

20 Drills that Prove the DHS' Official New Enemy is the American People

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Out of 47 “scenarios” being practiced by first responders during Urban Shield 2013 this October 25 – 28 in the San Francisco Bay Area, at least 20 of them are “domestic” – either stated explicitly, or implied (see below in BOLD CAPS) – and possibly more.

Overall, the scenarios vary widely in scope – up to and including “odor investigation” – but the “domestic terrorists” are generally characterized as being anything from “anarchists” (Tea Partiers? Christians? Patriots?) to “homegrown” terrorists (recent American-Moslem converts duped into FBI-sting operations?)

Interesting to note that, as of this writing, the English “Urban Shield” Wikipedia entry has disappeared... but you can still get it in French. (Too bad for you if you don’t read French.)

However, there is still a brief mention of Urban Shield in the English Wikipedia entry for the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office (ASCO).

According to Wikipedia’s ASCO entry, Urban Shield is the largest urban “SWAT” exercise in America. Always held in autumn, it provides “opportunities” for first-responder teams from all over the nation to train in what appears to be mostly “terrorist” scenarios.

(As an aside – since I scan the news feeds daily – I’ve been noticing variations of ALL these “scenarios” making the news on a regular basis, including recently locking down an entire school district in Richmond, California due to an “odor investigation”... for an odor which turned out to be from a smelly barge starting its engine several miles outside the city limits. Oh, the hysteria.)

You should also be pleased and comforted to note that among the many “public/private partners” (and corporate sponsors) taking part in this year’s Urban Shield will be the Boy Scouts, FedEx and Verizon Wireless.

And, in addition to the 18 federal agencies listed (including Louisiana State University?), there will also be 12 foreign countries keeping us safe from domestic terrorists: Israel, Brazil, Guam, Israeli Yamam, Norway, Switzerland, France, Jordan, Bahrain, Singapore, Canada and Qatar.

With all this “help” – in what is turning out to be a huge multi-billion dollar industry – it makes you wonder who is keeping us safe from the “helpers?”

Scenario #1: Fitness Assessment/Confidence Course

Scenario #2: Medical Checkpoint #1

SCENARIO #3: INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE RECONNAISSANCE

Tactical teams will be provided a scenario in which they must rescue a judge from a Homegrown Violent Extremists group. Teams will be tested on their ability to develop a plan of action.

Host: Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Black Command

Location: Alameda County Firearms Training Facility

Sponsors: TCI Tactical Command Industries

Fulcrum Concepts LLC

ZMB Industries

Zistos Portable Video Systems

SCENARIO #4: COLLEGE CAMPUS HOSTAGE RESCUE

Tactical teams will be evaluated on their ability to transition between many different tactics based on a rapidly evolving, dynamic scenario.

Host: Livermore Police Department – Black Command

Location: Las Positas Community College

Sponsor: VieVu-Video Cameras

SCENARIO #5: SWAT & K9 INTEGRATION DURING DEPLOYMENT

Tactical teams will coordinate with K9 units to search a rural wooded area for suspected narco-terrorists who recently murdered one CHP officer and wounded another.

Host: Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Black Command

Location: Del Valle Regional Park Property

Sponsor: None listed

SCENARIO #6: HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS ASSAULT

Tactical teams will properly respond to a terrorist attack at a school, testing their ability to operate under fire, and rescue hostages.

Host: Fremont Police Department – Gold Command

Location: Coyote Hills Shooting Range, Fremont

Sponsor: 5.11 Tactical Series

TCI Tactical Command Industries

SCENARIO #7: ANARCHIST REFINERY BOMBER

Teams are presented with a scenario testing their ability to operate in a large open area and minimize damage to critical infrastructure.

Host: Redwood City Police Department – Silver Command

Location: Port of Redwood City

Sponsor: Digital Sandbox

Scenario #8: Water Treatment Facility WMD Attack

SCENARIO #9: DOMESTIC TERRORIST WATERSHED TAKEOVER

Tactical teams will be evaluated on their ability to respond to a chemical attack while mitigating further terrorist activity and rescuing hostages.

Host: San Mateo County Sheriff's Office – Silver Command

Location: Crystal Springs Reservoir

Sponsor: Fraser Optics

Scenario #10: Medical Checkpoint #2

SCENARIO #11: HIGH RISK SEARCH WARRANT

Tactical teams will be presented with a scenario to work in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to successfully execute a buy-bust search warrant.

Host: Drug Enforcement Agency – Silver Command

Location: Simunitions Training Warehouse, South San Francisco

Sponsor: None listed

SCENARIO #12: COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER TAKEOVER

Teams are provided a scenario testing their ability to work in a confined area under duress.

Host: San Francisco Sheriff's Department – Green Command

Location: San Bruno Jail Complex

Sponsor: Securus Technologies

ATK Force On Force

SCENARIO #13: EXTREMIST MANHUNT

Tactical teams will respond to violent terrorist(s) who have gunned down an undercover agent and taken hostages.

Host: San Francisco Sheriff's Department – Green Command

Location: San Bruno Jail Complex

Sponsor: Securus Technologies

ATK Force On Force

Scenario #14: Terrorist Attack on Public Transit

SCENARIO #15: TRANSAMERICA PYRAMID CENTER TAKEOVER

This scenario was developed to test tactical teams response to a homegrown terrorist attack on a San Francisco high rise building.

Host: San Francisco Sheriff's Department – Green Command

Location: Transamerica Pyramid Center

Sponsor: Digital Sandbox

Scenario #16: Human Trafficking Interdiction

Scenario #17: Medical Checkpoint #3

Scenario #18: Laboratory Takeover

Scenario #19: Parking Structure WMD Dispersal Device

Scenario #20: Critical Infrastructure Assault (SF-Oakland Bay Bridge)

Scenario #21: Commuter Train Assault

Scenario #22: Maritime Interdiction

Scenario #23: Military Installation Assault

Scenario #24: Airplane Hijacking

Scenario #25: Medical Checkpoint #4

Scenario #26: Vehicle Assault (Old Mervyn's Headquarters)

Scenario #27: Dignitary Rescue

Scenario #28: High Rise Rappelling

Scenario #29: Chemical Sabotage

SCENARIO #30: DOMESTIC TERRORIST SCHOOL TAKEOVER

Tactical teams will be provided an active shooter scenario testing their ability to effectively engage the terrorist(s) and effect a rescue of the hostage(s).

Host: Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Blue Command

Location: Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley

Sponsor: Black OPS Airsoft

Applanix A Trimble Company

Scenario #31: Hospital Assault

Scenario #32: Technology Showcase

EOD Scenario #1: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Response 1

EOD Scenario #2: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Response 2

EOD SCENARIO #3: EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL RESPONSE 3

Two teams work together to enter a booby trapped apartment, render safe a number of booby traps, and analyze chemicals present for their use in IEDs.

Host: Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Black Command

Location: Alameda County EOD Bomb Range

Sponsor: HazMasterG3

FIRE SCENARIO #1: ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORIST SABOTAGE

Responding US&R task force teams will be confronted with multiple and conflicting priorities while freeing two trapped construction workers.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: South San Francisco Fire Department Trench Rescue Training Site

Sponsor: MES Municipal Emergency Services Inc.

FIRE SCENARIO #2: IED EXPLOSION IN A CONFINED SPACE

An IED placed in a refinery pipe maze by environmental terrorists is accidentally detonated by bomb squad personnel while attempting to render the device safe.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: South San Francisco Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Facility

Sponsor: FoxFury Personal Lighting Solutions

FIRE SCENARIO #3: BUILDING COLLAPSE

A member of the Sovereign Citizen movement has driven a truck into a government building which resulted in a partial building collapse and fire.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: South San Francisco Fire Department Collapse Structure Training Facility

Sponsor: Parrot AR Drone

FIRE SCENARIO #4: HIGH-ANGLE RESCUE

The sniper attack on a government high-rise building by a Homegrown Violent Extremist (HVE) has left two window washers injured.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: Boston Properties, South San Francisco

Sponsor: None listed

FIRE SCENARIO #5 AND 11: COOPERATIVE USAR/HAZMAT RESPONSE

US&R and Hazmat task-force teams will cooperatively respond to a car bomb detonated by extremists that has resulted in a collapse of a medical research facility.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: Alexandria Development Building, South San Francisco

Sponsor: Western Shelter Systems

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Fire Scenario #6: Terrorist Bus Hijacking/Low-Angle Rescue

FIRE SCENARIO #7: CLANDESTINE DRUG LAB EXPLOSION

An explosion of an IED at a clandestine drug lab has resulted in members of a SWAT team and other first responders becoming contaminated with unknown chemicals.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: South San Francisco Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Facility

Sponsor: None listed

Fire Scenario #8: Odor Investigation

Fire Scenario #9: Cargo Container Sabotage

FIRE SCENARIO #10: MONITORING/DETECTION DIRTY BOMB ATTACK

Members of an anarchist group have detonated a dirty bomb in the mail room of a credit card processing facility, resulting in exposure to employees.

Host: South San Francisco Fire Department – Red Command

Location: Boston Properties, South San Francisco

Sponsor: MES Municipal Emergency Services Inc.

Fire Scenario #12: Arson Fire

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