CDC:
- Preparation and Planning for Bioterrorism Emergencies
- Bioterrorism
- Radiological Emergencies

White House:
- COUNTERING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (Feb. 26, 2013)

HHS (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services):
- Public Health Emergency - Strategic National Stockpile
- REMM (Radiation Emergency Medical Management)

NIH – U.S. National Library of Medicine:
- Disaster Information Management Research Center

DOE (U.S. Department of Energy):
- Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP)

Ohio Department of Health:
- Radiological Health & Safety
MODULE VII – Sharing Intelligence / Planning: Fusion Centers, FBI, Local Law Enforcement [online resources]

FBI:

- Joint Terrorism Task Forces
- July 26, 2015: *Making Prevention a Reality: Identifying, Assessing, and Managing the Threat of Targeted Attacks*
- Threat Assessment Teams - *Workplace and School Violence Prevention*
- InfraGard
- Terrorism News
- *What We Investigate / Terrorism*
- Terrorism Reports
- Terrorist Screening Center

DHS:

- Fusion Centers
- State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers
- Fusion Centers and Joint Terrorism Task Forces

ATA:

- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
MODULE VIII - AFTER ACTION REPORTS / NFPA 3000


- Report: Oct. 2018: Orlando Fire Department Response To Pulse Nightclub, FL (June 12, 2016)


  Also: July 10, 2013: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS: PREPARING FOR AND RESPONDING TO THE ATTACK


ATTACHMENT C – CURRENT EVENTS /
“LEGAL LESSONS LEARNED” FROM RECENT CASES

[As of 12/2/2019; to be updated throughout course.]

Note: Current Events will be updated throughout the course, from Chap. 3 of Prof. Bennett’s Recent Current Events file. For example, see Nov. 2019 items.

Recent cases on Homeland Security are also posted in this Attachment C in bold print; they are from Prof. Bennett’s “FIRE & EMS LAW” newsletters. If you would like to be added to UC Listserve, send e-mail to Prof. Bennett.

RECENT CURRENT EVENTS

CHAPTERS 1-18: Prof. Larry Bennett’s textbook, FIRE SERVICE LAW (SECOND EDITION), Jan. 2017:

Chap. 1 – American Legal System; Fire Code Enforcement
Chap. 2 – Line Of Duty Death; Safety
Chap. 3 – Homeland Security; Active Shooter; Cybersecurity
Chap. 4 – Incident Command; Training; Drones
Chap. 5 – Emergency Vehicle Operations
Chap. 6 – Employment Litigation
Chap. 7 – Sexual Harassment
Chap. 8 – Race Discrimination
Chap. 9 – Americans With Disabilities Act
Chap. 10 – Family Medical Leave Act
Chap. 11 – Fair Labor Standards Act
Chap. 12 – Drug-Free Workplace
Chap. 13 – EMS
Chap. 14 – Physical Fitness
Chap. 15 – Critical Incident Stress Management
Chap. 16 – Discipline
Chap. 17 – Arbitration / Mediation
Chap. 18 – Legislation

Chap. 3 – Homeland Security; Active Shooter; Cybersecurity

Nov. 30, 2019: UK - London Bridge Attacker Was Convicted Terrorist Who Plotted To Blow Up British Landmarks, Police Say - LONDON — The knife-wielding assailant who fatally stabbed a man and a woman in an attack near London Bridge was a convicted Islamist terrorist, recently released from prison after serving just half of his 16-year sentence for an earlier plot to bomb the London Stock Exchange, police said Saturday. The attacker, identified by authorities as Usman Khan, 28, was shot dead by police after stabbing at least five people Friday. *** Khan was wearing what turned out to be a fake “suicide vest” and was first subdued by men armed with a fire extinguisher and a narwhal tusk that was taken off the wall of the Fishmongers’ Hall beside
the bridge, where the attack began. One of the men hailed as a hero is an immigrant from Poland. The attack has left British authorities facing uncomfortable questions over early-release provisions for inmates held for terrorism-related crimes and the efficacy of monitoring “deradicalization” programs after people are freed. *** Born and raised in Britain, Khan was released from prison 11 months ago and was living in Stafford, about a two-hour train journey northwest of London. One of the conditions of his release in December 2018 was the requirement that he wear an electronic tracking device on his ankle, which Khan had on at the time of the attack. In 2012, then-22-year-old Khan was sentenced to 16 years and jailed, along with eight others, for plotting to attack London landmarks, including the stock exchange and pubs in his hometown of Stoke-on-Trent. Before his arrest in 2010, Khan was a member of a cell inspired by the al-Qaeda terrorist organization. The group was trying to assemble materials and knowledge to make pipe bombs and other explosive devices, according to accounts of his earlier conviction. The men were also fundraising to construct a religious school in Pakistan that would have been used instead to train terrorists.

Nov. 30, 2019: **UK – Queen Praises Heroes Who Used A Narwhal Tusk And Fire Extinguisher To Stop London Bridge Attacker** - He was then confronted by at least three men. One jabbed with the decorative narwhal tusk. Another let loose a spray from a fire extinguisher. A third used his fists and feet. The attacker was later shot and killed by police. *** As more details emerged about Friday’s deadly knifings — carried out, police said, by 28-year-old Usman Khan, previously convicted and jailed for a terrorism plot — new profiles in courage appeared in the British press. They were bolstered by amateur video clips, witness statements and paeans by the London mayor and the British prime minister. *** The assailant was wearing what appeared to witnesses as a “suicide vest.” London’s mayor pointed out on the BBC that they would have had no clue at the time that the explosives were fake.

Nov. 27, 2019: **DC - Department Of Justice Announces Update To Policy On Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems** - The Justice Department announced today the publication of its updated Policy on the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. In light of advancements in unmanned aircraft system (UAS) technology, and lessons learned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s limited use of UAS, the Policy enables the Department of Justice’s law enforcement components to safely and responsibly employ UAS technology within a framework designed to provide accountability and protect privacy and civil liberties.

**Updated DoJ policy:**

**Access to Airspace.** In addition to basic compliance with FAA regulations, Department components will work with the FAA to develop and implement plans and procedures to provide any necessary specialized air traffic and airspace management support, including expedited FAA operational waivers and authorization, deconfliction, tailored operational security measures, and harmonization with UAS threat mitigation. [Also filed, Chap. 4]

Nov. 27, 2019: **NY - Brooklyn Man Arrested For Attempting To Provide Material Support to ISIS** - Zachary Clark Allegedly Disseminated ISIS Propaganda and Bomb-Making Instructions
in an Effort to Incite Acts of Terrorism and Violence In New York City and Elsewhere. ***
Clark pledged allegiance to ISIS twice, first in or about July 2019, to its then-leader Abu Bakr al-
Baghdadi, and then in or about October 2019, to ISIS’s new leader, Abu Ibrahim al-Sashemi al-
Qurayshi, who was elevated after al-Baghdadi’s death. Beginning in at least March 2019, Clark
disseminated ISIS propaganda through, among other avenues, encrypted chatrooms intended for
members, associates, supporters, and potential recruits of ISIS. Clark’s propaganda included,
among other things, calls for ISIS supporters to commit lone wolf attacks in New York City. For
example, on or about Aug. 3, 2019, Clark posted instructions about how to conduct such an
attack, including directions on how to select an attack target, how to conduct preoperational
surveillance, how to conduct operational planning, and how to avoid attracting law enforcement
attention when preparing for and conducting the attack. On another occasion, Clark posted a
manual entitled “Knife Attacks,” which stated, among other things, that discomfort at “the
thought of plunging a sharp object into another person’s flesh” is “never an excuse for
abandoning jihad” and that “[k]nives, though certainly not the only weapon for inflicting harm
upon the kuffar [non-believers,] are widely available in every land and thus readily
accessible.” Clark urged the participants in encrypted chatrooms to attack specific targets,
posting maps and images of the New York City subway system and encouraging ISIS supporters
to attack those locations. Clark’s guidance also included posting a manual entitled “Make a
bomb in the kitchen of your Mom,” which included detailed instructions about constructing an
explosive device.

Nov. 27, 2019: DC - ICE Set Up A Fake University, Then Arrested 250 People Granted Student
Visas - It has been 10 months since unsealed federal court documents revealed that U.S.
immigration officials created a fake university to lure foreign-born college students who were
trying to stay in the country on student visas that might not have been legal. The University of
Farmington, a fictitious school that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement marketed as a
hub for STEM students who wanted to enroll and not “interrupt their careers,” had a fake name,
a fake website and a fake motto on its fake seal. “Scientia et Labor,” the seal said, which means
“Knowledge and Work.” In January, eight people who allegedly worked as “recruiters” for the
school and collectively helped at least 600 students remain in the country under false pretenses
were charged with federal conspiracy. At the time, the Detroit News reported that dozens of
University of Farmington students — many of them Indian nationals — were arrested for
immigration violations and faced deportation.

Nov. 26, 2019: IN - Former Indiana Resident Pleads Guilty To Concealing Terrorism Financing -
Samantha Marie Elhassani, aka Samantha Sally, 34, formerly of Elkhart, Indiana, pleaded guilty
yesterday to a one-count Information charging her with concealment of terrorism financing in
violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339C. *** In November 2014, Elhassani was
informed by her husband that he and his brother wanted to travel to Syria to join ISIS, which she
knew was a terrorist organization that engaged in terrorist activities. Between November 2014
and April 2015, Elhassani helped the two men join ISIS by making multiple trips to Hong Kong
and transporting more than $30,000 in cash and gold from the United States and depositing it in a
safe deposit box in Hong Kong. Elhassani melted down the gold to look like jewelry and did not
disclose the cash and gold on customs declaration forms. At the time Elhassani transported the
money and gold, she knew that her husband and brother-in-law had expressed an interest in
joining ISIS and that they intended to use these resources to support ISIS.
Nov. 23, 2019:  **DC - U.S. Regulators Bar Government Telecom Funds For Huawei, ZTE** - U.S. communications regulators have cut off government funding for equipment from two Chinese companies, citing security threats. The Federal Communications Commission also proposed requiring companies that get government subsidies to rip out any equipment from Huawei and ZTE that they already have in place. It’s the latest action by the U.S. government against Chinese tech and telecom companies. The FCC voted unanimously Friday to bar U.S. telecommunications providers from using government subsidies to buy equipment from Huawei or ZTE. The FCC’s order mostly affects small, rural companies, as larger U.S. carriers do not use equipment from those Chinese companies.

Nov. 23, 2019:  **DC - U.S. Judge Orders Iran To Pay $180 million In Damages To Detained Post Journalist Jason Rezaian And His Family** - A federal judge on Friday ordered the Iranian government to pay Washington Post journalist Jason Rezaian and his family $180 million in damages for his 18-month detention during U.S.-Iran nuclear talks in 2014, saying it was needed to deter future taking of American hostages. Rezaian, then The Post’s Tehran-based correspondent, and his newlywed wife were seized July 22, 2014; placed separately in solitary confinement; and threatened with execution, physical mutilation and dismemberment, his family testified earlier this year. He spent 544 days in custody. His wife was released after two months. U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon of Washington entered a default judgment against Iran, which did not answer the lawsuit, following a two-day hearing in January. Leon granted Rezaian $23.8 million in compensatory damages for pain, suffering and economic losses; his brother Ali $2.7 million and their mother, Mary, $3.1 million for similar claims; and the family $150 million in punitive damages.

Nov. 22, 2019:  **CA - Southern Colorado Man Indicted on Federal Hate Crime and Explosives Charges for Plotting to Blow Up Synagogue** - Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband for the Civil Rights Division and Assistant Attorney General John C. Demers for the National Security Division, U.S. Attorney Jason R. Dunn for the District of Colorado, and Special Agent in Charge Dean Phillips for the FBI Denver Division announced today that Richard Holzer, 27, of Pueblo, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Denver for attempting to blow up a synagogue in Pueblo, Colorado. The federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment. Count One charges Holzer with intentionally attempting to obstruct persons in the enjoyment of their free exercise of religious beliefs, through force and the use and attempted use of explosives and fire. This charge is the same as was charged in the original complaint filed on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. Count Two charges Holzer with attempted arson, and Count Three charges Holzer with using fire or an explosive device to commit a felony offense.

Nov. 21, 2019:  **TX - Trump EPA Eases Safety Requirements Enacted After West Explosion** - Days before President Barack Obama left office in 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized a rule aimed at preventing tragedies like the 2013 explosion and fire in the tiny Central Texas town of West that killed a dozen first responders. Among other requirements, what came to be known as the "Chemical Disaster Rule" would have made it easier for the public to access hazard-planning documents and required increased coordination with first responders. It
also required companies to provide increased emergency planning information to local officials and to hold more frequent meetings and trainings. On Thursday, the EPA — which delayed implementation of the Obama rule after Trump took office — announced it would largely unwind the regulation, which was widely unpopular in the chemical industry. Republican officials argued it was too burdensome and increased the risk of terror attacks as it required some divulgence by facilities regarding what dangerous chemicals they stored. Some first responder groups also argued the regulation is too complex, though in lawsuits filed after the West incident and other recent chemical plant explosions, first responders have argued that a lack of information impacted their ability to respond effectively. [Also filed, Chap. 1].

Nov. 19, 2019: IL- Chicago Man Charged With Attempting To Provide Material Support to ISIS - A Chicago, Illinois, man has been arrested on a federal complaint charging him with attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). *** Thomas Osadzinski, 20, was arrested Monday, November 18, in Chicago. A criminal complaint charges him with one count of attempting to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization. Osadzinski appeared today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole in Chicago and was ordered held without bond. A detention hearing was scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. Osadzinski is a U.S. citizen who resides in Chicago. The complaint alleges that Osadzinski designed a process that uses a computer script to make ISIS propaganda more conveniently accessed and disseminated by users on a social media platform. Osadzinski earlier this year shared his script — and instructions for how to use it — with individuals whom he believed to be ISIS supporters and members of pro-ISIS media organizations, the complaint states. Unbeknownst to Osadzinski, the individuals were actually covert FBI employees and a person confidentially working with law enforcement, according to the complaint. *** The case was investigated by the Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force, which is comprised of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

Nov. 19, 2019: CA – The Shooting At My School Will Be Yesterday’s News. And Nothing Will Come Of It. Gina Painter is a teacher at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, Calif. We will be yesterday’s news. Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, Calif., has joined the list of all-too-familiar tragedies — Columbine, Parkland, Sandy Hook. But in a week, the news cycle will have moved on. The interviews will cease. The sound bites will be replaced. We will be yesterday’s news. ***We have now moved to a place where partisan politics rule the headlines at the expense of actually effecting change. While the shooting was unfolding — while my fellow faculty members were performing CPR on students who were bleeding from the .45-caliber rounds that were rattled off in our quad — Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) took the floor of the Senate to block a common-sense gun reform bill. “Legislation that would affect the rights of American citizens under the Second Amendment should not be fast-tracked by the Senate,” she said in Washington — at the same time that our children were being escorted out of their classrooms by the SWAT team, single-file, hands in the air, here in Saugus. And she won. They always do. The National Rifle Association machine scored a victory at the cost of two more of our children.

Nov. 18, 2019: Homeland Security Magazine: Profile of a Lone Terrorist: Who They Are, What They Believe, Why They Attack. The vast majority of lone terrorists leave a trail that includes
hostile or aggressive behavior displayed before an attack or producing telltale writings or videos, according to a new study of lone offender terrorism by the FBI. The *Lone Offender Terrorism Report*, produced by the FBI’s National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime and Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU), also notes that in a quarter of the 52 attackers from 1972 to 2015 studied for the report — 33 fatal attacks in which a total of 258 victims were killed and 982 were injured — at least one person was aware of the attacker’s planning or preparation process. The Nov. 13, 2019 FBI Lone Offender Terrorism Report.

Nov. 15, 2019: CA - A Teacher In Santa Clarita Kept A Gunshot Wound Kit In Her Classroom. It helped save a shooting victim's life, Katie Holt's decision to have a gunshot wound kit in her classroom wasn't just a sobering reminder of America's mass shooting reality. On Thursday, it likely saved a life. Holt, a choir teacher Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, California, used that kit to wrap the wounds of a student who ran into her room after she'd been shot. The student survived — but in this case, that single kit was barely enough, NBC News reports. Two students were killed and three more were hurt when a 16-year-old fellow student opened fire over a 16-second period as school began Thursday morning. Those injured included the freshman girl Holt treated, who was among 30 to 40 who rushed into Holt's room. "The rookie teacher, who started in January, quickly wheeled a grand piano in front of the door and ushered dozens of her students into an office, locking the door behind them," The New York Times writes.

Nov. 15, 2019: CA - 16-Year-Old Shooter At California High School Has Died, Authorities Say - The 16-year-old who opened fire Thursday at a high school in Santa Clarita, Calif., killing two people and wounding three others, has died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, authorities said. Nathaniel Tennosuke Berhow shot himself on his 16th birthday after pulling a gun from his backpack at Saugus High School, where he was a junior, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said. Berhow received treatment, but died Friday at about 3:30 p.m. local time with his mother present, according to the department. Berhow’s motive in the attack remains unclear, sheriff’s department spokesman Edmo Luna said Friday evening, a day after Saugus High students evacuated in the first fatal shooting this academic year on U.S. school grounds. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said that the gunman shot seemingly at random but appeared “very familiar with firing the weapon” and did not commit a “spur-of-the-moment act. “It was at least the seventh shooting of the school year, according to a Washington Post analysis — a familiar tragedy as data shows more than 230,000 children have experienced gun violence at their schools since 1999's massacre at Columbine High.

Nov. 15, 2019: IL - Suburban Chicago Man Charged With Attempting To Provide Material Support To ISIS - The leader of a Chicago-area street gang has been arrested for allegedly attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). Jason Brown, also known as “Abdul Ja’Me,” allegedly provided $500 in cash to an individual on three separate occasions this year, with the understanding that the money would be wired to an ISIS soldier engaged in active combat in Syria, according to a criminal complaint and affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Unbeknownst to Brown, the individual to whom he provided the money was confidentially working with law enforcement, and the purported ISIS fighter was actually an undercover law enforcement officer. Brown, 37, of Lombard, Illinois, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019.
Nov. 15, 2019: **DC - PROTECTING AMERICA’S SCHOOLS - A U.S. SECRET SERVICE ANALYSIS OF TARGETED SCHOOL VIOLENCE** - Some of the key findings from this study, and their implications for informing school violence prevention efforts, include: • There is no profile of a student attacker, nor is there a profile for the type of school that has been targeted: Attackers varied in age, gender, race, grade level, academic performance, and social characteristics. Similarly, there was no identified profile of the type of school impacted by targeted violence, as schools varied in size, location, and student-teacher ratios. Rather than focusing on a set of traits or characteristics, a threat assessment process should focus on gathering relevant information about a student’s behaviors, situational factors, and circumstances to assess the risk of violence or other harmful outcomes. • Attackers usually had multiple motives, the most common involving a grievance with classmates: In addition to grievances with classmates, attackers were also motivated by grievances involving school staff, romantic relationships, or other personal issues. Other motives included a desire to kill, suicide, and seeking fame or notoriety. Discovering a student’s motive for engaging in concerning behavior is critical to assessing the student’s risk.

Nov. 14, 2019: **MO – Missouri Man Sentenced For Providing Material Support To Terrorists** - Ramiz Zijad Hodzic, aka Siki Ramiz Hodzic, 45, of St. Louis County, Missouri, was sentenced to 96 months in prison for conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and providing material support to terrorists. Hodzic appeared today before Judge Catherine D. Perry. According to court documents, between May 2013 and continuing to Feb. 5, 2015, Hodzic conspired with others to support the activities of Abdullah Ramo Pazara and others, including a conspiracy to commit outside the United States an act that would constitute the offense of murder or maiming if committed in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States. Hodzic intended to and did provide support and resources to Pazara, knowing that he and his co-conspirators would use the support and resources in furtherance of their combat against Syrian government forces and others. Hodzic’s support consisted of money, which was used by his co-conspirators to purchase supplies such as U.S. military uniforms, rifle scopes, combat boots, tactical gear, clothing, firearms accessories, range finders, and other supplies useful to fighters engaged in combat in Syria and elsewhere.

Nov. 14, 2019: **OH - Friend Of Dayton, Ohio Mass Shooter Expected To Enter Guilty Plea Deal On Federal Charges** - A friend of Connor Betts who purchased body armor for the Dayton, Ohio mass shooter is expected to enter a guilty plea in federal court on an unrelated federal weapons charge, according to court records. Ethan Kollie is expected to plead guilty as part of a plea deal Nov. 20 in federal court in Dayton, according to court records filed Nov. 12. The 24-year-old was interviewed the same day as the shooting in Dayton's Oregon District that killed nine people plus the shooter. Authorities said unrelated weapons violations were uncovered against Kollie during the investigation into the mass shooting. Kollie was arrested on Sept. 9. He was charged with possessing firearms while being a user of a controlled substance and making false statements regarding firearms, according to a criminal complaint in the case.

and Resilience” guide to serve as an overview of the U.S. all-hazards approach to critical infrastructure security and resilience. It is intended for both for domestic and international partners.

Nov. 13, 2019: FBI - Lone Offender Terrorism Report - An FBI study of lone offender terrorist attacks in the U.S. takes an unprecedented look at the backgrounds, behavioral characteristics, and circumstances surrounding 52 attacks since 1972, as well as the singular perpetrators and the bystanders who often see clues but rarely act on them.

Nov. 12, 2019: CT - Supreme Court Lets Sandy Hook Shooting Lawsuit Go Forward - WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Tuesday that a survivor and relatives of victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting can pursue their lawsuit against the maker of the rifle used to kill 26 people. The justices rejected an appeal from Remington Arms, which argued it should be shielded by a 2005 federal law preventing most lawsuits against firearms manufacturers when their products are used in crimes. The case is being watched by gun control advocates, gun rights supporters and gun manufacturers across the country because it has the potential to provide a roadmap for victims of other mass shootings to circumvent the federal law and sue the makers of firearms.

Nov. 7, 2019: FBI - No Average Call - A Look Inside The FBI’s National Threat Operations Center - For NTOC threat intake examiners, that means handling about 3,100 different situations every day as phone calls and electronic tips flow into the FBI facility in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The calls and online tips can touch on any one of the FBI’s areas of focus—from counterterrorism and counterintelligence to bank robberies, public corruption, violent crime, and more. *** In early 2018, following the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, the FBI took a hard look at how it processes tips and how its Public Access Line was structured and operated during that time. “It’s up to all Americans to be vigilant, and when members of the public contact us with concerns, we must act properly and quickly,” FBI Director Christopher Wray said in a statement. The Bureau made a strategic decision to transform the Public Access Line into what is known today as the National Threat Operations Center in response to the ever-changing threat landscape and to better identify its role within today’s FBI.

Nov. 7, 2019: DHS - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency - CISA Cyber Essentials - Your success depends on cyber readiness. Both depend on you. CISA’s Cyber Essentials is a guide for leaders of small businesses as well as leaders of small and local government agencies to develop an actionable understanding of where to start implementing organizational cybersecurity practices. Consistent with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and other standards, the Cyber Essentials are the starting point to cyber readiness.

Nov. 6, 2019: DC – FBI - Reauthorizing The USA Freedom Act Of 2015 - Joint Statement With Department of Justice Deputy Assistant Attorney General J. Bradford Wiegmann and Susan Morgan, National Security Agency, Before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Washington, D.C. - Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, distinguished members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today about four important provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) that will expire at the end of this year unless reauthorized
by Congress. As indicated in the Director of National Intelligence’s letter to this committee, the administration strongly supports permanent reauthorization of these provisions. Three of the authorities—the roving wiretap, business records, and lone wolf provisions—have been part of FISA for well over a decade and have been renewed by Congress multiple times, most recently in the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015 (FREEDOM Act). Before that, these same authorities were reauthorized multiple times between 2005 and 2011, each time following extensive congressional review and deliberation. Each renewal gained bipartisan support. Two of the authorities, the “roving wiretap” and “business records” provisions, have been part of FISA since 2001. These provisions are important in national security investigations and are comparable to provisions available in ordinary criminal investigations. The roving wiretap authority enables the government to continue surveilling a court-approved national security target when the target takes steps to thwart the surveillance. The business records authority allows the government to collect records, papers, and other documents that are relevant to a national security investigation. The government has used these important national security authorities judiciously, with the approval of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), and in the interest of national security.

Nov. 5, 2019: DC – FBI - Statement Before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  - Our nation continues to face a multitude of serious and evolving threats ranging from homegrown violent extremists (HVEs) to cyber criminals to hostile foreign intelligence services and operatives. Keeping pace with these threats is a significant challenge for the FBI. Our adversaries—terrorists, foreign intelligence services, and criminals—take advantage of modern technology to hide their communications; recruit followers; and plan, conduct and encourage espionage, cyber-attacks, or terrorism to disperse information on different methods to attack the U.S. homeland, and to facilitate other illegal activities. *** The most persistent threats to the nation and to U.S. interests abroad are homegrown violent extremists (HVEs), domestic violent extremists, and foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs). The IT threat to the U.S. has expanded from sophisticated, externally directed FTO plots to include individual attacks carried out by HVEs who are inspired by designated terrorist organizations. We remain concerned that groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and al Qaeda have the intent to carry out large-scale attacks in the U.S. The FBI assesses HVEs are the greatest, most immediate terrorism threat to the homeland. These individuals are FTO-inspired individuals who are in the U.S., have been radicalized primarily in the U.S., and are not receiving individualized direction from FTOs. We, along with our law enforcement partners, face significant challenges in identifying and disrupting HVEs. This is due, in part, to their lack of a direct connection with an FTO, an ability to rapidly mobilize, and the use of encrypted communications.

Nov. 5, 2019: Italy – Three Firefighters Killed In Explosion in Italy - Firefighters search among debris following an explosion in a building in Quargnento, Northern Italy, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019. Sky TG24 reported that firefighters were responding to a report of an explosion in a disused section of a farm building in Alessandria province when a second, stronger explosion occurred early Tuesday, killing three firefighters. (Dino Ferretti/ANSA via AP) MILAN (AP) — Three Italian firefighters were killed early Tuesday in a building explosion that appears to have
been deliberate in the northwestern region of Piedmont. Sky TG24 reported that the firefighters were responding to a report of an explosion in an uninhabited farm building in Alessandria province when a second, stronger blast occurred. Three other first responders were injured. Prosecutor Enrico Cerci told reporters that a timer and a gas canister have been found in the rubble, which “makes us think that the explosion was deliberate.” No motive was immediately clear, but the Italian news agency ANSA, citing unidentified investigative sources, said there was no indication of terrorist involvement. Sky TG24 reported that the timer was remote-controlled, and that the owner of the farmhouse, which had been renovated and has been up for sale for two years, had been questioned. An adjacent farm building that was part of the complex was not damaged.

Secondary Bombs: see also - Olympic Park Bombing Fast Facts (July 27, 1996) - An anonymous 911 call warns that a bomb will explode in Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, during the Olympic Games. The caller says: "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes." The call is later determined to have been made from a pay phone near the park. Twenty-two minutes later, at 1:25 a.m. (some sources say 1:20 a.m.), a 40-pound pipe bomb explodes.

Nov. 5, 2019: CO: FBI Arrests Alleged White Supremacist Accused Of Planning To Bomb A Pueblo Synagogue - A 27-year-old man who allegedly espoused white supremacist ideology online was arrested by the FBI and accused of plotting to bomb a synagogue in Colorado. Richard Holzer had brought a knife and a mask to a motel room and was examining inert pipe bombs prepared by undercover agents’ moments before he was arrested late Friday, according to a criminal complaint. Holzer is charged with attempting to obstruct the free exercise of religious beliefs with the attempted use of explosives -- a hate crime. In court documents, officials called him a domestic terrorist and described his alleged anti-Semitic ideology and desires for a racial holy war. According to the complaint, Holzer talked about killing Jews in forums online and shared video of himself casing a synagogue in Pueblo. He described himself as a skinhead, and shared pictures of himself with other social media users with guns and knives alongside white supremacist symbols, the complaint says.

See also Nov. 2, 2019: FBI Press Release: Holzer allegedly met with undercover agents posing as fellow white supremacists to discuss a plan to attack Temple Emanuel, then visited the Synagogue together. The affidavit alleges that Holzer then made additional trips on his own to inspect the Synagogue and coordinated with undercover agents to obtain explosives. On the evening of Nov. 1, 2019, Holzer allegedly met with undercover agents, who provided Holzer with inert explosive devices that had been fabricated by the FBI, including two pipe bombs and 14 sticks of dynamite. According to the affidavit, Holzer planned to detonate the explosives several hours later, in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Nov. 4, 2019: DC - SAFETY Act - DHS S&T’s Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act) minimizes the risk of liability to new solutions. The SAFETY Act provides incentives for companies that have developed technologies to protect public venues from terror attacks. The National Football League, Major League Baseball, and National Basketball Association have all played a key role in significantly upgrading and strengthening security at stadiums and arenas throughout the country with the help of the SAFETY Act. With
more than 1,000 qualified anti-terrorism technologies – from metal detectors visitors walk through to risk mitigation modeling – SAFETY Act certification covers a broad range of layered security solutions to help stay ahead of evolving threats and ultimately save lives.

See partnerships with NFL, MLB, and NBA.

Watch video of “Snapshot: SAFETY Act Program in its 15th Year, Passes 1,000 Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technologies.”

Safety Act, The Office of Safety Act Implementation:

“As part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, Congress enacted the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act) of 2002. The SAFETY Act provides incentives for the development and deployment of anti-terrorism technologies by creating systems of risk and litigation management. The purpose of the Act is to ensure that the threat of liability does not deter potential manufacturers or sellers of effective anti-terrorism technologies from developing and commercializing technologies that could save lives. The program is managed by the Office of SAFETY Act Implementation within the Science and Technology Directorate. The Under Secretary for Science and Technology is the deciding official for SAFETY Act applications.”

Nov. 2, 2019: Homeland Security Magazine - Why ‘See Something, Say Something’ Isn’t Enough to Detect the Next Insider Threat - If You See Something, Say Something has been an effective mantra for transportation safety and homeland security since 9/11. But is it the right catchphrase for insider threat awareness? We know we should report the ticking briefcase in the corner of the subway station, but what about the co-worker whose schedule has changed?

Nov. 1, 2019: Homeland Security Magazine - Potential ISIS Retaliation, Holiday Season Put Houses of Worship On Guard - Faith-based organizations and houses of worship have been cautioned to exercise extra awareness as retaliation from ISIS could fuel attacks in the wake of leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi’s death during a heightened terror propaganda season from pre-Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day. In the run-up to and during the holidays, ISIS supporters churning out much of the group’s calls to action have promoted Christmas market attacks in Germany (2016) and France (2018) as well as the 2015 attack on a county employees’ holiday party in San Bernardino, Calif. Everitt Aaron Jameson, a Modesto, Calif., tow-truck driver, pleaded guilty last year to planning a Christmas-season attack on San Francisco’s Pier 39; he had “liked” on Facebook an ISIS propaganda image depicting Santa with a box of dynamite in New York’s Times Square.

Oct. 29, 2019: OH – University of Cincinnati - University Cyber Ranges Immerse Students in Cybersecurity Education - Students are put to real-world security tests as cyber ranges expand cyber education.