



Deviation Assessment and Response Training (D.A.R.T.)

Introduction

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Assess Behavioral Baseline Deviations

When assessing behavioral baseline deviations it is important to group many deviations from the baseline as a basis for "elevated suspicion". Elevated suspicion is more than a hunch, but in most cases it is less than reasonable suspicion, which is required to detain a person for criminal investigation. So to get the required information to lead to reasonable suspicion, we need a means of further investigating the individual without a legal detention. By utilizing BASS, it is possible to gather the necessary information to either escalate the situation or individual to a level of reasonable suspicion or discount the situation or individual as an indication of terrorist activity.

The following factors may suggest possible terrorist surveillance or planning, particularly when they are observed at or near your transportation system. Alone, each indicator can result from legitimate recreational or commercial activity; or from criminal activity not related to terrorism. However, the presence of multiple indicators can suggest a terrorist threat. Surveillance and probing of potential targets is consistent with known practices employed by al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations that seek to maximize the likelihood of operational success through careful planning.

Surveillance Indicators

- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures or personnel, entry points and a access controls, or perimeter barriers such as fences or walls
- Loitering near restricted or sensitive areas, appearing lost, taking notes
- Unusual behavior such as staring or evasively looking away from personnel or vehicles entering or leaving designated facilities or parking areas
- Observation of security routines, drills, or procedures
- Mobile surveillance using bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles, or small aircraft
- Unusual requests, such as asking for obscure directions, the number of customers or employees passing near your post, or the number of trains or buses running at any given time. Any attempts to distract you should increase your level of suspicion
- Prolonged surveillance using operatives disguised as panhandlers, or food or flower vendors not previously seen in the area
- Individuals attempting to make unscheduled deliveries or maintenance visits with no appointments
- Picture taking or video recording of or around your post, especially when coupled with high magnification lenses. Note-taking at non-tourist locations. Picture taking alone is not a suspicious activity unless the pictures are of railroad tracks, emergency exits, access roads, street signs, bus terminals, and emergency personnel during an emergency or a drill. If you see such picture taking, your suspicions should be raised.
- People avoiding detection or observation, or moving back and forth for a better vantage point