Terrorism, Risk Assessment and Homeland Defense

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The presentation will address the nature and causes of Terrorism and attempt to address the changes in terrorist motivation, tactics and strategy, which have been evolving over the last decades. Considering the historical perspective, it will address the reasons and logic, which would lead to a terrorist attack. Techniques of risk assessment will be outlined and the principles of Operational Risk Management (ORM) and Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point Planning (HACCP) carefully discussed in an operational context. Countermeasures strategies, national infrastructure and available federal specialty units will be addressed. The topics covered in this course include:

Learning Objectives
- Define terrorism
- List the motives of new terrorism
- List the tactics of new terrorism
- Identify reasons for terrorism
- Name types of terrorists
- Describe types of psychological effects caused by terrorist events
- List countermeasures to terrorism
- Explain Operational Risk Management (ORM) and its rules
- Describe Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Planning
- List some specialized response teams

Competencies
- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action (to activate response plan)

* Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness

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