



E2 Al-Qaeda's Operational Methodology: Implications for Counterterrorism Investigations

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Upon completion of this presentation, participants will understand Al-Qaeda's operational methodology and how it is applied to conducting counterterrorism investigations.

In order to anticipate and thwart future attacks, it is vital to understand Al-Qaeda's methodology. The paper will provide an analysis of Al-Qaeda's operational methodology and its application to counterterrorism investigations. The presenters will specifically discuss their analysis of the Al-Qaeda training manual, their review of the open source literature, and their experiences working counterterrorism investigations. The presenters will also discuss the life course of the Al-Qaeda operator, from recruitment, through training, to deployment, and ultimately, to the attack. Finally, the presenters will discuss issues involving Al-Qaeda operators' motivation, organization of thinking, progression from idea conception to attack, and violence risk assessment.

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