THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

RAISING AT AWARENESS

This August marks the 14th annual observance of Antiterrorism (AT) Awareness Month. The purpose of AT awareness month is to encourage vigilance and increase awareness of possible terrorist threats, force protection measures, and reporting requirements. Security professionals can share information and messaging regarding vigilance, AT training, and resources with their workforces throughout the month.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) releases an annual report called the "Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community" that focuses on worldwide threats to the national security of the United States. This report features the collective insights of the U.S. intelligence community, and is used by policy makers, warfighters, and domestic law enforcement personnel in their mission to protect American lives and interests worldwide.

According to the 2023 edition of the report, "U.S. persons and interests at home and abroad will face a persistent and increasingly diverse threat from terrorism during the next year. Individuals and cells adhering to ideologies espoused by ISIS, al-Qa'ida, or the transnational Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVE) movement pose a significant terrorist threat to U.S. persons, facilities, and interests. Iran and Lebanese Hizballah remain committed to conducting terrorist attacks and could seek to do so on U.S. soil."

There are threat awareness and force protection

systems that all DOD personnel should get familiar with to enable them to remain vigilant and safe from potential terrorist activity. DOD and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) both have systems to advise personnel about the terrorist threat levels in their locations. Those systems are Force Protection Condition (FPCON), DOD Terrorism Threat Levels, and the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS). For personnel traveling overseas, the State Department has information pages and travel advisories for other countries. There is also a Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which allows enrollees to receive security messages about terrorist threats and security incidents. Learning about possible terrorist activities in your area or places you plan to visit is an important step in implementing protective measures to reduce your risk of being a target of terrorist activities.

FPCON is a DOD approved system which standardizes DOD's identification of, and recommended preventive actions and responses to, terrorist threats against U.S. personnel and facilities. These FPCON measures change as the threat of attack changes. The five progressive levels of AT protective measures are as follows - see table to the right.

The Defense Intelligence Agency assesses a terrorist threat level for each country. Other U.S. agencies also contribute to collecting and analyzing terrorist threat information and intelligence in an effort to ensure the best possible warning of terrorist dangers. If there is indication that a terrorist group is operationally active and targeting U.S. forces, the Defense Intelligence Agency will issue a terrorism warning report. Regional and local U.S. commanders can assign a different terrorist threat level for specific personnel, units, and installations. These threat levels inform DOD personnel of the need to take appropriate precautions. The threat levels are defined as follows - see table on the bottom.

The State Department's NTAS advisories provide timely, detailed information regarding terrorist threats to the public, government agencies, first responders, public sector organizations, airports, and other transportation hubs. Using available information, the advisories provide a concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses, and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat.

NTAS issues two types of advisories: bulletins and alerts. Bulletins convey current developments or general

FPCON NORMAL	This condition applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture. At a minimum, access control will be conducted at all DOD installations and facilities.
FPCON ALPHA	This condition applies when there is a general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel and facilities, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable, and circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON Bravo measures. The measures in this force protection condition must be capable of being maintained indefinitely.
FPCON BRAVO	This condition applies when an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained for weeks without causing undue hardship, affecting operational capability, and aggravating relations with local authorities.
FPCON CHARLIE	This condition applies when an incident occurs, or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action against personnel and facilities is likely. Implementation of measures in this FPCON for more than a short period probably will create hardship and affect the peacetime activities of the unit and its personnel.
FPCON DELTA	This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized condition.

DOD TERRORISM LEVELS

HIGH - Anti-U.S. terrorists are operationally active and use large casualty-producing attacks as their preferred method of operation. There is a substantial DOD presence and the operating environment favors the terrorists.

SIGNIFCANT - Anti-U.S. terrorists are present and attack personnel as their preferred method of operation or a group uses large casualty-producing attacks as its preferred method, but has limited operational activity. The operating environment is neutral.

MODERATE - Terrorists are present, but there are no indications of anti-U.S. activity. The operating environment favors the host nation and the U.S.

LOW - No terrorist group is detected or the group activity is non-threatening.

trends regarding threats of terrorism. Alerts are issued when there is specific, credible information about a terrorist threat against the U.S. Your local installation or agency security office may share NTAS alerts and bulletins with you, or you can subscribe to NTAS advisories via email at National Terrorism Advisory System | Homeland Security (dhs.gov).

Most DOD personnel are required to take AT Level 1 training annually. CDSE and other DOD/Government agencies offer additional training and resources in the areas of AT, insider threat, reporting, active shooter, physical security, travel security, etc. which can increase workforce awareness and knowledge of AT/force protection. DHS and DOD also have "see something, say something" campaigns which can encourage vigilance in observing and reporting suspicious activity to prevent and mitigate terrorist and/or criminal acts. The following tables provide AT training and resources to educate and raise awareness of terrorist threats, force protection measures, and reporting requirements for organizations and individuals:

CDSE AND DOD ANTITERRORISM RESOURCES

PRODUCT	TYPE
Antiterrorism Officer Level II (GS109.16)	eLearning Course
Antiterrorism Considerations and Design/ Construction Standards	Physical Security Toolkit
Active Shooter Awareness	Short
CI Foreign Travel Brief	Short
DOD Prevention, Assistance, and Response Capabilities	Short
DOD CI Awareness and Reporting Course for DOD Employees (CI116.16)	eLearning Course
Reportable CI Activities	Job Aid
Targeted Violence	Security Awareness Game
CJCS Guide 5260, A Self Help Guide to Antiterrorism	Job Aid/Guide
Antiterrorism Individual Protective Measures Card	Job Aid/ Pocket Card
Insider Threat Toolkit (Kinetic Violence Tab)	Job Aids/ Reports/Videos/Policy/ Training
Insider Threat and Extremist Activity Within the DOD	Job Aid/ Briefing

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AGENCY ANTITERRORISM RESOURCES

PRODUCT	SOURCE
Traveler Resources	U.S. Department of State
Counterterrorism Guide	Office of the Director for National Intelligence
Joint Communication Assessment Team (JCAT) Products and Resources	Office of the Director for National Intelligence
Preventing Terrorism	Department of Homeland Security
See Something / Say Something Campaign	Department of Homeland Security
National Terrorism Advisory Alerts/ Bulletins	Department of Homeland Security

All DOD personnel share the responsibility for the security of ourselves, our coworkers, and facilities. Organizations support this effort by offering their personnel opportunities to learn more about AT with awareness campaigns in August and throughout the year. Individuals can do their part to support the AT program by maintaining vigilance at home and work! Incorporate the safety and security best practices learned through AT training in your daily life. Learn your organization's emergency procedures for evacuation, bomb threats, active shooter, and other critical situations. Most importantly, report any suspicious activity to your security personnel or law enforcement. Awareness, vigilance, and reporting are important factors in our continuing efforts to detect and prevent terrorist activities. Do your part to keep yourself, your family, your workplace, and community safe and secure!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE DCSA CONFERENCE FOR INSIDER THREAT

Registration is still open for the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) Conference for Insider Threat in support of National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM). Join us virtually on September 7 as DCSA provides insider threat practitioners in DOD, federal agencies, private industry, critical infrastructure sectors, and academia with a virtual conference to engage with senior leadership on the topic of insider threat. This year's NITAM theme is "Bystander Engagement." The conference will include an address from Keynote Speaker Andrew J. Lochli, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence and Insider Threat Directorate (DCSA), and cover such topics as counter-insider threat professionalization, organizational resources, toolkits for insider threat mitigation, and more.

Register here: **https://cdse-events.acms.com/content/ connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/90114909/ event_landing.html?sco-id=90097611&_ charset_=utf-8**

SEPTEMBER WEBINARS

CDSE invites you to participate in the following upcoming live webinars:

The Washington Navy Yard Shooting: 10 Years Later and A Survivor's Account
Thursday, September 14, 2023
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

Espionage in the Era of Insider Threat
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
12:00 to 1:30 p.m. ET

Visit **https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Webinars-and-Conferences/** to register for this event and join the discussion!

2023 VIRTUAL DCSA SECURITY CONFERENCE FOR DOD

The 2023 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for DOD was held August 16-17! This year's conference theme was "Elevating Security Through Vigilance and Innovation." The agenda included topics such as insider threat, controlled unclassified information, security classification guides, personnel security vetting, policy updates, and more. Over 2,700 personnel participated, and the overall response was positive. If you missed the conference or would like to revisit the content, the presentations will be posted online next month. For those that registered, information about accessing the recordings will be sent to the email address used to register for the conference. Qualified personnel (.mil/.gov email holders) who did not register will have the opportunity to view the presentations once the material is posted online. Presentation availability will be announced in the Pulse, the **Flash**, and on the **CDSE Webinars and Conferences website**.
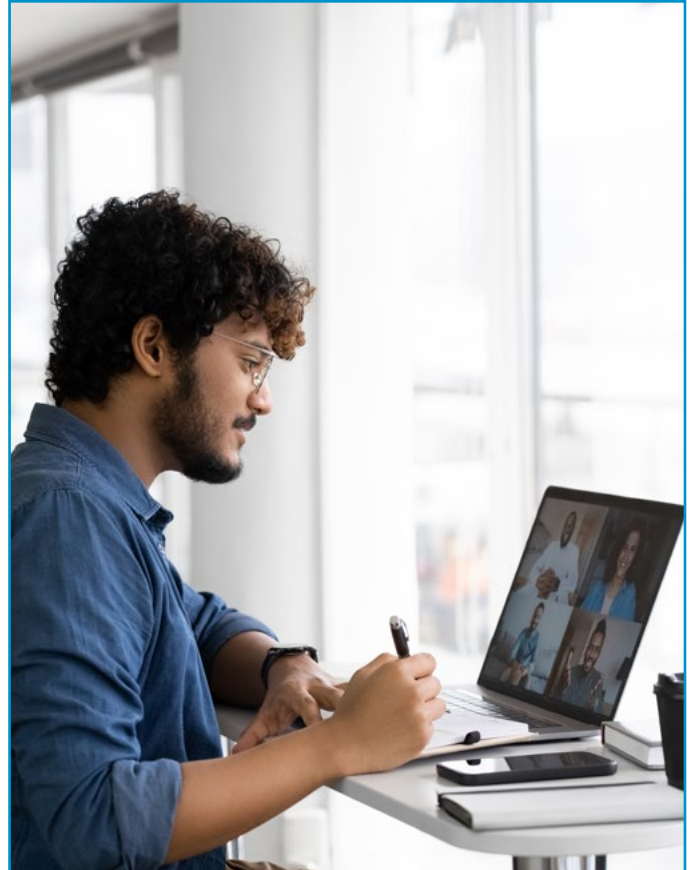
FY 2024 COURSE SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE released the FY 2024 course schedule in August. Consider signing up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete CDSE courses to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPēD) Program certifications and credentials. Select courses have ACE CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities. Classes fill quickly, so get an early start in planning your security training for FY24. Access the **training schedule** today to learn more! Below is a list of ILT/VILT courses available October - December 2023.

COURSE		DATE (2023)	DESCRIPTION
Physical Security and Asset Protection (VILT)		Oct. 16 - Nov. 5	This course will provide students the ability to identify and utilize regulatory guidance, methodologies, and concepts for protecting DOD assets.
Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers (ILT)	CompTIA	Oct. 17 - 18	This course allows new Facility Security Officers (FSOs) and security personnel to learn and apply fundamental National Industrial Security Program (NISP) requirements in a collaborative environment. It also serves as a refresher on industrial security basics for experienced FSOs.
DOD Security Specialist (VILT)	CompTIA ACE CREDIT	Nov. 6 - Dec. 23	This course provides students a baseline knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices.
Introduction to Special Access Programs	CompTIA ACE CREDIT	Nov. 14 - 17 (ILT) Dec. 4 - 12 (VILT)	This course focuses on the DOD Special Access Program (SAP) fundamentals and is designed to prepare students to become SAP security professionals.
Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems (ILT)	CompTIA	Dec. 11 - 15	This course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).

★★★★★ WHAT VDSC-DOD PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

FOLLOWING SECURITY AND MEDICAL DEVICES PRESENTATION:

"I didn't realize that medical devices - hearing aids, pacemakers, prosthetics, could impact access to secure areas. Who knew?"

OVERALL CONFERENCE FEEDBACK:

"Excellent presentation and Adobe Connect was a tremendous success as the platform for this conference. Looking forward to future presentations."

"Pleasantly surprised that the information presented was very informative and geared towards current happenings in the world of security. First security conference where I was totally engaged the entire time. Great job to the presenters and planners."

"As a new member to this field outside the military, all of these presentations were very beneficial."

"The presenters were very informative, I gained a lot of great information. Will definitely attend again. Thank you so very much!"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS FOR SPĒD PROGRAM

After you have achieved your SPēD certification or credential, you are required to successfully complete at least 100 Professional Development Units (PDUs) within the two-year certification maintenance period. This Fact Sheet shows the various ways one can acquire PDUs: **https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/certification/PDU_fact_sheet.pdf**.

CDSE NEWS

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Insider Threat Bulletins	Weekly Flash	Quarterly Product Update