

Campus Public Safety News
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The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and the University and College Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) are encouraged to share the following information with their members:

Homeland Security

Domestic Terrorism Activity

On July 13, 2007, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility for a computer intrusion against a New York investment company associated with Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). The perpetrator(s) stole customer account information and warned the company to sell its shares in HLS within seven days or the information would be published on the Internet. The company divested all of its shares in HLS.

According to an August 2007 FBI Intelligence Bulletin, "Cyber attacks are not a common tactic used by the extremist animal rights movement; however, extremists have overwhelmed computer servers with e-mails and denial-of-service attacks to target companies in the past due to their connections to HLS.

This information is *Unclassified/For Official Use Only/Law Enforcement Sensitive*.

National Security Higher Education Advisory Board

The FBI National Security Higher Education Advisory Board (NSHEAB) conducted its quarterly meeting at FBI Headquarters on October 3, 2007. The NSHEAB is chaired by Graham Spanier, President of Pennsylvania State University. Meeting participants were briefed on animal and environmental extremist activities, and the Virginia Tech rampage shooting.

For more information and a list of the member universities, go to www.fbi.gov.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact Video

The Disaster Resistant University (DRU) list serv recently notified its members of the availability of a video explaining how the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) operates. In its announcement, DRU pointed out that the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) University and College Committee wants to develop a higher education mutual aid network (HE-MAN) which would be based, in large part, upon EMAC concepts of operations.

To view the video, go to http://www.homelandresponder.org/hrbrief_214.htm.

ICE Establishes Internship Program with Historically Black Colleges

In September 2007, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials conducted a public signing ceremony with the Presidents of Florida Memorial University, Morgan State University, and Jackson State University to establish criminal justice internship opportunities within ICE for students from each of these institutions. Dr. Karl Wright (Florida Memorial University) pointed out that, "HBCU's are so important to this country...There are 105 of us and we make up three

percent of the nation's colleges and universities, yet we graduate 24 percent of all the black graduates."

ICE is the largest investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

DHS Announces \$113 Million for National Preparedness Training Initiatives

On September 28, 2007, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the award of more than \$113 million in grants to programs that will strengthen the coordinated training efforts of homeland security preparedness. Under the fiscal year (FY) 2007 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP), \$84 million was awarded to design, develop and deliver training for state and local personnel in emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, public safety, as well as the private sector and non-profit organizations.

As part of the FY 2007 Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP), \$29 million was awarded to state, local, and tribal governments, national associations, higher education institutions, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. This program awards funds to competitively selected applicants to develop and deliver innovative training programs addressing high priority national homeland security training needs.

Additional information about focus areas and recipients is available at www.dhs.gov.

DHS Releases National Preparedness Guidelines

On September 13, 2007, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced publication of the *National Preparedness Guidelines*, which establish a vision for national preparedness and provide a systematic approach for prioritizing preparedness efforts across the nation; and, the *Target Capabilities List*, which describes the collective national capabilities required to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

The Guidelines were developed through an extensive process that involved more than 1,500 federal, state and local officials, and more than 120 national associations.

For more information, please go to www.dhs.gov and click on Preparedness and Response.

Vehicle Borne IED Identification Guide: Parked Vehicles

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Technical Resource for Incident Prevention (TRIPwire) initiative, the following may be indicators of vehicle borne improvised explosive devices in parked vehicles:

- Heavy, sagging vehicle (rear-weighted)
- Illegally parked or near authorized vehicle entrances or crowded access points
- Covered or tinted windows
- Large containers on seats or cargo areas: bags, boxes, barrels, tanks
- License plates removed or altered
- Odor of gasoline, propane, acids or chemicals

- Visible wires, switches, batteries, or antennae inside or on vehicle
- Cargo concealed with tarp or blanket

Crime Prevention and Control

Officer Safety – Glock Conversion

This is not new, but an important reminder: A Glock conversion switch is a part designed and intended for use in converting a semiautomatic Glock pistol into a machine gun. Pistols converted in this manner are considered machine guns and may only be lawfully possessed by properly licensed Federal Firearms Licensees. Conversion is fast and simple requiring no technical expertise. Conversion of a Glock pistol will result in a rate of fire of approximately 1,200 rounds per minute. These devices are available from Internet sources.

Preventing and Countering Handcuffed Assaults

The Los Angeles Police Department Training Unit recently circulated an e-mail in the law enforcement community citing incidents of assault by handcuffed subjects. According to the e-mail, the assaults were “sudden and violent attacks by well trained and focused individuals.”

The training unit’s Use of Force Review Division reported:

- In one incident, a suspect who was handcuffed twisted the cuff chain links around an officer’s wrist trapping the officer and causing injury.
- In another incident, the suspect slipped the cuffs around to the front of the body, thwarted the application of OC Spray and began the attack.

Head-butts, kicks, knee strikes, bites, as well as gaining access to a missed weapon can all be utilized when a subject is handcuffed – in fact, the handcuffs themselves can serve as a weapon.

Protecting Your Business Against Extortion Bomb Threats

A September 2007, FBI News Release posted on www.fbi.gov indicates that several financial and commercial institutions throughout the United States have received extortion telephone calls threatening to blow up their organization unless a large sum of money is wired to an overseas bank account. These threats are in addition to the e-mailed bomb threats received by numerous colleges and universities in late-August and early-September.

The news release lists seven steps to be taken upon receipt of a telephone bomb threat, as well as several questions to ask the caller.

Please go to www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel07/extortion_threats083007.htm for additional information.

Police Dangers Increasing

According to a recent article by Craig Floyd, Director of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, “2007 is proving to be one of the most deadly years for law enforcement in the past

three decades. The killing of Phoenix officer, Nick Erfle, marked the 135th law enforcement fatality this year. That compares with 97 officer deaths at this time last year, an increase of nearly 40 percent.

See the entire article at http://www.azcentral.com/news/aztalk/forum/articles/0924forum_dangers-CR.html.

COPS Office Secure Our Schools Grants

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) recently announced \$14.8 million in grants to 152 local law enforcement agencies to enhance school safety in 36 states. The grants were awarded through the COPS Office Secure Our Schools Program, which provides up to 50 percent of the cost for municipalities to install metal detectors, locks, lightning, and other equipment to help deter crime. The grants can also be used to pay half the cost of security assessments, security training, and “other measures that will provide a significant improvement in security.”

For additional information and a list of municipalities receiving grants, visit the COPS website at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Campus Chief Appointed to UCR Subcommittee

Adam Garcia, Chief of Police at the University of Nevada – Reno, was selected to represent campus public safety interests on the FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board. Chief Garcia is a joint nominee by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and the University and College Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).