

## News and Announcements

### 1) Upcoming Events:

4/13 Benson Hospital Emergency Readiness Display  
4/13 Devry Institute Hamfest, Phoenix  
4/28-29 La Vuelta de Bisbee Bike Race  
5/5 CARA Hamfest  
5/9 Ft Huachuca Safety Day  
7/5 Bisbee Coaster Race

2) ID Cards – I have asked Ruben to come to the CARA Hamfest but have not received a reply yet. I'll let you know on our next net. For those on the east side of the county (Bisbee/Douglas/Portal), you may make an appointment and go to Ruben's office in Bisbee. He works out of the Health Department Building off Melody Lane in the County complex. You may call him at (520) 432-9438 to set up an appointment.

3) La Vuelta de Bisbee Bike Race – We are just a couple weeks away now. We will provide safety briefs and instructions to those of you have signed up on around the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. If you have not signed up yet, please do.

**Training Segment** – While reading one of the many emails I receive as a result of my position as Chairman of the County Local Emergency Response Committee I came across this training subject from the Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC). “What or exactly who is considered a suspicious person?”

You are probably thinking to yourself about now, how does this relate to me as a communications person? After I have covered the checklist, I hope it will become clear why I decided to include this subject in our training this evening.

First, my thanks to the EMR-ISAC for publishing their checklist for dealing with suspicious persons.

"Considering the escalating situation in the Middle East, increasing adversary surveillance in the United States, and the probability of a future terrorist attack in America, EMR-ISAC recommends continued “situation awareness” and unabated scrutiny for suspicious activities involving critical infrastructures.

According to Presidential Directive-7, the definition of critical infrastructures includes:

Transportation  
Water supply/Waste Water systems

Public Health  
Telecommunications  
Energy/Electrical Power Systems/Gas and oil storage and transportation  
Information Technology Systems  
Banking and finance  
Emergency services (including medical, police, fire and rescue)  
Agriculture/Food Supply  
Defense Industrial Base  
Chemical Industry  
Postal/Shipping services  
Monuments and Icons  
And continuity of government.

All personnel of the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) are strongly encouraged to use the following checklist (gleaned from multiple sources) to locate and identify suspicious persons in their jurisdictions:

- Unidentified individuals observed loitering near a facility or in the lobby of a facility for an extended period of time.
- Unidentified individuals observed wandering throughout a facility.
- Unidentified individuals dressed in oversized or inappropriate clothing that may conceal weapons, explosives, etc.
- Unidentified individuals entering a facility carrying an oversized backpack or large suitcase.
- Unidentified individuals in a facility with no visible organization-issued identification where identification badges are normally issued.
- Unidentified individuals trying to deliver a package or other item to an office within a facility.
- Unidentified individuals taking photos, videotaping or sketching the exterior or interior of a facility.
- Individuals who do not respond to questions or do not provide reasonable explanations for their presence and actions.
- Individuals asking specific questions about a facility or its personnel.
- Individuals without proper identification entering a facility claiming to be a contractor, reporter, service technician, etc.

ESS personnel observing individuals who meet one or more of the items on this checklist should immediately call their local law enforcement agency and attempt to maintain visual contact of the suspicious persons. If detained by police authorities and confirmed to be suspicious, the matter should be reported to the local FBI office for additional investigation and reporting."

Near the beginning of this section were the words "Situational Awareness". As members of the community we need to be aware of what is going on around us. If you are assisting at the scene of an incident, each of us need to be extra observant to the situation around us as some of the lessons learned from other response agencies through many incidents that terrorist perpetrators like to hang

around and observe how emergency response personnel mitigate such incidents. In some cases perpetrators have actually set up false alarms or small incidents to specifically learn how responders react or to actually target the responders using a secondary explosion. The mast camera on our MCU is just one of the tools we can use to observe the crowds that inevitably gather at the scene of an incident. You can also help your community by being observant of your surroundings as you go about your daily tasks. And Yes, I do consider our RACES personnel as part of the Emergency Services Sector.

That's all I have for tonight's training. If you have any questions, please ask them during comments. Let's go down the roster for comments.

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