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# Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device Tabletop Exercise

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## Situation Manual

[Insert Date]

This Situation Manual (SitMan) provides exercise participants with all the necessary tools for their roles in the exercise. Some exercise material is intended for the exclusive use of exercise planners, facilitators, and evaluators, but players may view other materials that are necessary to their performance. All exercise participants may view the SitMan.

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## EXERCISE AGENDA

Time	Activity
0745 – 0830	Registration
0830 – 0845	Welcome and Participant Briefing
0845 – 0945	Module One – Domestic Terrorism Threat
0945 – 0955	Break
0955 – 1055	Module Two – Domestic Attack (Part I)
1055 – 1105	Break
1105 – 1205	Module Two – Domestic Attack (Part II)
1205 – 1230	Hot Wash

\*All times are approximate

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## EXERCISE OVERVIEW

<b>Exercise Name</b>	Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device (MJIED) Tabletop Exercise (TTX)
<b>Exercise Date</b>	[Indicate the date of the exercise]
<b>Scope</b>	<p>This exercise is a TTX, planned for [exercise duration] at [exercise location]. Exercise play is limited to [exercise parameters].</p> <p>This exercise was developed using materials created by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for a CISA Tabletop Exercise Package (CTEP).</p>
<b>Mission Areas</b>	Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery [Select appropriate Mission Areas]
<b>Core Capabilities</b>	Planning; Intelligence and Information Sharing; Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities; and [insert other core Capabilities]
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop improved, multi-directional information sharing capabilities and processes among participating organizations at the facility, community, and sector levels.</li> <li>2. Promote the development of collaborative processes and the use of integrated resources among participating organizations.</li> <li>3. Identify existing vulnerabilities and support an after action process to mitigate risk and increase the resilience of participating organizations.</li> <li>4. [Insert additional exercise objectives as necessary]</li> </ol>
<b>Threat or Hazard</b>	Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED), Improvised Explosive Device (IED)
<b>Scenario</b>	An interactive, discussion-based exercise focused on a multi-jurisdictional attack on critical infrastructure. The scenario consists of two modules: Domestic Terrorism Threat and Domestic Attack.
<b>Sponsor</b>	[Insert the name of the sponsor organization, as well as any grant programs being utilized, if applicable]
<b>Participating Organizations</b>	[Insert a brief summary of the total number of participants and participation level (i.e., Federal, State, local, tribal, non-governmental)]



organizations [NGOs], private sector, and/or international agencies).  
Consider including the full list of participating agencies in Appendix B.  
Delete Appendix B if not required.]



[Insert the name, title, agency, address, phone number, and email address  
of the primary exercise point of contact (e.g., exercise director or exercise  
sponsor)]

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Exercise Objectives and Core Capabilities

The exercise objectives listed in Table 1 describe the expected outcomes from the TTX. These objectives are linked to core capabilities, which are distinct critical elements necessary to achieve the specific prevention, protection, and response mission areas. The objectives and aligned core capabilities are guided by elected and appointed officials and selected by the Exercise Planning Team.

Exercise Objective	Core Capability
Develop improved, multi-directional information sharing capabilities and processes among participating organizations at the facility, community, and sector levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Planning</li> <li>✓ Intelligence and Information Sharing</li> </ul>
Promote the development of collaborative processes and the use of integrated resources among participating organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Planning</li> <li>✓ Intelligence and Information Sharing</li> <li>✓ Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities</li> </ul>
Identify existing vulnerabilities and support an after action process to mitigate risk and increase the resilience of participating organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Planning</li> <li>✓ Intelligence and Information Sharing</li> <li>✓ Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities</li> </ul>
[Insert additional objectives as necessary].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ [Insert additional core capabilities as necessary].</li> </ul>

Table 1.—Exercise Objectives and Associated Core Capabilities

### Participant Roles and Responsibilities

The term *participant* encompasses many groups of people, not just those playing in the exercise. Types of participants involved in the exercise, and their respective roles and responsibilities, are as follows:

- **Players.** Players are personnel who have an active role in discussing or performing their regular roles and responsibilities during the exercise. Players discuss or initiate actions in response to the simulated emergency.
- **Observers.** Observers do not directly participate in the exercise; however, they may support the development of player responses to the situation during the discussion by asking relevant questions or providing subject matter expertise.
- **Facilitators.** The Facilitator provides situation updates and moderates discussions. They also provide additional information or resolve questions as required. Key Exercise

Planning Team members may also assist with facilitation as subject matter experts (SMEs) during the exercise.

- **Evaluators.** Evaluators are assigned to observe and document certain objectives during the exercise. Their primary role is to document player discussions, including how and if those discussions conform to plans, policies, and procedures.

## Exercise Structure

This TTX is comprised of two modules consisting of information sharing and incident response. Players will participate in the following module elements:

- Module One: Domestic Terrorism Threat
- Module Two: Domestic Attack

Each module begins with a scenario update that summarizes the key events occurring within that time period. A series of questions following the scenario summary will guide the facilitated discussion of critical issues in each of the modules. Based on exercise priorities, time dedicated to each module will be managed by the facilitator.

## Exercise Guidelines

- This exercise will be held in an open, low-stress, no-fault environment. Varying viewpoints, even disagreements, are expected.
- Respond to the scenario using your knowledge of current plans and capabilities (i.e., you may use only existing assets) and insights derived from your training.
- Decisions are not precedent setting and may not reflect your organization's final position on a given issue. This exercise is an opportunity to discuss and present multiple options and possible solutions.
- The situation updates, written material, and resources provided are the basis for discussion. There are no hidden materials or scenarios.
- Issue identification is not as valuable as suggestions and recommended actions that could improve prevention, protection, and response efforts. Problem-solving efforts should be the focus.

## Exercise Assumptions and Artificialities

In any exercise, assumptions and artificialities may be necessary to complete play in the time allotted and/or account for logistical limitations. Exercise participants should accept that assumptions and artificialities are inherent in any exercise and should not allow these considerations to negatively affect their participation. During this exercise, the following apply:

- The scenario for this exercise is fictitious and does not represent any actual intelligence.
- The scenario is plausible, and events occur as they are presented.
- There are neither "hidden agendas" nor any "trick questions."



- All players receive information at the same time.
- Assume cooperation and support from other responders, agencies, and organizational entities.
- This scenario assumes a no-notice event.
- The scenario is meant to be generic and representational, if there are details that do not make sense for your community or organization, please disregard.

## **Exercise Evaluation**

Evaluation of the exercise is based on the exercise objectives and aligned core capabilities, capability targets, and critical tasks. Players will be asked to complete a participant feedback form. These documents, coupled with facilitator observations and notes, will be used to evaluate the exercise and then compiled into the After-Action Report (AAR).

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## MODULE ONE: DOMESTIC TERRORISM THREAT

**Date:** [Insert Incident – 2 Months]

A known domestic extremist posts a video on social media expressing his outrage over the United States' actions in the Middle East. He further expresses during his clip that he wants volunteers to survey possible targets in the United States with a focus on key infrastructure (hospitals, dams, major bridges, convention centers, sports facilities, etc.). He asks that possible target information be sent to the group's secure website with pictures, sketches, security patterns, and proposed attack plans. From that point, his organization will select a target and execute the attack.

The video has since been removed from social media sites, however, it went viral in the three hours the video was available. Copies of the video have been re-posted throughout the internet and the number of viewers has spread across the world.

**Date:** [Insert Incident – 1 Month]

The known domestic extremist who posted the video requesting target information in the United States has released an additional video. He states that he is thankful for all the "suggested" targets throughout the United States and he and his organization have narrowed the possible targets down to two or three. During the video, he states that many Americans will die in the attack.

**Date:** [Insert Incident – 1 Month]

The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) recently arrested two individuals in [Insert Location] after receiving notification of an unusually large fertilizer purchase request. During the arrest, various documents were discovered in their apartment including bomb-making aids that have previously been posted on terrorist websites. Additionally, both individuals have been previously linked with various domestic terrorist organizations throughout the United States and are known to have ties with the extremist who posted the video.

Upon further investigation, law enforcement officials have determined that this "cell" is one of an unknown number throughout the area. Additionally, pictures of [insert target name] were discovered on one of the individual's laptops.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the process by which your facility would receive intelligence and protective measure information given the domestic threat described in Module 1?
  - a. What organizations would you communicate with (e.g., local law enforcement agencies, your JTTF, Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI])?
  - b. Does your facility maintain a relationship with your U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Protective Security Advisor (PSA)? If so, do you have a rapid means of contacting them?

- c. Does your facility use the Homeland Security Information Network–Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI)?
  - d. Is your facility familiar with information sharing documents that are posted on HSIN-CI, such as Joint Intelligence Bulletins (JIBs) or DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Notes?
2. How do you triage the information received (formal reporting, rumors, social media, etc.) for further dissemination within your organization?
  - a. What information would be shared with your community?
3. Given current and established information sharing procedures, what types of official information would be distributed to your organization?
  - a. What information do you expect from government authorities at this time?
  - b. Are there specific, essential elements of information you need?
4. What resources are utilized to disseminate information?
  - a. What notification capabilities (e.g., alerts, email, telecom, SMS text, special tools) do you utilize to share information and communicate protective measures implementation?
  - b. Are there technological barriers, legal considerations, or institutional sensitivities that might affect information dissemination?
5. In the event that your facility receives information related to potential threats against your facility and personnel, how would you communicate this information to appropriate entities (e.g., local law enforcement agencies, your JTTF, FBI, your DHS PSA, etc.)?
6. What risk mitigation or protective actions would you implement?
  - a. Would you take any additional measures to monitor for suspicious activities?
7. How is new information integrated into the process of alerting those in your organization?
8. Are there processes in place to disseminate threat related information internally within your company? If so, what are those processes?
9. Are there processes in place to share information across the sector with industry partners in other States or regions? If so, what are those processes?
  - a. Who are the key stakeholders or groups (e.g., Sectors, agencies, associations) with whom you must communicate to protect your critical infrastructure assets?
  - b. Is there currently a group (e.g., Information Sharing Working Group [ISWG], Cross-Sector council, regional council, etc.) dedicated to developing information sharing processes? Can this group be leveraged as a Critical Infrastructure Protection [CIP] governance body? If not, what alternate structure would be put in place?
10. Would you share this threat information with international industry partners? What would be the benefit, if any?

11. What systems, processes, technology platforms, and tools are used to officially share information about the status of the response? Do they facilitate information sharing beyond agency, organization, or jurisdictional lines?
12. What notification capabilities (e.g., alerts, email, telecom, SMS text, special tools) do you utilize to share information with your employees and to help protect your critical infrastructure assets internally and to sector stakeholders?
13. Are there technological barriers, policies, legal considerations, or institutional sensitivities that might affect information sharing?
14. For Federal, State, or local agencies, what restrictions regarding access to and dissemination of information affect your ability to share information within your organization and with your public and private stakeholders (e.g., Protected Critical Infrastructure Information [PCII], Sensitive But Unclassified [SBU], business confidential)?

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## MODULE TWO: DOMESTIC ATTACK

### [Option 1: Bridge Explosion (IED)]

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], commuters driving over the [Insert Name] Bridge report feeling movement and shifting of the bridge. Reports indicate several vehicular accidents occurred on the bridge. Large amounts of smoke and debris are seen coming from underneath the bridge. First responding officers identify what they believe is severe structural damage to the bridge. Officers are also reporting numerous red cylinders attached to the bridge support pillars. Bomb Squad response has been requested.

### Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Area news stations are reporting on the explosion at [Insert Name] Bridge. National media outlets are also starting to report on the breaking news stories in the [Insert City Name] area.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

### Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

The [Insert City] Bomb Squad has recovered and rendered safe IEDs found attached to the [Insert Name] Bridge located at [Insert Location]. The Bomb Squad determined that the IEDs contained all the components required for a live IED.

### [Option 2: Expo Center Explosion (IED)]

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], [Insert City] 911 Public Safety Communications Center receives numerous calls reporting a large explosion in the parking lot of the [Insert Name] Expo Center

during the [Insert Name of Event]. Callers report numerous vehicle fires surrounding the blast area and note that adults and children are among the casualties seeking medical attention. Law enforcement officials detailed to the event note heavy smoke obstructing visibility and burning debris causing choking hazards for those in the building. They have requested immediate emergency response support and noted that there is possible explosive material still at the blast scene.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Area news stations are reporting on the explosion that occurred at [Insert Name] Expo Center during [Insert Name of Event]. Reports indicate there are multiple injuries. National media outlets are also starting to report on the breaking news stories in the [Insert City Name] area. Media reports have generated a flood of calls to the [Insert Jurisdiction] Emergency Communication Center.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

Estimated attendance at the [Insert Event] was over 15,000 with several other events occurring at the [Insert Name] Expo Complex. Crowd and traffic control, as well as evacuation actions, were activated to prepare for emergency medical response to the [Insert Name] Expo Center. Bomb Squad and Explosives detection canine teams [as applicable] coordinated secondary IED searches to support responding Emergency Medical Service (EMS) teams. Explosives detection canine teams swept and secured areas that were designated as safe holding locations and exit routes [delete if not applicable].

There are [insert number] casualties suffering from a combination of blast and stampede injuries, including several in critical condition. Critically wounded persons are being transported by ambulance to various area hospitals as quickly as units become available.

As the Canine Explosives Detection Team surveys the area, they “hit” on multiple suspicious items [delete if not applicable]. Police express concern of possible additional IEDs, firearms assaults, and VBIED or person-borne improvised explosive device (PBIED) attacks. Simultaneously, the [Insert Jurisdiction] Emergency Communications Center receives unconfirmed reports that additional explosive devices have been located throughout the Expo Building.



## **[Option 3: Motor Speedway Explosion (IED)]**

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], two near simultaneous explosions occur at the [Insert Name] Motor Speedway during the [Insert Name of Event]. The first explosion occurs inside the Infield Recreation Vehicle (RV) Parking Area, causing major damage and injuries. It produces a large fireball and shock wave with large amounts of debris visible from the spectators stands. A second explosion occurs shortly thereafter in the midway and vendor area, causing multiple injuries and possible fatalities.

The explosion in the Infield RV Parking Area causes multiple vehicle fires and Infield parking evacuations. Vehicle damage and fires, along with crowds of frightened spectators hinder emergency response access to many victims requiring medical assistance. The explosion in the Midway and Vendor Area causes serious injuries requiring immediate medical attention.

Motor Speedway Security Personnel encounter numerous unattended bags and backpacks at the Midway and Vendor Area scene of explosion. Security personnel identify a backpack containing pipes, wires, and a battery near the Midway Area explosion site.

### **Scenario Update**

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Witness reports at the Midway and Vendor Area and initial on-scene evidence indicate the origin of the explosion was a VBIED in an RV. Meanwhile, a recovered backpack IED at the Infield RV Parking Area increases concerns that there may be additional secondary IEDs.

Area news stations are reporting on the explosions at [Insert Name] Motor Speedway. Reports indicate that there are numerous injuries. National media outlets are also starting to report on the breaking news story in the [Insert City Name] area. Media reports have generated a flood of calls to the [Insert Jurisdiction] Emergency Communication Center.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

### **Scenario Update**

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

Estimated attendance at the [Insert Event] was over 150,000 with several other events occurring at the Speedway. Crowd and traffic control, as well as evacuation actions, were activated to prepare for emergency medical response to the Expo Center. Bomb Squad and Explosives detection canine teams [as applicable] coordinated secondary IED searches to support responding Emergency Medical Service (EMS) teams. Explosives detection canine teams swept and secured areas that were designated as safe holding locations and exit routes [delete if not applicable].

There are [insert number] casualties suffering from a combination of blast and stampede injuries, including several in critical condition. Critically wounded persons are being transported by ambulance to various area hospitals as quickly as units become available.

As the Canine Explosives Detection Team surveys the area, they “hit” on multiple suspicious items [delete if not applicable]. Police express concern of possible additional IEDs, firearms assaults, and VBIED or person-borne improvised explosive device (PBIED) attacks. Simultaneously, the [Insert Jurisdiction] Emergency Communications Center receives unconfirmed reports that additional explosive devices have been located throughout the Speedway.

## **[Option 4: Port Authority Explosion (VBIED and IED)]**

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], the [Insert City] Port Authority reports that a massive explosion has occurred at Cruise Terminal 2, located at [insert location]. A vehicle in the valet parking lane near the terminal has violently exploded, causing the partial building collapse of Terminal 2. Law enforcement assigned to the terminal are reporting mass casualties, extensive property damage, and multiple vehicle fires. Blast and fragmentation damage hit the docked cruise ship, causing additional injuries. Emergency response personnel encounter large amounts of blast debris and walking wounded.

Witnesses report seeing an individual in the parking garage holding what appeared to be a radio-controlled device and video camera just prior to the explosion. [Insert City] Port Authority has increased its security level as a result of the explosion. All personnel are on heightened alert for any suspicious items or activities.

## **Scenario Update**

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

The Port Authority Security Operations Center is receiving reports of a suspicious item located underneath the [Insert Name] Pier between [Insert Location 1] and [Insert Location 2]. Initial reports indicate the suspicious item is a blue drum with protruding wires. Additional reports identify the suspicious item as a 30-gallon plastic drum attached to a flotation device. Port Authority security personnel, using binoculars, observe a digital timer attached to the drum and

protruding wires running across the top of the drum. Area evacuations are underway, and [Insert Jurisdiction] Bomb Squad and the U.S. Coast Guard have been notified of the situation.

911 Emergency Call Centers throughout the [Insert City] area are experiencing a surge in bomb threat calls claiming additional explosive devices are planted throughout the area, to include: time-activated explosives placed inside public buses, explosives set to go off inside [Insert Name] Hospital, explosives attached underneath Terminal 2 cruise ship dock, explosives set to detonate inside the [Insert Name of Local Attraction], and bombs planted in area hotels and restaurants.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 40 minutes]**

Area news stations are reporting on the explosion at [Insert Name] Bridge. National media outlets are also starting to report on the breaking news stories in the [Insert City Name] area.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County law enforcement officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that [Insert County 1] and [Insert County 2] Counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor and mayor urge people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

The [Insert Jurisdiction] Fire Department has extinguished the vehicle fires inside the parking garage and requested the fire marshal and bomb squad to respond. The [Insert Jurisdiction] Fire Marshall, in coordination with the [Insert Jurisdiction] Bomb Squad, has identified and recovered suspicious items, including arson components, several gallons of gasoline, an IED backpack and radio-controlled device found in the trunk, area maps, and storage facility documents.

The [Insert Jurisdiction] Bomb Squad also recover and render safe IEDs found attached to the [Insert Name] Bridge and the [Insert Name] Pier located at [Insert Location]. The Bomb Squad determines the IEDs contained all components required for a live IED.

The [Insert Jurisdiction] Bomb Squad recovers and renders safe backpack IEDs found at the [Insert Name] Bus Station and near the vehicle fire at the [Insert Name] Parking Garage. [Remove if not applicable.] The Bomb Squad determines the backpack contains all components required for a live IED, and the schematics are determined to resemble those used by known international terrorist organizations.

## [Option 5: Bus Station Device Found (IED)]

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], as a result of an expanded IED search area, police discover an unattended backpack outside the [Insert Name] Bus Station located near [Insert Location]. Bus service is then diverted from [Insert Name] Bus Station, and the bus station and surrounding areas are evacuated. Law enforcement establishes a secure perimeter around the suspect backpack and notifies the [Insert Jurisdiction] Bomb Squad.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Area news stations are reporting on the explosive device found at [Insert Name] Bus Station. Media reports have generated a flood of calls to the [Insert City] Emergency Communication Center.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

The [Insert City] Bomb Squad has recovered and rendered a backpack IED found at the [Insert Name] Bus Station. The Bomb Squad has determined that the recovered backpacks contained all components required for a live IED, and that the schematics are determined to resemble those used by known international terrorist organizations.

## [Option 6: Medical Center Device Found (IED)]

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], [Insert City] 911 Dispatch receives numerous calls reporting a suspicious item attached to the emergency fuel tanks at [Insert Name] Medical Center. First arriving officers establish a secure perimeter around the fuel tanks. Officers describe the suspicious item as two large pipes with protruding wires and a timer attached to the fuel tank. Hospital security coordinates area evacuations and a loading dock closure. Bomb Squad and Fire

Department hazardous material (HAZMAT) Teams response is activated. The hospital's bomb threat and continuity of operations plans are being reviewed.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Area news stations are reporting on the explosive device found at [Insert Name] Medical Center. Media reports have generated a flood of calls to the [Insert City] Emergency Communications Center.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

The [Insert City] Bomb Squad has recovered and rendered safe the device found attached to the fuel tanks at [Insert Name] Medical Center. The Bomb Squad has determined that the device contained all components required for a live IED.

## [Option 7: Dam Device Found (VBIED)]

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**

**Time: [Insert]**

**[Insert Location]**

At approximately [insert time], security cameras monitoring the [Insert Name] Dam Bridge observe traffic coming to a stop and begin to backup on both bridge lanes. Cameras identify a yellow box truck blocking both lanes that appears to be disabled. [Insert Name of Dam] Security Officers respond to the disabled truck, finding it unoccupied and locked. While attempting to identify the vehicle, officers discover a suspicious plastic container with a switch, timer, and protruding wires on the passenger seat.

[Insert State] Highway Patrol is notified of the incident. The suspect container found in the vehicle is determined to be a possible VBIED. Highway Patrol implements road closures and evacuation procedures. Law enforcement requests mutual aid assistance from neighboring jurisdictions and specialized response complements. [Insert Jurisdiction] 911 Dispatch activates notifications and alert warnings.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**  
**Time: [Insert Incident + 30 minutes]**

Area news stations report on the explosive device found at [Insert Name] Dam Bridge. Media reports have generated a flood of calls to the [Insert City] Emergency Communication Center.

[Insert County / City Name] and [Insert State] emergency management agencies release an Emergency Action Notification to [Insert County / City] and surrounding county areas notifying the public of the current situation.

The Governor of [Insert State], [Insert City] Mayor, and County officials hold a joint emergency news conference to assure people that the counties are handling the situation and in direct communication with field commanders. The governor urges people to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or items that appear to be unusual.

## Scenario Update

**Date: Saturday Afternoon, [Insert]**  
**Time: [Insert Incident + 2 hours]**

The [Insert City] Bomb Squad has rendered safe the box truck VBIED parked on the [Insert Name] Dam Bridge located at [Insert Location]. The Bomb Squad has determined that the box truck contained all components required for a live VBIED.

## Discussion Questions

1. What actions would you take at this time?
  - a. What resources and assets do you have available to assist in the response?
  - b. Who is the point of contact?
2. Do your existing plans, policies, and procedures address counter-IED (C-IED) considerations?
  - a. If not, are you familiar with the resources available through the DHS Office of Bombing Prevention to assist in incorporating C-IED measures into planning efforts?
3. How would you communicate with groups of people or individuals?
  - a. Are there any plans or procedures in place?
  - b. What systems are available to assist with this communication?
    - i. Will any forms of social media be used?
  - c. Who is responsible for this communication?
4. How would you contact local law enforcement agencies?
5. How will local law enforcement respond to this incident?
  - a. In addition to responding to the threat, what other services would they be expected or asked to provide?
  - b. What other emergency services would respond to this incident?



6. Would you share information with the larger community? How? When?
  - a. What would other organizations do with this information?
  - b. Would other organizations assist you in your response? Are there any Memorandums of Understanding in place?
  - c. How would local law enforcement share information with the community?
7. What measures will be taken to streamline the information sharing process?
  - a. How will you resolve potential misinformation?
  - b. How will you respond to and coordinate any requests to comment by the media?

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## APPENDIX A: RELEVANT PLANS

[Insert excerpts from relevant plans, policies, or procedures to be tested during the exercise.]

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## APPENDIX B: EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS

Participating Organizations	
<b>Private Sector</b>	
	[Private sector participants]
<b>Federal</b>	
	[Federal participants]
<b>State</b>	
	[State participants]
<b>Local</b>	
	[Local participants]
<b>Other</b>	
	[Insert additional participants]

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## APPENDIX C: ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
<b>AAR</b>	After-Action Report
<b>C-IED</b>	Counter-Improvised Explosive Device
<b>CIP</b>	Critical Infrastructure Protection
<b>CISA</b>	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
<b>CTEP</b>	CISA Tabletop Exercise Package
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Homeland Security
<b>EMS</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>FBI</b>	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<b>HAZMAT</b>	Hazardous Material
<b>HSIN-CI</b>	Homeland Security Information Network–Critical Infrastructure
<b>I&amp;A</b>	Office of Intelligence and Analysis
<b>IED</b>	Improvised Explosive Device
<b>ISWG</b>	Information Sharing Working Group
<b>JIB</b>	Joint Intelligence Bulletin
<b>JTTF</b>	Joint Terrorism Task Force
<b>MJIED</b>	Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>PBIED</b>	Person-Borne Improvised Explosive Device
<b>PCII</b>	Protected Critical Infrastructure Information
<b>PSA</b>	Protective Security Advisor
<b>RV</b>	Recreation Vehicle
<b>SBU</b>	Sensitive But Unclassified
<b>SitMan</b>	Situation Manual
<b>SME</b>	Subject Matter Expert
<b>TTX</b>	Tabletop Exercise
<b>VBIED</b>	Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device