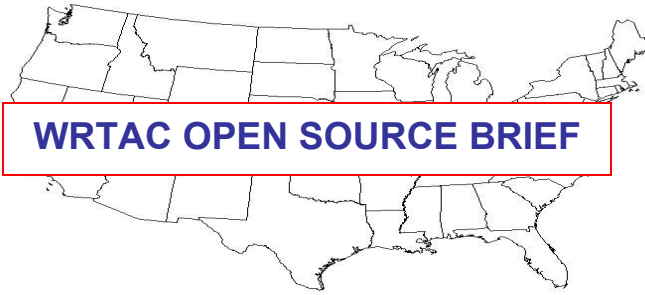


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TSA tip: Suspect planned thermos bomb

Shortly before Christmas, federal officials received a tip that terrorists might be concealing bombs in thermos liners carried aboard planes, Transportation Safety Administration head John S. Pistole said Thursday. On Dec. 23, Pistole said, he got a tip that Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, a 28-year-old Saudi national who is on that country's most-wanted list and was tied to the plot to explode a bomb disguised as toner cartridge on a cargo plane, was behind the plot to make a thermos bomb. The tip on thermos came from a source he did not identify on Dec. 23. "Anyone who has traveled with a thermos since then has been getting more screening," he said. Pistole, addressing an American Bar Association committee in Washington, also said he expected modification to controversial airport scanners this year to address privacy concerns.
http://voices.washingtonpost.com/dr-gridlock/2011/01/tsa_says_screener_to_be_modif.html?wprss=dr-gridlock

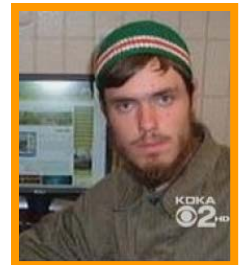
(Terrorism TTP)



Pa. man talked to terrorism suspects

A man charged with biting two FBI agents who struggled to keep him from grabbing a loaded 9 mm pistol in his jacket was ordered jailed until trial after a federal judge was told he communicated online with at least two people accused of terror-related crimes. Assistant U.S. Attorney Soo Song suggested Emerson Begolly's links to other terror defendants show his online pro-terror comments and weapons training videos were more than idle musings. Song said 14 weapons taken from Begolly's room in his father's house included three AK-47-style assault rifles, one kept loaded under his pillow. Agents also said they found a Hamas flag with an Arabic message that means, "It was not you who killed them, it was God." Ferguson read pages of chat messages he said Begolly posted under the screen name Abu Nancy about filling station wagons with propane tanks that could be exploded on a target and other comments praising the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/13/AR2011011304122_2.html

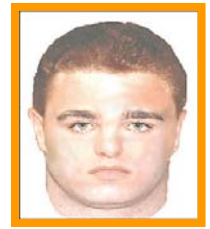
(Terrorism TTP)



Sketch released of Md. pastor assailant

(NCR BOLO)

Montgomery County police have released a composite sketch of the suspect who assaulted a pastor inside a church earlier this week. Detectives said the suspect could also be recognized by cuts to his hands and head, as the preacher was armed with a rake. The incident, at New Creation Church in the Wheaton area, was the third time in six weeks that an intruder entered the church -- break-ins that, at one point, led to the theft of an estimated 40,000 pennies collected as part of a project to donate money to help impoverished children. Detectives don't know if the Sunday attacker was the same person who'd been in the church before. **They described him as a white male, between 22 and 26, standing approximately 5'10" and weighing about 225 pounds with a muscular build.** Police ask anyone with information about this suspect or the burglaries to call 240-773-5530. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/update-on-the-news/sketch-released-of-preacher-as.html?hpid=newswell>



Woman Abducted in Gunston Area

(NCR BOLO)

A 20-year-old Lorton woman reported that she was pulled into a vehicle and driven to Prince William County on Wednesday, January 12 around 3:20 p.m. The woman said that she was walking southbound along Route 1 toward a shopping center near Woodside Lane when a man yelled something to her from a passing vehicle. She approached the passenger side of the vehicle and the man allegedly leaned over, opened the door and pulled her inside. The man sped southbound on Route 1 and fondled the woman as he drove. After entering Woodbridge, the woman escaped from the car and fled near East Longview Drive. A woman nearby assisted the victim and called for help. **The suspect is described as black and between 30 and 39 years old. He was also described as tall and having a medium build. The vehicle was described as a dark, four door sedan. Police are also trying to locate the woman who helped the victim;** she was described as a bilingual Hispanic woman. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477 <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2011/011311gunstonabduction.htm>

Department of Homeland Security advises members of Congress on dealing with 'active shooter'

In the wake of the mass casualty shooting in Tucson that killed six and wounded 14 including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., the Department of Homeland Security is distributing guidance to members of Congress on how to respond to an "active shooter." Active shooter situations develop so quickly without warning and commonly last less than 15 minutes so individuals "must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation" before law enforcement arrives, DHS says.



http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/nov05election/detail?entry_id=80687

DHS Intelligence and Analysis Needs Better Plans for State and Local Information Sharing, Says GAO

The Homeland Security Department's Office of Intelligence and Analysis should establish "mutually agreed upon milestones" to identify the information needs of the states and report the results of its "customer feedback survey" to its state and local partners, reports the Government Accountability Office. Besides "intelligence products," the Office of Intelligence and Analysis provides "other services to its state and local partners—primarily through fusion centers—that have generally been well received," notes the GAO. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-11-223>



Companies Research Airport Screening Alternatives

“Companies around the world are pouring research money and brainpower into making the slog through airport security into more of a stroll,” reports the Post, listing eight technologies under development: Liquid analyzer, iris recognition, bomb sniffer, not-so-naked pictures, fingerprint readers, shoe screeners, behavioral assessment, and biometric ID cards. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/nation/future-airport-security/>



Training approved for frontline employees

(Emergency Management)

The NJ Transit (NJT) Board of Directors recently approved a contract that will provide security and terrorism awareness training for its frontline employees. The training will be funded by a grant received through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transit Security Grant Program. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. System training, formerly known as Behavioral Assessment Screening System (BASS) training, was first introduced to the law enforcement community and has extended to civilians who work in areas of mass transportation, stadiums, retail venues, and other facilities with a high volume of patrons. This training is designed to teach frontline employees how to quickly recognize potential high-risk individuals through observation and assessment of their behavior. http://www.northjersey.com/community/announcements/112990004_Training_approved_for_frontline_employees.html

Amber Alerts now on Facebook

(Resource)

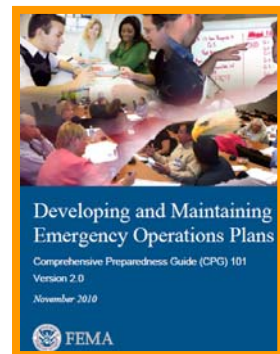
Amber Alerts for missing children are now available as a news feed on Facebook, an effort to reach more people faster, announced the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Facebook users can sign up to get alerts by state, and share them with their friends. Facebook has set up a page for each state, as well as for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District. The goal of the alerts is to quickly notify the community in an effort to find missing children. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/allison-klein/amber-alerts-now-on-facebook.html?wprss=crime-scene>



Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101

(Resource)

Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 provides guidelines on developing emergency operations plans (EOPs). It promotes a common understanding of the fundamentals of risk-informed planning and decision making to help planners examine a hazard or threat and produce integrated, coordinated, and synchronized plans. The goal of CPG 101 is to make the planning process routine across all phases of emergency management and for all homeland security mission areas. CPG 101 is the foundation for state, territorial, tribal, and local emergency planning in the United States. Planners in other disciplines, organizations, and the private sector, as well as other levels of government, should also find this Guide useful in the development of their EOPs. <http://www.fema.gov/prepared/plan.shtm>



Fake Coca-Cola survey emails lead to phishing page

(Criminal TTP)

Security researchers from e-mail security vendor AppRiver warned of a new phishing campaign which produces e-mails offering a reward taking part in a Coca-Cola opinion poll. The fake e-mails began hitting people's in-boxes January 10, and bear a subject of "Happy New Year." Their header has been spoofed to appear as if they come from a customer[at]cocacola[dot]us e-mail address. Recipients are provided with a link to the poll page and in order to convince people to complete it, the e-mails offer \$150 to every participant. Users are taken through a series of redirects before landing on a page reading "Coca-Cola's Customer Satisfaction Survey." <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Coca-Cola-Survey-Emails-Lead-to-Phishing-Page-177633.shtml>



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>

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