

# September 2015 Business Training Opportunity

Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT) training will teach your staff the skills that are helpful in identifying suspicious packages, suspicious people, and situations that "just don't seem right".

A four-hour training on **September 23** will be hosted at the State Capitol, with an ensuing train-the-trainer course afterwards. I encourage you to send staff to receive both trainings so that they can train the rest of your staff on these valuable skills that can make a difference in identifying and possibly thwarting a potential man-made threat.

[Information on the course and how to register can be found on the DEM training page.](#) Find the course date, Sept 23, and click on the course number at the far right to register on UTrain. If needed, [instructions on establishing a UTrain account can be found here.](#)

This training has become more valuable than ever before in light of incidents such as the Boston Marathon bombing, and the increase in terrorist planning and activities across the board.

Please share this announcement with your staff and those in your networks that would benefit.

Here is the course description:

Personnel who have extensive contact with the public are in the best position to identify unusual packages, suspicious substances, and people who are acting suspiciously. However, they need to acquire skills in what to look for and how to respond – skills that can be acquired through rigorous emergency planning, regular emergency testing and drills, and extensive training. Specifically, security personnel must engage in the four activities included in the ongoing screening process: assessing, identifying, evaluating, and acting.

The tragic events surrounding the bomb attack at the Boston Marathon (2013); the terrorist train bombings in Mumbai (2006), Madrid (2004), and Moscow (2004), and on the subway in London (2005); the terrorist aircraft attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; the ongoing suicide bomb attacks against buses in Israel; and, the Sarin attacks of the Tokyo subway system in 1995 are all terrible reminders of how vulnerable free nations' public is to terrorist attacks.

As these threats have increased and evolved, the US government has expanded its support for initiatives to prepare personnel to respond appropriately and safely to terrorist incidents involving CBRNE that are targeted at our infrastructure.

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are supporting several major initiatives to improve the capability of agencies to respond to terrorist incidents. This Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT) course is one of those major initiatives. It is designed to provide awareness-level training to public safety personnel.

## **Core Capabilities**

The terminal learning objectives of this course align with the following core capabilities:

- Community Resilience
- Intelligence and Information Sharing (Prevention and Protection)
- Interdiction and Disruption (Prevention)
- Operational Coordination
- Operational Communication
- Physical Protective Measures
- Public Information and Warning
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Risk Management for Protection, Programs and Activities

- Screening, Search and Detection (Prevention and Protection)
- Threat and Hazard Identification

### **Scope**

During this course, participants will be provided with an overview of security operations that can be used to protect assets from terrorist acts. Participants will be able to incorporate the four elements of SPOT, including assessment, identification, evaluation, and action, into their standard practices.

### **Target Audience**

This course is designed to provide public safety officials, private sector/corporate security, transportation security responsible for conducting screening operations in a field environment the knowledge, skills, and abilities to conduct behavioral assessments.

### **Course Length**

Basic course - 4 hours

Train-the-trainer the above plus a supplemental 4 hour instructional period.

Any questions please let me know.

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