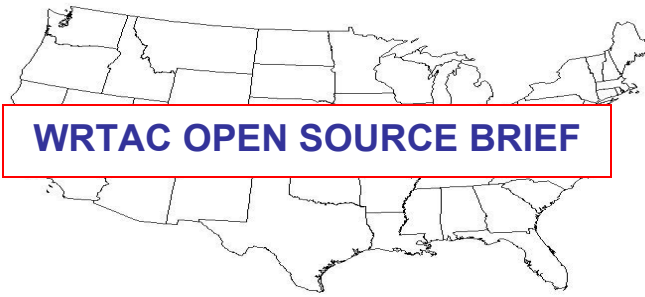


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Christmas shoppers flee twin terror blasts in Sweden

(Terrorism TTP)

A car loaded with gas canisters detonated in a busy section of downtown Stockholm, followed by another explosion 10 minutes later caused by a suicide bomber. After the explosions, the bomber was found dead lying about 300 yards away from the car bomb, reportedly wearing a suicide vest and a backpack full of nails and surrounded by the remains of pipe bombs. The bombs apparently were inexpertly crafted and failed to detonate to full capacity. Two people were wounded in the bombings, which took place in a street filled with Christmas shoppers. Only minutes before the attacks, the Swedish Security Police (SAPO) had received an email warning, with sound files in both Swedish and Arabic, referring to the presence of Swedish forces in Afghanistan and to the cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed by Swedish artist Lars Viks.



http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2010/12/terrorist_bombings_i.php

Dulles van linked to odd crashes

(Criminal TTP)

Muhammed Teshale, 25, of Alexandria, Virginia, was charged with felony hit-and-run after a series of intentional collisions along I-66 and The Dulles Access Road. Teshale, the driver of a blue SuperShuttle van, driving between 90-95 miles per hour, "twice sideswiped a Dodge Charger and rear-ended a Chrysler Pacifica, and a taxicab." According to the taxicab driver, Teshale intentionally swerved towards his vehicle, struck the vehicle, and fled the scene. After striking six vehicles, Teshale was discovered in his damaged Supershuttle at the Dulles Airport. According to investigating officers, Teshale told police he "did it to be famous." The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are pending. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/josh-white/dulles-super-shuttle-van-linke.html>

Analyst Note: Police are continuing to investigate the hit-and-run crashes to determine Teshal's motive. It is unknown at this time whether Teshal's motivations were connected to the October Inspire Magazine article The Ultimate Mowing Machine, or other ideology. Although historic ramming TTP has yielded low fatalities, ramming attacks or intentional hit-and-run crashes similar to those carried out by Teshal could be successfully conducted on almost any street in the District. First responders should be aware of these attack methodologies when responding to crash scenes.

Suspects Sought in Robberies

(NCR BOLO)

Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Second District are seeking the public's assistance in identifying two individuals wanted in connection with a series of robberies that appear to be similar in nature. In one of the incidents, a victim was shot after refusing to surrender his property. Police are investigating potential similarities in incidents that occurred within the past week. **In all four of the robberies the suspects were described as follows: suspect one is described as a black male, between 5-feet-10 inches to 6-feet-tall, stocky-chubby build, between the ages of 25 to 30 years of age, dreads or braided hair style, dark complexion, wearing a white or light colored coat and dark pants. Suspect two is described as a black male, 5-feet-7 inches to 5-feet-9 inches tall, medium-average build, 25 to 30 years of age, unknown hair style, dark complexion, wearing dark clothing. During one of the robberies a third suspect, described as a black male with medium complexion, may have been involved.** The suspects were believed to be operating a vehicle, described as a dark color sedan, possibly green or black, with tinted windows. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at (202) 727-9099 or 1-888-919-CRIME (1-888-919-2746).

<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/20873/year/2010>

Man abducted in theft of drug delivery truck

(NCR Criminal TTP)

A pharmaceutical delivery driver was abducted while making his rounds in West Baltimore on Monday morning by thieves who made off with a truckload of drug products. Police called the robbery "incredibly thought-out," and were looking for three suspects. The robbery occurred about 9 a.m. in the 2000 block of W. Pratt St., outside the Westside Pharmacy and Wellness Center. The driver was forced at gunpoint into the back of his delivery truck and taken to an unknown location where the suspects unloaded about 80 crates of drug products. Police are in contact with local FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2010-12-13/news/bs-md-ci-pharmacy-abduction-20101213_1_delivery-truck-drug-products-west-baltimore

Thieves steal explosives from CCPD facility

(Criminal TTP)

The Corpus Christi Police Department in Corpus Christi, Texas is asking for the public's help recovering powerful explosives stolen from a police facility. Officials said 4.9 lbs. of C4 explosive, 3 lbs. of TNT, 83 blasting caps, and some shape charges were stolen. The theft was discovered December 8 when officers went to the facility to retrieve some items for disposal. The thieves used a truck and a tree to help them get high enough to climb over the fence, then they used a torch to cut through the lock on the storage container.

<http://www.kristv.com/news/thieves-steal-explosives-from-ccpd-facility/>



Electronic Pickpocket

(Criminal TTP)

Thieves now have the capabilities to steal your credit card information without laying a hand on your wallet. It's new technology being used in credit and debit cards, and it's already leaving nearly 140 million people at-risk for electronic pickpocketing. It all centers around radio frequency identification technology, or RFID. Even people who thought there was no way we could pick their pocket electronically without laying a hand on them, soon learned they were wrong. "You have a SunTrust card in there," Augustinowicz explained to a second "victim." "And that's your account number and expiration date," he said showing the man the screen. Using just an off-the-shelf card reader, Augustinowicz explained he could swipe credit card numbers, expiration dates, and in some cases, even people's names.

<http://www.wreg.com/wreg-electronic-pickpocketing-story.0.6289527.story>



December is Critical Infrastructure Month

(DHS Initiative)

From energy systems that power our neighborhoods, to transportation networks that move us around our communities and the country, to facilities that provide our families with safe drinking water, critical infrastructure impacts nearly every aspect of our daily lives. Secretary Napolitano is working to raise awareness about the importance of our nation's critical infrastructure and strengthen our ability to protect it. The Department oversees programs and resources that foster public-private partnerships, enhance protective programs, and build resilience to withstand and recover rapidly from the impacts from natural disasters or terrorist threats. Key activities in those areas include:



- Assessing vulnerabilities, implementing protective programs, and improving security protocols
- Enhancing preparedness through training and exercises
- Implementing real-time information sharing
- Implementing cybersecurity measures
- Assisting with infrastructure data collection and management
- Developing standards for federal building security <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/critical.shtm>

First Responder Flu Vaccination

(Public Health)

Recognizing the potential adverse effects on operational effectiveness caused by outpatient visits and hospitalizations, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) encourages Emergency Services Sector departments and agencies, as well as private sector businesses, to use their toolkit entitled: “[Make It Your Business to Fight the Flu](#)”. **The purpose of this Toolkit is to help businesses and employers fight the flu and to offer tips and suggestions to consider when planning and responding to the seasonal flu.** Additional information can be found at the CDC website, <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/business>.



Ensuring Your Business's Safety

In the 1995 film "Hackers" the lead character downloads sensitive information to a floppy disk. Today, of course, advances in technology have yielded equally advanced security threats. Businesses face daily threats from cybersecurity dangers that are further enhanced by increased reliance on new business communications and computing tools. While most business owners understand e-mail is key to the success of their business, their networks are more vulnerable than ever to the proliferation of increasingly sophisticated e-mail viruses and spam. According to Gartner, 90% of all viruses and worms enter organizations via e-mail. Most of these threats stem from external sources, but IT professionals should not overlook the threats insiders pose, either intentional or accidental. <http://www.networkworld.com/columnists/2010/120810-cdw-business-safety.html>



Recall of certain Over-The Counter Cold Relief Products that are Mislabeled (Public Health Recall)

Reese Pharmaceutical Company has voluntarily recalled lot# 091612 only in 60-count size bottles identified under four different brand names, because cold decongestant tablets (containing Acetaminophen 325 mg, Phenylephrine 5 mg & Chlorpheniramine Maleate 2 mg) were mislabeled as containing only 200mg Guaifenesin tablets. **The mislabeled product does not warn consumers that Acetaminophen may cause liver damage. Ingesting high doses of Acetaminophen can potentially cause severe liver damage. The likelihood of acute liver damage is higher among consumers with pre-existing liver disease and those who drink three or more alcoholic drinks per day. Overdose may specially occur if consumers are also taking other cold/cough products that contain Acetaminophen in addition to the mislabeled product.** <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm236509.htm>

Johnson & Johnson Roloids recall expands to Canada

(Public Health Recall)

The company's McNeil Consumer Healthcare business said it is voluntarily pulling all Roloids Ultra Strength Softchews and Roloids Ultra Strength Softchews plus Gas Relief off the market because consumers reported finding metal and wood particles. The recall includes all production lots. The company said stores, retailers, and pharmacies should stop selling the products, and consumers who bought the products should stop using them.



<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Johnson-Johnson-Roloids-apf-3397350453.html?x=0>

Hospital Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosive Incidents

January 31–February 4; Aberdeen, MD - This postgraduate course for emergency planners, hospital administrators, clinicians, and emergency responders, presented by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, offers an overview of all chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive fields, including the psychology of such events, as well as principles of hospital emergency management, regulatory frameworks, equipment and procedure demonstrations, and a multi-station practical exercise.



https://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/In_house/cbrne.htm

Metro announces Holiday schedules

Metro rail will stay open from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24); Christmas Day (Saturday, Dec. 25); New Year's Eve (Friday, Dec. 31); and New Year's Day (Saturday, Jan. 1) with a Sunday schedule slated each day. Metrobus will operate on a Sunday schedule from Dec. 24 to 26, and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2, 2011, and a modified weekday schedule from Dec. 27 to 30. MetroAccess will cancel all subscription trips on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. All trips during that timeframe must be reserved separately.



http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4769

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Sign-up for Alerts <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>

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