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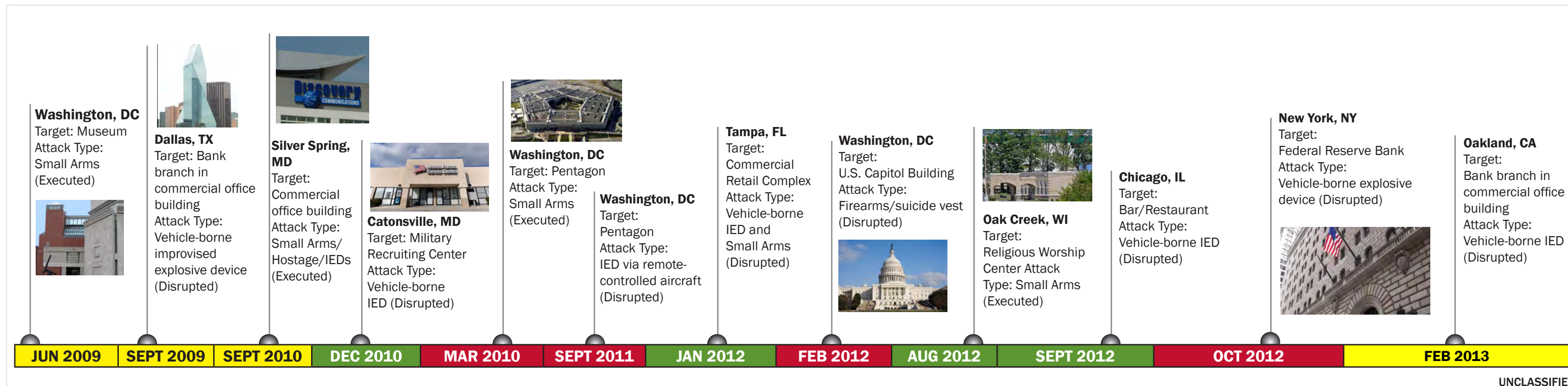
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(U//FOUO) Building Security Measures May Impact Emergency Response to Attacks by Violent Extremists

(U//FOUO) Facility security measures, such as interior control points or exterior barriers, may require first responders to adjust normal protocols and procedures to operate rapidly during emergencies. The timeline below is an overview of attacks and plots against US-based facilities with varying levels of security. The diversity of tactics and targets used underscores the need for interagency exercises and training that incorporates multiple scenarios to account for building security measures likely to be encountered.



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(U) First Responder Response Considerations:

(U//FOUO) Conducting periodic exercises with building authorities and interagency partners will help responders tailor a coordinated response to the unique security characteristics of the site and increase efficiency during an emergency. Engagement with partners may address a number of issues including:

- » (U//FOUO) Building emergency response plans that identify the key staff members to assist and advise first responders as well as their roles and responsibilities during crisis;
- » (U//FOUO) Interior building control points which may limit responder access to areas and affect the rapid deployment of tools and equipment;
- » (U//FOUO) Building access control systems: the availability of master keys or swipe cards to provide full access and/or entry into restricted areas;
- » (U//FOUO) The existence of exterior building security measures which may affect the placement of response vehicles or the ability to ventilate building and rescue victims;
- » (U//FOUO) Closed circuit television (CCTV) monitors to maintain situational awareness and to assist with accountability and evacuation of building occupants; and
- » (U//FOUO) Suspicious activity reporting training to building staff and tenants to help identify and disrupt potential preoperational activity or actual attacks.

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(U) Report Suspicious Activity

(U) To report suspicious activity, law enforcement, Fire-EMS, private security personnel, and emergency managers should follow established protocols; all other personnel should call 911 or contact local law enforcement. Suspicious activity reports (SARs) will be forwarded to the appropriate fusion center and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action. For more information on the Nationwide SAR Initiative, visit <http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx>.

Open
Publicly accessible buildings—such as hotels, movie theaters, shopping malls, and places of worship—where security may be limited to passive measures such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Intrusion alarms » Recorded CCTV » Key cards for after-hour access and elevator use » Limited visible security
Controlled
Commercial buildings—including sightseeing attractions and office or apartment buildings—may or may not require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Key cards or identification for entry » Visitors be announced and given badges » Central mailroom and package screening » On-site security
Restricted
Government buildings—including those owned or leased by federal, state, local, or tribal governments—are more likely to have strong access restrictions in place, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requiring photo identification and badges for entry » Requiring visitors be pre-approved and escorted » Personnel and package screening » Armed security

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