D19   Counter Terrorism: Training and the Need for Training With a Multi-Agency Approach Using Traditional and Non-Traditional Methods

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand the need to gather trainees and instructional staff from agencies not normally associated with criminal justice training and will understand the importance of practical based training over theory based learning.

The main impact will be on the use of non-traditional training methods, agencies, and equipment supported by novel design of training aids to support realistic training scenarios. This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by giving the attendee a greater understanding of the complexities of recovering physical evidence from these types of scenes. The attendee will also gain an insight into multi agency training using equipment not normally found in a forensic training environment.

Modern technology has the potential to be used in a training environment to supplement traditional training. However, this paper will demonstrate that by using modern technology coupled with practical scenarios students will have a greater understanding of the stresses involved in working in a counter terrorist related situation. The student would be able to recognize particular sights and smells that are prevalent at counter terrorist related explosions. During this presentation the attendee will gain an understanding of the need to make training as realistic as possible using high quality technological training aids and computing systems to support the training scenario.

The attendee will gain an understanding of the importance of communication at these complicated and complex scenes and the need for the free passage of information unrestricted by departmental bureaucracies. By using methods and equipment normally found in a military environment the attendee will learn that by cooperating with agencies that were previously thought to be unsuitable for collaboration training, better results will be achieved with potential for departmental financial savings and better quality training.

By their very nature, terrorists do not tend to use traditional military tactics when designing an attack. They are not revolutionaries, meaning that it is not unusual for attacks to come from areas that have previously thought to have been deemed as "safe areas." Their cause is often obscure or unknown to the world at large. However, given the current world crisis, known revolutionary groups are now adopting terrorist tactics to give meaning and substance to their cause. If the terrorist operates "outside the box" then so must law enforcement agencies in their intelligence and evidence gathering operations. This cannot be achieved without high quality training that is also provided "outside the box" and well-designed multi agency and technology supported training can achieve this.

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