



Terrorism Training

for Law Enforcement



Terrorism Overview



Terrorism Overview Topics

- Introduction, definitions, objective
- Modern realities and myths
- Historical context of terrorism
- Types and forms of terrorism
- Distinctive terrorist characteristics
- Laws terrorists violate
- Terrorist threats to law enforcement

What Is Terrorism?

FBI Definition

The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives

What Is Terrorism? (continued)

The use of extreme force and violence for the purpose of coercing a governmental entity or population to modify its philosophy and direction



The Objective

**Scare people so that they
do what terrorists want!**

Modern Realities

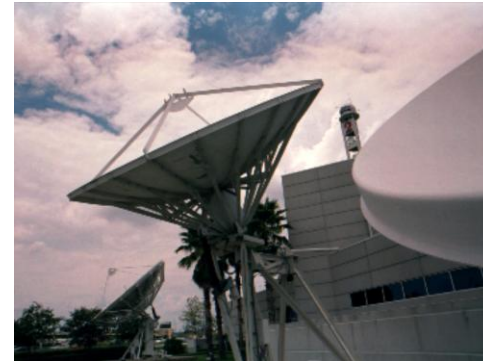
- Terrorism is a
 - Weapon the weak use to gain a sense of equality
 - Vehicle a minority can employ to coerce the majority
 - Tactic anyone today can use to try to get their way
- Terrorism can be directed at large and vague targets and/or very specific locations and people

Is Terrorism a Modern Phenomenon?

- No and yes!
 - No—terrorism traces its roots to the beginnings of civilization
 - Yes—terrorism is practiced differently today than during most of history

Why and How Is Modern Terrorism Different From Historical Terrorism?

- Transportation
- Weapons technology
- Population density
- Communications



A Sad Truth...

For the first time in the history of man, the past few decades have seen the capability develop for a small group of dedicated people to perpetrate a catastrophic attack, killing thousands and causing multimillions of dollars in damages

Types and Forms of Terrorism and Criminal Extremism

- Left-wing terrorism
- Right-wing terrorism
- Special-interest/single-issue terrorism
- Domestic and international terrorism

Distinctive Characteristics

- Dedication to the cause
- Uncompromising
- Willing to give their lives to the cause
- Allowing their logic and sense of right and wrong to be clouded by the cause
- Not allowing adversity, arrest, or incarceration to dampen their objectives
- Willing to work with like-minded, but possibly diverse, people

Are Terrorists Criminals?

- Yes—but no law makes it illegal to hold terrorist beliefs, per se
- The *U.S. Constitution* guarantees freedom of expression
- Terrorists should be prosecuted for violations of the law

Are Terrorists Criminals? (continued)

- Law enforcement officers must ensure the rights of the people are protected, while at the same time ensuring the security of the population is upheld!

What Types of Laws Do Terrorists Violate?

- Bombing
- Weapons possession/usage
- Arson
- Burglary
- Vehicle theft
- Other thefts of all kinds
- Fraud
- Money laundering
- Vandalism
- Murder/assault/battery
- Extortion
- Kidnapping
- Airline hijacking
- Assorted interstate violations

What Threats Do Terrorists Present to Law Enforcement?

- Direct physical threats
- Civil action
- Character assassination
- Public distrust

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