Terrorism and CERT

CERT Basic Training
Unit 8
Spring 2019

Preparing at Home, Work, and Neighborhood

- Personal and family safety is first priority!
- CERT members are NOT equipped or trained to respond to terrorist incidents
- Terrorism incident scenes are also crime scenes

Responding to a Terror Attack

- DO NOT SPREAD RUMORS
- Leave the area, if possible
- Otherwise, shelter in place
- Terrorist attacks
  - Can be destabilizing...can cause hysteria & panic
  - Impact of the media...can greatly magnify the impact - SOCIAL AMPLIFICATION
What Is Terrorism?

CERT Definition

“The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives”

Terrorist Weapons

- Chemical
- Biological
- Radiological
- Nuclear
- High-yield Explosives
- Cyber
- Vehicles
- Guns – active shooter

Active Shooter Event

RUN. HIDE. DEFEND.

Watch video from ReadyHoustonTx.gov

Surviving an Active Shooter Event

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0