



# Terror Awareness

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# INTRODUCTION



***Terrorism*** has become one of the most pervasive and critical threats to the security of the United States in recent history. This lesson will acquaint you with the definition, background, methods, and information sources on terrorism. As security force personnel, you need to understand this concept so that you will be able to identify and respond to the threat locally while performing access control duties. You will become familiar with the history, methods, impact, and our country's war on terrorism in support of the Army, Department of Homeland Security, and FBI.



# LEARNING OBJECTIVE



- **History of Terrorism**
- **Definition of Terrorism**
- **Methods of Terrorism**
- **Terrorist Groups**
  - **Domestic**
  - **International**
- **Global War on Terrorism**



# HISTORY OF TERRORISM



- Not a new concept
- Earliest known reference:
  - **“Zealots of Judea” in the first century A.D.**
  - Carried out underground campaign of assassinating members of Roman occupation forces and Jewish sympathizers.
- First recorded use of the word's **“terrorist”** and **“terrorism:”**
  - During the French Revolution’s Reign of Terror in 1795.
- During late 19<sup>th</sup> century political theories and weapon improvements spurred the formation of small groups of revolutionaries.
  - Striking success assassinating heads of state and politicians in Russia, France, Spain, Italy, and the United States (President William McKinley in 1901).



# HISTORY OF TERRORISM



- During the 20<sup>th</sup> century nations became closely tied to concepts of race and ethnicity so the use of terrorism became more a fight for independence.
  - In Europe, both the Irish and the Macedonians used terrorist campaigns during their struggle of independence.
- Currently, terrorism continues to evolve.
  - Shifts in terrorists' motives, changes in organizational structures, and changes to world developments i.e.; globalized economy and information technology.
  - Since 1990 to present: 500% increase in events, 644% increase involving U.S.



# TERRORISM DEFINED



- The calculated use of unlawful violence or threat of unlawful violence to inculcate fear, intended to coerce or to intimidate governments or societies in pursuit of goals that generally political, religious, or ideological. (DoD 2000.12)
- AR 525-13 Defines terrorism in line with the DoD definition, adding to it one additional sentence:  
*...Those acts are usually planned to attract widespread publicity and are designed to focus attention on the existence, cause, or demands of the terrorist.*
- A violent act or act dangerous to human life, violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any state to intimidate or coerce a government or civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives. (FBI)



# TERRORISM DEFINED



## DOMESTIC:

- Includes the deliberate use—or threat—of violence by non-state actors to achieve political goals and create a broad psychological impact. Violence and the threat of violence are important components of terrorism.
- This definition is largely consistent with the official U.S. government definition of domestic terrorism under 18 U.S. Code § 2331 as “**acts dangerous to human life**” that occur primarily within U.S. territory and are intended “(i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping.”



# TERRORISM DEFINED



## INTERNATIONAL:

- Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups who are inspired by, or associated with, designated foreign terrorist organizations or nations (state-sponsored).
- International terrorism refers to terrorism that goes beyond national boundaries in terms of the methods used, the people that are targeted or the places from which the terrorists operate.





# TERRORISM DEFINED



## COMMON ELEMENTS

**Political**

**Psychological**

**Dynamic**

**Deliberate**



# TERRORISM DEFINED



## COMMON OBSERVATIONS

Media Exploitation (Internet)

Permissive Societies

Illegal Methods (Counterfeiting Scams and Drug Trade)

86% Of World Opium Supply Comes From Poppy Crops in Afghanistan

93 World Trade Center Bombing:  
Sold Counterfeited T-Shirts

04 Madrid Train Bombing: Sold  
Counterfeited CD's and Trafficked Drugs

Hezbollah, IRA, and Basque ETA: Used  
Counterfeiting Scams and Drug Trade

Federal agents broke up Hezbollah  
METH ring across dozen cities in 2002



# TERRORISM DEFINED



## COMMON OBSERVATIONS

Preparation and Support

Charitable Contributions

Since 2006: 140M assets frozen across 1400 banks

Front Companies (Legitimate Businesses): Livestock, Fish, Leather Trade, and Agriculture and Construction

Osama bin Laden  
Owned/Operated  
Retail Honey Shops

Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

Estimated 10% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) Is Laundered Funds

Transfer Money in Plain Sight  
(Ordinary Banking System or Shell Companies)

350% Suspicious Activity  
Increase Since 2001

US/UK Spend approx \$430M per yr  
to comply w/Anti-terror and Anti-Laundering Laws

Bang For The Buck  
9/11- Half Million  
02 Bali Night Club- 50K  
04 Madrid Train Bombing- 15K  
05 London Mass Transit Attack- 2K



# TERRORISM DEFINED



- **NON-STATE SUPPORTED**

- Operate **AUTONOMOUSLY**
- No support or directives from government
- Example: White Supremacists, Animal Rights and Environmental Groups

- **STATE SUPPORTED**

- Referred to as **“Terror from Above”** Government terrorizes own population to control or repress it.
- Actions usually align with government policy.
- Current example: Prisons, torture chambers, and mass graves found in Iraq.
- Historical example: Nazi Germany’s concentration camps and gas chambers.



# TERRORISM DEFINED



- **STATE DIRECTED**

- Directed, funded, and sanctioned by the government but rarely acknowledged.
- Historical example: Soviet and Iranian assassination campaigns against dissidents who fled abroad.

- **STATE SPONSORED**

- Government may provide supplies, training, and other forms of support (safe haven, training bases, false documents and passports) to non state terrorist.
- Example: Taliban allowing Al Qaeda to base training operations in Afghanistan.



# TERRORISM DEFINED



- **GROUP SIZE**

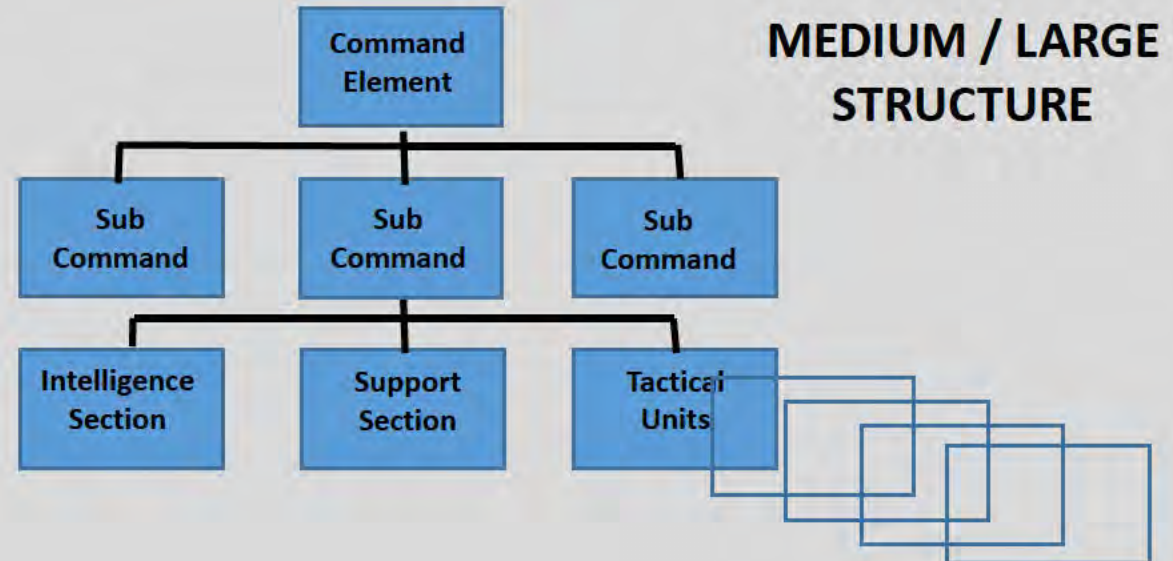
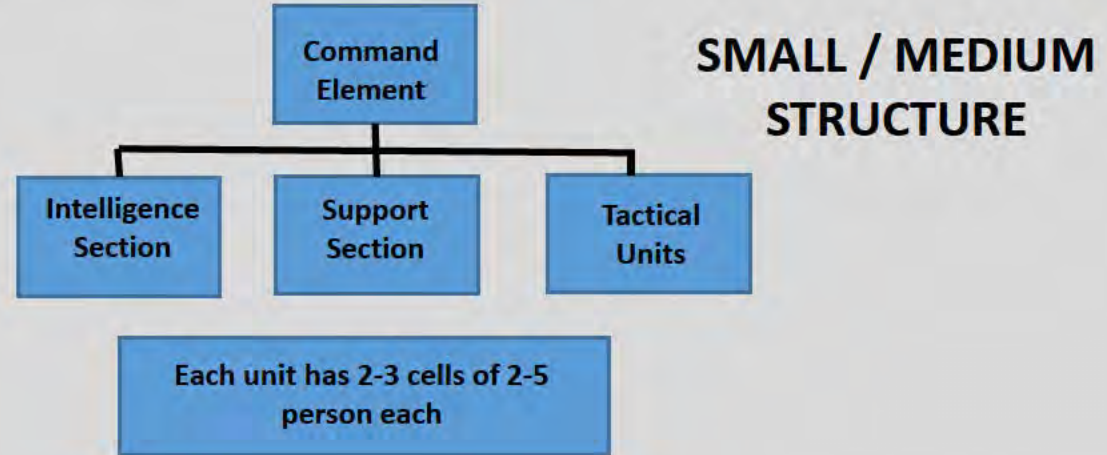
- Small 0-100
- Medium 100-500
- Large over 500

- **NUMBER AND SIZE OF CELLS**

- Function
- Opposition Size
- Sophistication of Group
- 3-5 persons per cell is generally used

- **CELL TYPES**

- Operational
- Intelligence
- Auxiliary





# METHODS OF TERRORISM



- Historically operations include but are not limited to:
  - assassination, hostage taking and barricade situations, kidnapping, raids, extortion, ambush, hijacking, sabotage, **vehicle attacks**, aircraft attacks, and maritime sabotage.
- Tactics include but are not limited to:
  - bombing, arson, hoaxes, misdirection and compound attacks, and suicide attacks.
- Terrorist use both traditional and military firearms to include:
  - pistols, submachine guns, assault rifles, sniper rifles, shotguns, and unconventional munitions such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and suicide vest.
- Currently our greatest concerns are the recent efforts of terrorist to:
  - acquire biological, chemical, and nuclear materials to construct **“weapons of mass destruction”** or WMDs and **“suicide bombings”**.



# METHODS OF TERRORISM



- **TRAINING ORIENTED TO:**

- Mission, Area, Security Environment
- Internal - Similar to military team or squad level - Each has own expertise
- External - Individual training and return home OR operational element trains and deploys directly to mission

- **TYPICAL TRAINING PROGRAM:**

- Physical and Mental Conditioning
- Weapons and Explosives
- Political Indoctrination
- General / Specific Tactics and Combat Training
- Trade Craft
- Psychological Warfare
- Survival
- Communications
- Open Sources – Special Ops Manuals, etc





# TERRORIST GROUPS



- **INTERNATIONAL**

- Al Qaeda
- Hamas
- Hezbollah
- Palestinian Islamic Jihad
- ISIS

- **DOMESTIC**

- Left Wing
- Right Wing
- Special Interest / Single Issue



# TERRORIST GROUPS



- **AL QAEDA (“The Base”, “Foundation”, “Fundament”)**
  - Developed during the Soviet War in Afghanistan
  - One of seven mujahedeen groups
  - Reactivated after the Persian Gulf War
  - Leaders / Organizers: Osama Bin Laden and Ayman al Zawahiri
  
- **HEZBOLLAH (“Party of Allah” or “Party of God”)**
  - Conceived by Muslim clerics / funded by Iran following Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982
  - Organized as a political party in 1992
  - Rejects Israel’s right to exist
  - Hatred of U.S.
  - “Movement” not “Terrorist Group”



# TERRORIST GROUPS



- **HAMAS (*"Enthusiasm or Zeal"*)**
  - Founded in 1987 by Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi, and Mahmoud Zahar
  - Acronym of Arabic phrase "Haraka al-Muqawama al-Islamiyya" meaning "Islamic Resistance Movement"
  - Only a political organization(?)
- **ISLAMIC JIHAD**
  - Formed in 1981
  - Much in common with HAMAS to include main objective "Destruction of the State of Israel"
  - Offshoot of Muslim Brotherhood
  - Headquartered in Syria with major funding from Iran
  - Particularly active supporters in Michigan, Texas, Florida, and Missouri



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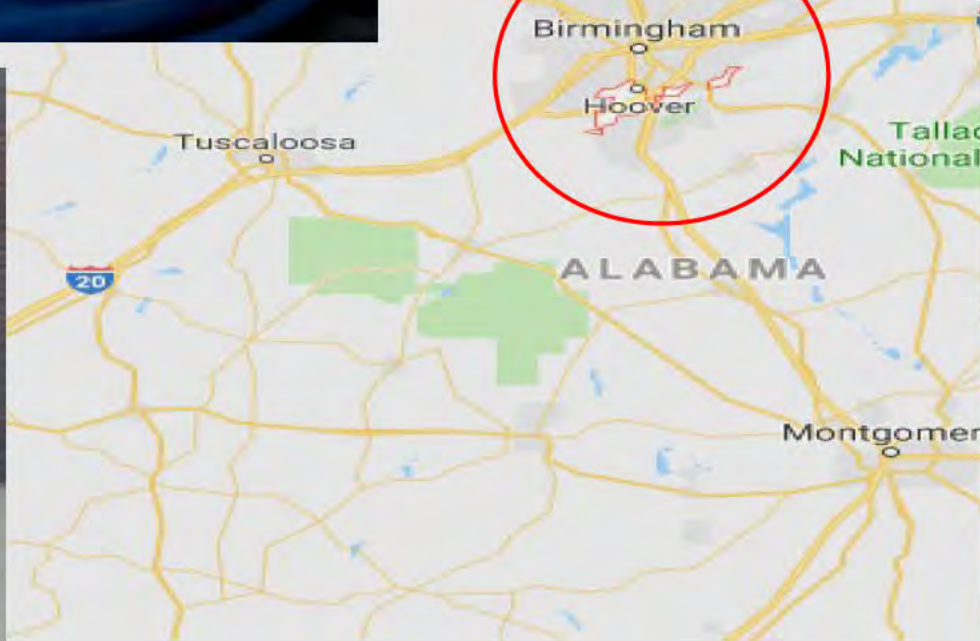
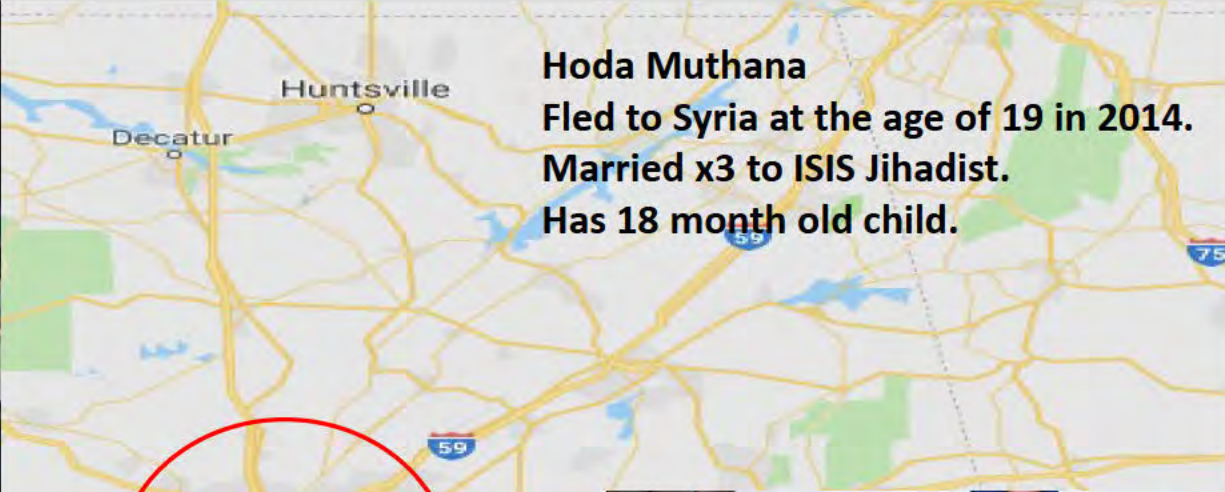
- **ISIS (*Islamic State of Iraq*)**
  - Founded in 1999 by Abu al Zarqawi as “Jama at al-Tawhid wa-al-Jihad” The Organization of Monotheism and Jihad
  - Very adept at using social media
  - Follows extremist interpretation of Islam which promotes religious violence
  - Since 2013 committed 251 attacks in 18 countries; killing over 2,100 people
  - Per 2014 intelligence has \$2 billion worth in assets
    - Oil Revenues
    - Antiques and Artifact Sales
    - Taxation and Extortion
    - Illegal Drug Trade
    - Human Trafficking
    - Donations from Saudi Arabia and Gulf States



# TERRORIST GROUPS



**Hoda Muthana**  
Fled to Syria at the age of 19 in 2014.  
Married x3 to ISIS Jihadist.  
Has 18 month old child.



**The Guardian**



# TERRORIST GROUPS



**Shamima Begum**  
Fled to Syria from the UK at the age of 15 in 2015 with 2 other friends.  
Married Dutch converted ISIS Jihadist.  
One baby.... lost 2 previous children.

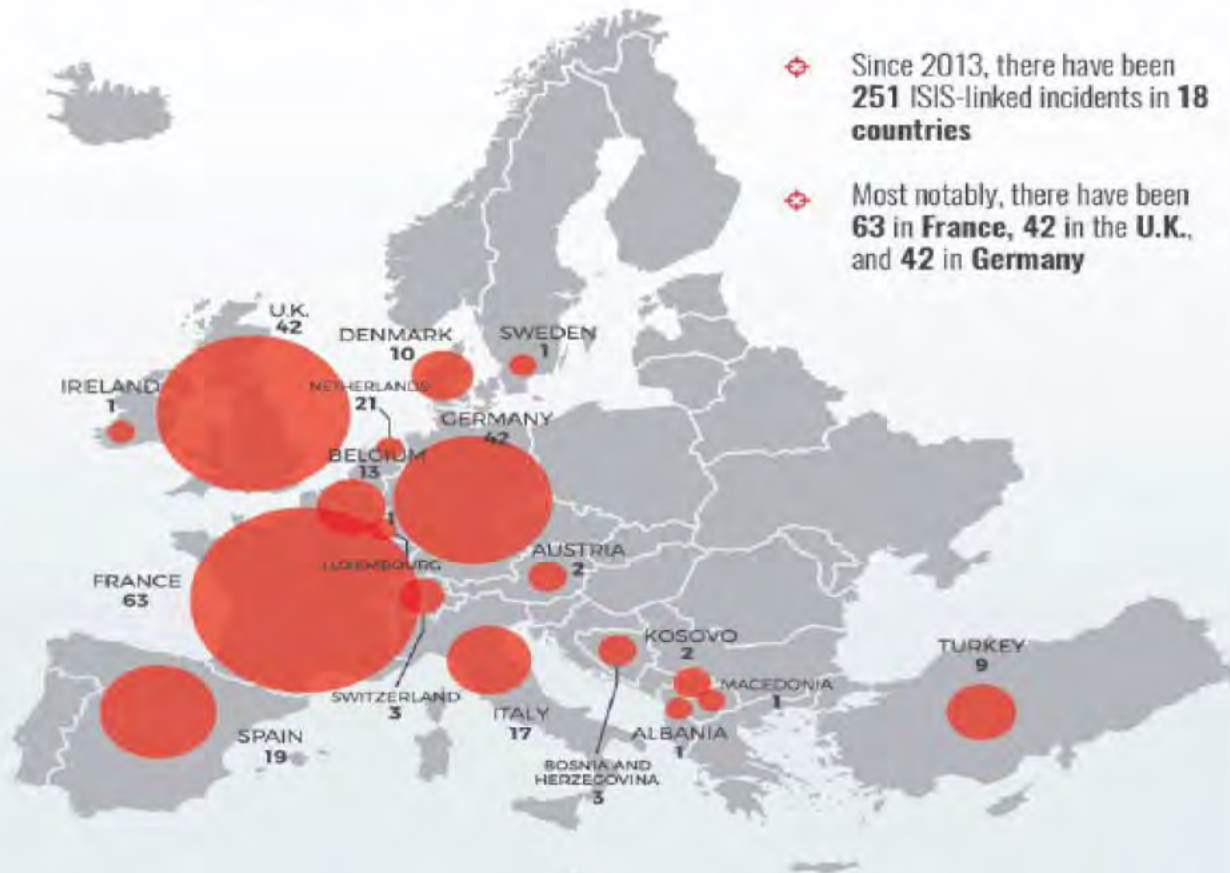




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## ISIS' TERROR CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE



- Since 2013, there have been **251** ISIS-linked incidents in **18** countries
- Most notably, there have been **63** in **France**, **42** in the **U.K.**, and **42** in **Germany**

## ISIS-LINKED PLOTS AGAINST THE WEST SINCE 2013



**84** cases where ISIS used or attempted to build or use **EXPLOSIVES**



**60** cases where ISIS used an **EDGED WEAPON**



**23** cases where ISIS used a **VEHICLE** as a weapon

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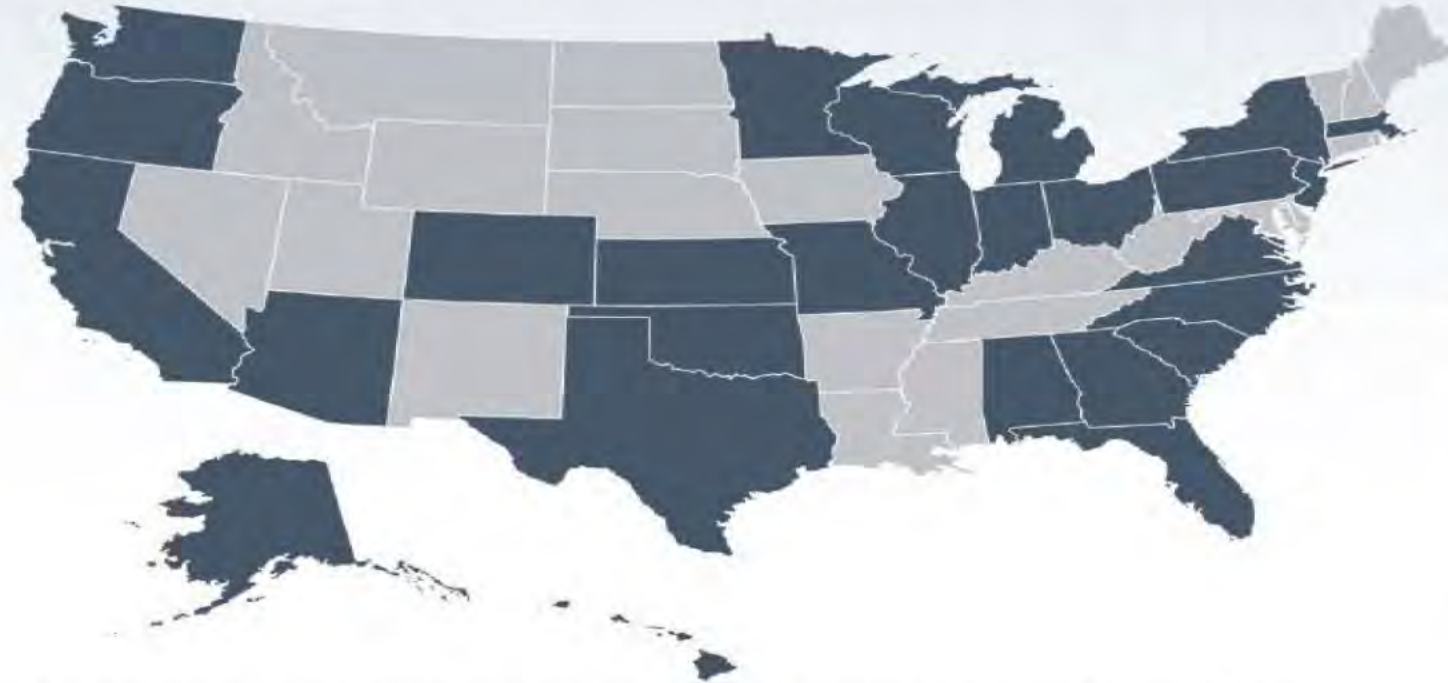
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## TERROR THREAT SNAPSHOT

DECEMBER 2018

### THE PERSISTENT TERROR THREAT TO AMERICA



Since 2013, there have been

**161 HOMEGROWN  
JIHADIST CASES IN  
30 STATES FOR...**

- ✓ PLOTS TO ATTACK
- ✓ OVERSEAS TRAVEL
- ✓ FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- ✓ LYING TO AUTHORITIES
- ✓ WEAPONS CHARGES

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin





# TERRORIST GROUPS





# TERRORIST GROUPS



- **LEFT WING (Weather Underground, Black Panther)**

- Pro Socialist
- Anti Capitalist
- Seeks Equality (No Social Classes)
- Weak or no central government
- Common ownership of property and means of production



- **RIGHT WING (KKK, Christian Identity Movement)**

- Motivated by notions of white racial supremacy
- Anti-government
- Anti-regulatory
- Conspiratorial view of history and politics
- United by suspicion of, or hatred for the government





# TERRORIST GROUPS



## SPECIAL INTEREST / SINGLE ISSUE

- Extremists who seek to force government or population to alter specific views within country
- Do not seek to overthrow or alter government
- Often represent a popular point of view
- Animal Rights (PETA and Animal Liberation Front)
  - More than 550 incidents in U.S. since 1995
  - Millions in damage
  - Tactics include Arson, Burglary, Vandalism, Animal Liberation
  - Targets: Meat/Food Processing Plants, Fur/Leather Companies, Government Facilities, and Universities
  - Adoption of Military Working Dogs
- Environmental (Earth First and Earth Liberation Front)
  - Hundreds of attacks in U.S. in past 20 years
  - Millions in damage
  - Tactics include Arson, Bombings, Vandalism, Theft, Tree Spiking, Threats
  - Targets: Power Plants, Private Homes, Government Facilities, and Automobile/Truck Dealers





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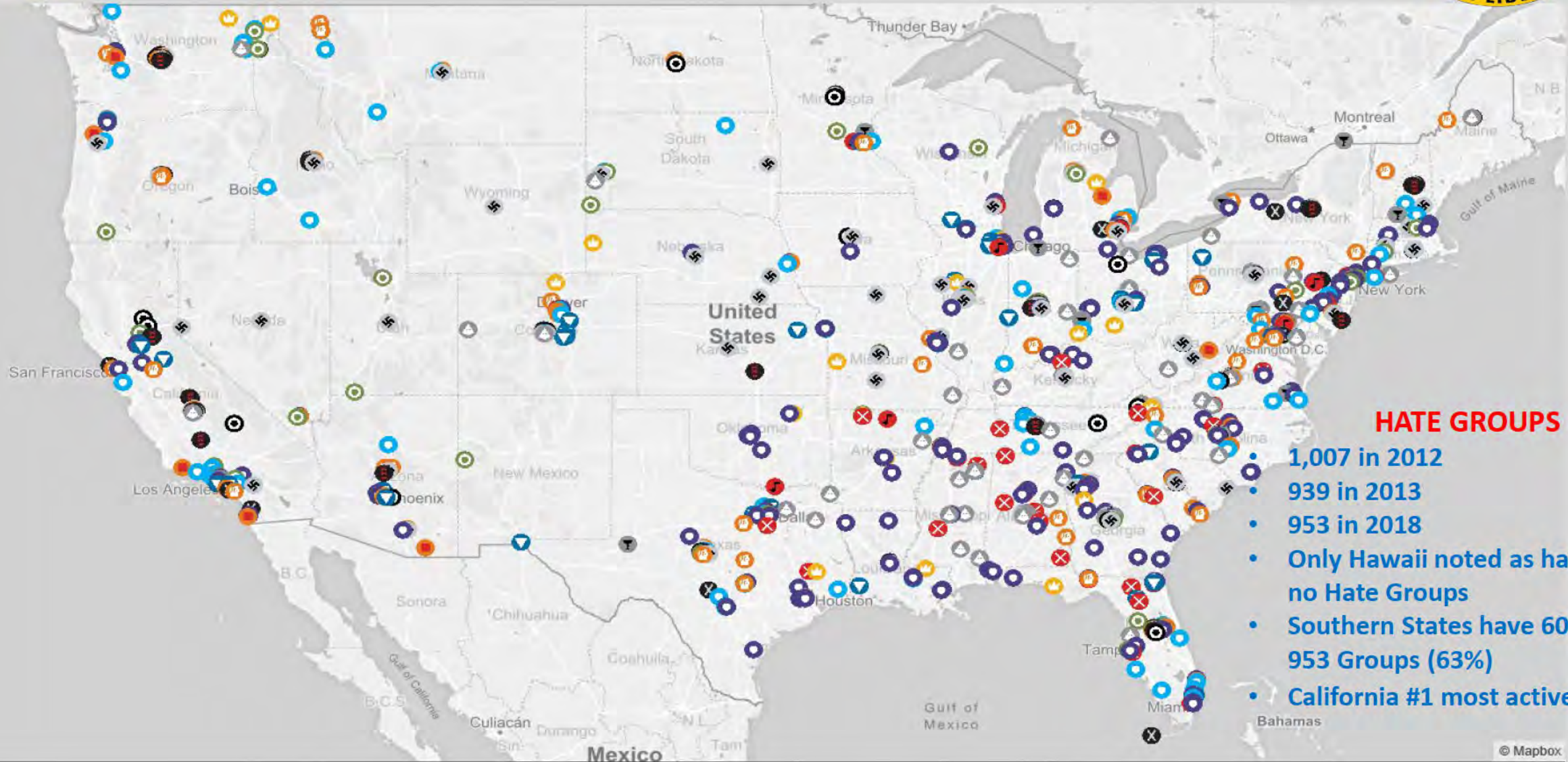


- ANTI-ABORTION (Right to Life and Operation Rescue)
- Pro Life
- Oppose Row v Wade
  - Types of Advocacy
    - Demonstrations and Protest
    - Mass Demonstrations
    - Life Chain
    - The Rescue
    - The Truth Display
    - Picketing
  - Counseling
    - Sidewalk
    - Crisis Center
  - License Plates
  - Violence
    - Arson and Bombings of Clinics
    - Murders and Attempted Murders





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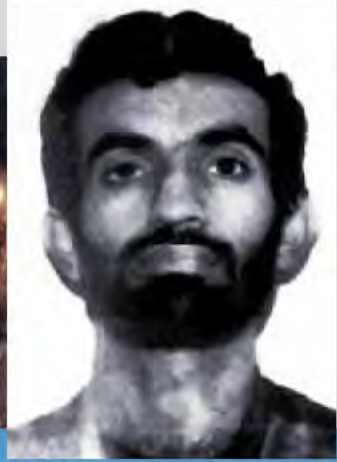


## HATE GROUPS

- 1,007 in 2012
- 939 in 2013
- 953 in 2018
- Only Hawaii noted as having no Hate Groups
- Southern States have 603 of 953 Groups (63%)
- California #1 most active



# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



World Trade Center  
Bombing in 1993  
6 Dead and 1042 Injured  
\$1 Billion in Damage  
Car Bomb  
Ramzi Yousef



September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks  
2,977 Dead and 6,000+  
Injured  
\$10 Billion in Damage  
Hijacked Aircraft  
Al Qaeda





# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Alfred P. Murrah Building in 1995  
168 Dead and 680+ Injured  
\$652 Million in Damage  
Truck Bomb (Destroyed/Damaged 324  
buildings within 16 blocks)  
Timothy McVeigh



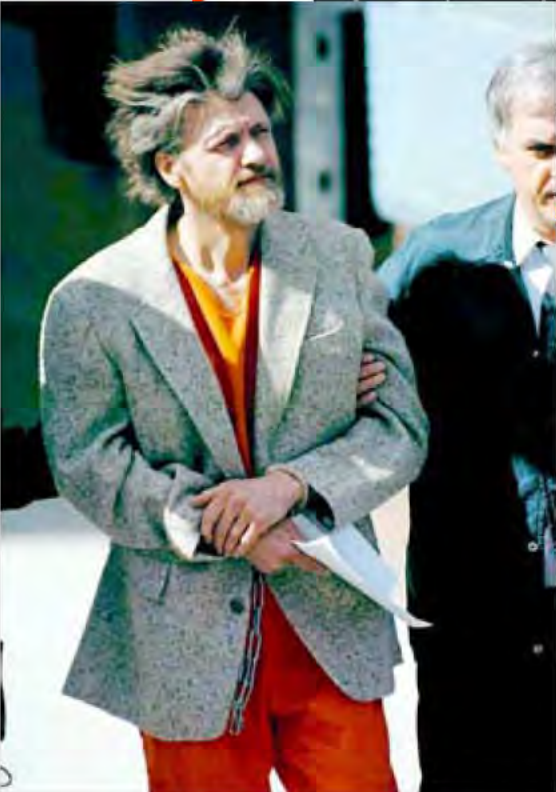
New Oklahoma City Federal Building  
Designed with multiple layers of defense to  
include blast protection, collapse mitigation,  
compartmentalization of the lobby, and  
security countermeasures.



# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



DC Beltway Sniper 2002  
 John Allen Muhammad and  
 Lee Boyd Malvo  
 10 Dead and 3 Critically  
 Injured on DC Beltway  
 7 Dead and 7 Injured during  
 Murder/Robbery Spree  
 down South



Ted Kaczynski (aka Unabomber) 1978-1995  
 3 Dead and 23 Injured  
 Accepted to Harvard at 16  
 PhD in Mathematics  
 Asst Professor UC Berkeley at 25  
 Life without Parole



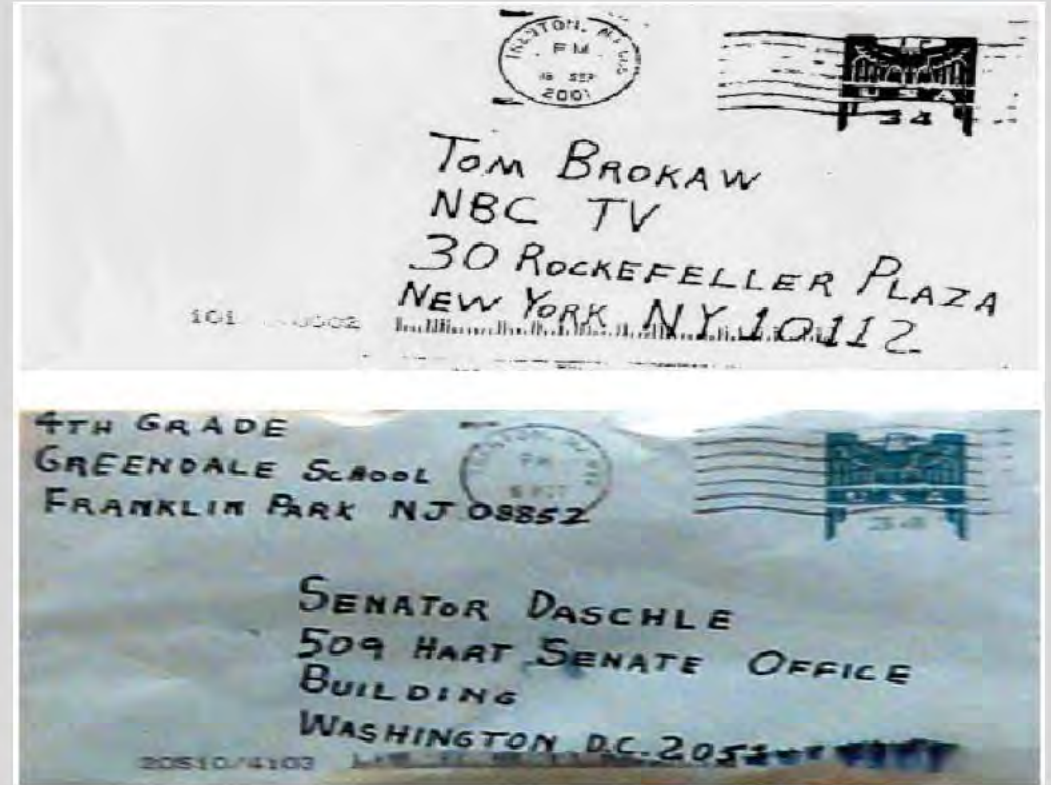




# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Fort Hood, TX Shooting 2009  
13 Dead and 33 Injured  
Terrorism (aka Work Place Violence)  
Nidal Hasan



Anthrax Letters in 2001  
Media Offices and 2 US Senators  
5 Dead and 17 Infected  
Bioterrorism  
Bruce Edwards Ivins



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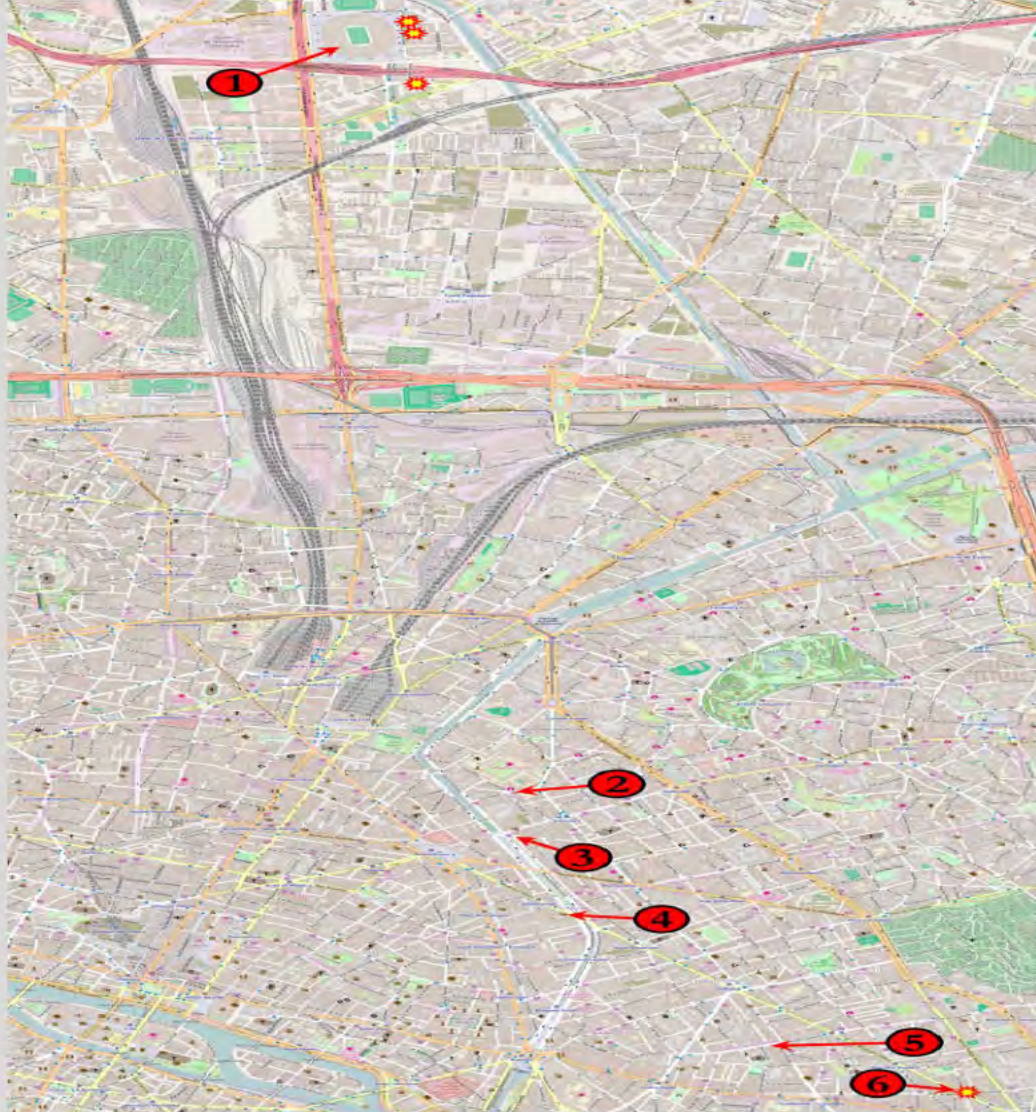


Boston Marathon Bombing 2013  
5 Dead and 264 Injured  
Bombing  
Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev





# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Paris Attacks 2015

6 Locations

130 Dead and 368 Injured

Mass Shooting, Suicide Bombing, and Hostage Taking

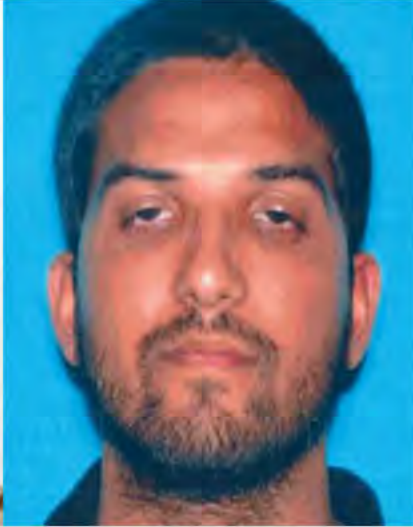
9 Participants (3 Bombers, 3 Shooters, and 3 Hostage Takers)



# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Tashfeen Malik



Syed Rizwan Farook



San Bernadino, CA 2015  
Inland Regional Center  
16 Dead and 24 Injured  
Mass Shooting





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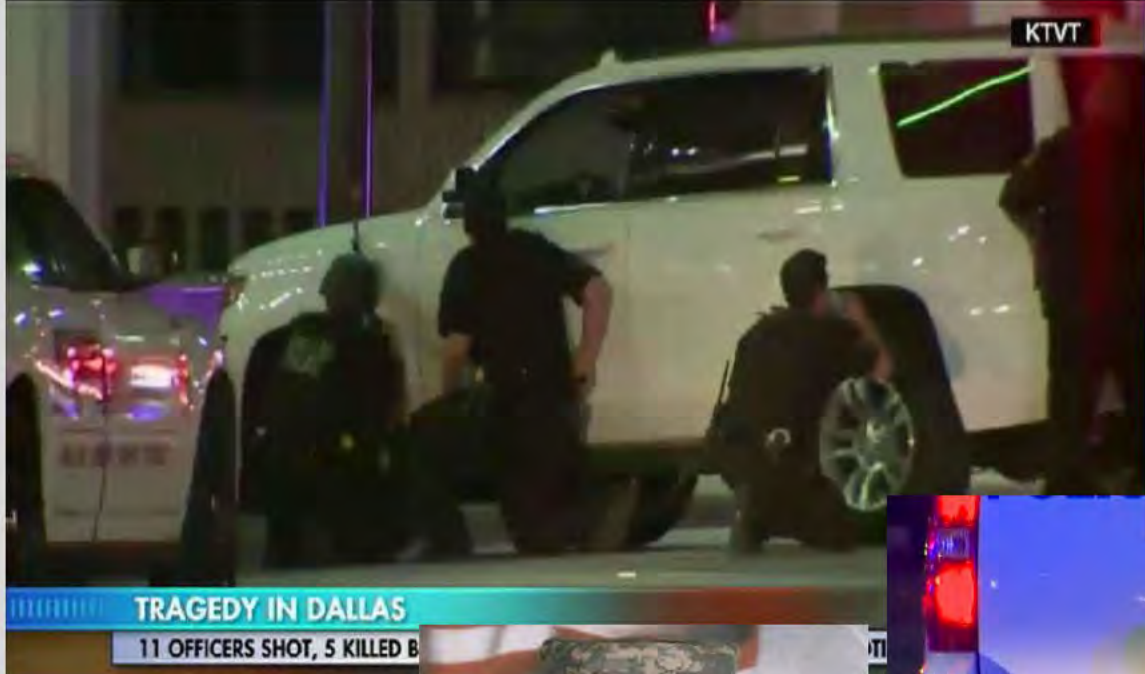


Bastille Day Attack 2016  
Nice, France  
87 Dead and 434 Injured  
Vehicle Assault / Shooting  
6 Suspected Perpetrators

Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouheltel



# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Police Officer  
Shooting 2016  
Dallas, TX  
6 Dead and 11 Injured  
Mass Shooting  
Micah Xavier Johnson





# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



**MANDALAY BAY:**  
Suspect shot at  
festival crowd from  
32nd floor of hotel



Broken windows  
on 32nd floor

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**



Concert Shooting 2017  
Las Vegas, NV  
58 Dead and 546 Injured  
Mass Shooting  
Stephen Paddock





# TERRORIST INCIDENTS



Vehicle Attack 2017  
New York City  
8 Dead and 7 Injured  
Vehicle Ramming  
Sayfullo Habibullaevich Saipov





# LOCAL INCIDENTS



## Charleston Church Shooting

17 June 2015

**Dylann Storm Roof** (born April 3, 1994) is an American white supremacist, neo-Nazi, mass murderer, and domestic terrorist convicted for perpetrating the Charleston church shooting on June 17, 2015

During a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Roof killed nine people, all African Americans, including senior pastor and state senator Clementa C. Pinckney, and injured one other person.

After several people identified Roof as the main suspect, he became the center of a manhunt that ended the morning after the shooting with his arrest in Shelby, North Carolina. He later confessed that he committed the shooting in hopes of igniting a race war. Roof's actions in Charleston have been widely described as **domestic terrorism**.





# LOCAL INCIDENTS



## MARKET HOUSE FIRE

30 May 2020

A protest surrounding the death of George Floyd occurred in downtown Fayetteville and remained non-violent until about 18:45. Protesters then broke into the Market House.

A U.S. flag was also burned just in front of the Market House. Several windows were broken at the Market House as protesters surrounded the structure.

By 19:15, the Market House could be seen with smoke coming from it after it was set on fire. No firefighters or police could be seen in the area.

By 20:00, the fire was extinguished, but by 20:45 flames could be seen coming from the structure. Police later closed downtown to all traffic.

Just after 21:00, police said a civil emergency response unit was deployed "to protect people, property and businesses. They're trained to react to crowd control/violence."

Around 22:15, protesters went to Cross Creek Mall and gathered in the parking lot. Some items were looted from the JC Penney before police showed up and stopped the looting.





# MAKING IT REAL



## “THE LAST STAND”

22 April 2008

On April 22, 2008, in Ramadi, Iraq, two Marine infantrymen stood their ground and opened fire on a truck carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives as it barreled toward their post and the 150+ Marines and Iraqi Police inside the perimeter.

The truck stopped just shy of Cpl. Jonathan Yale and Lance Cpl. Jordan Haerter, its windshield and the driver behind the wheel both blown away in a hail of gunfire.

Then it detonated, killing the two Marines and leveling a city block. The attack, the Marines’ final stand, and their sacrifice all took place in a matter of seconds.

Haerter and Yale, were posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for their actions, which were later recounted by Iraqi Police present that day and captured on a security camera.

Before that day, Yale and Haerter had never met. Their sacrifice without a shadow of a doubt saved the lives of their fellow comrades and local nationals that day. Be vigilant and take your duty seriously. Lives depend on it.





# WAR ON TERRORISM



- **UNITED STATES APPROACH:**

- Financial and Material Support
- Disrupting, Capturing, and/or Killing Leadership
- Preventing WMD Acquisition
- Discrediting Terrorism (Communism)
- Moderate and Modern Government in Muslim World
- More Open and Tolerant Societies

