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Terrorism: Biological Weapons

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About terrorism

Once thought of as a problem relegated to trouble spots in far-away nations, people of all communities are now painfully aware that a terrorist can attack anywhere. The issue of biological terrorism is particularly frightening because biological agents, though silent and invisible to the naked eye, can be as deadly as a nuclear bomb. These weapons are inexpensive to manufacture and easy to conceal.

Clearly, emergency responders need training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of biological terrorism and to know what to do if terrorists strike.

About the program

"Terrorism: Biological Weapons" provides response guidelines for suspected biological terrorism incidents. It is designed for firefighters, law enforcement, emergency management, EMTs and other emergency personnel who may be called upon to respond to an act of terrorism. This timely program examines possible targets and likely terrorist devices. It covers hazmat response protocols, site control, protective clothing, and incident management.

The program focuses on three different scenarios: (1) Intelligence agencies uncover the probability of a known threat and responders are called out to support the operations of the agencies; (2) A device is actually discovered, either prior to or following a release; and (3) an attack goes unrecognized until a number of victims develop symptoms.

The four major categories of biological agents are examined, including symptoms of exposure. The program tells how various agents may be disseminated and explains the significance of the incubation period and determining the dispersal site. Responders learn how to gather data in order to identify

the agent involved, and information is provided on resources available to help in this effort. Other topics covered are pre-incident planning and dealing with the public in a way that prevents panic. 28 minutes.

Accompanying the DVD is a Resource CD-Rom which includes a Powerpoint presentation, post-seminar test, and other instructional aids.

About the series

"Terrorism: Biological Weapons" is part of Emergency Film Group's timely *WMD Response Reference Package*. This series is designed for emergency personnel who are likely to be at the scene of a terrorist event before federal response agencies arrive. Titles in the series include "Terrorism: 1st Response," "Terrorism: Biological Weapons," "Terrorism: Chemical Weapons," "Terrorism: Explosive & Incendiary Weapons," "Terrorism: Radiological Weapons," "Detecting Weapons of Mass Destruction," and "Response to Anthrax Threats."

About the technical committee

Emergency Film Group programs are created with the assistance of leaders in emergency response training as well as in the subject field. This program was created with the help of the following authorities:

Chief John Eversole (dec.) former District Chief of Special Functions with the Chicago Fire Dept. Prior to his death, Chief Eversole served as Chair of the Hazardous Materials Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and played a major role in helping shape legislation impacting the fire service in the areas of hazardous materials, firefighter safety & terrorism.

Chief Jan Dunbar, Sacramento (CA) Fire Department (ret.) Jan served as Division Chief, responsible for developing the hazardous materials response team program. He has served as Chairman of the California State

Fire Marshal's committee to develop a hazardous materials specialist course, is a member of NFPA's Technical Committee on Chemical Protective Clothing, and IAFC's Committee on Hazardous Materials.

James Hall, Norfolk Collaborative Associates

Steve Maslansky, Principal, Maslansky Geo-Environmental Inc. with over 30 years experience in emergency issues, investigation and remediation related to hazardous waste and hazardous materials issues.

Dr. William C. Patrick, one of the leading scientists in the early U.S. offensive biological weapons program.

Caree Vander Linden, Public Affairs Officer, US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

About the filmmakers

Gordon Massingham, President and Director of all Emergency Film Group and Detrick Lawrence productions. Gordon is a former television producer and former manager of the NFPA Film Department. His work has appeared on ABC and PBS, as well as television stations throughout the country. He has produced more than 100 emergency response training films since 1979. Productions in which he has played a principal creative role have won 120 film festival awards.

About the Emergency Film Group

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(Video/DVD plus Guide)

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10-day rental - \$150 5-day preview (for
evaluation only) - \$20

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