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The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security produces this informational/intelligence bulletin specifically for all potentially-affected stakeholders – whether public or private sector, federal or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-based Critical Infrastructures, Key Resources and Significant Special Events. Consider the information & intelligence contained herein in context with other known information, indicators, threats and warnings.

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POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED AREAS & SECTORS

Area
Chalfont Borough (Bucks County)
Cheswick Borough (Allegheny County)
Cranberry Twp (Butler County)
Darlington Borough (Beaver County)
Derry Twp (Dauphin County)
Hatfield's Ferry (Greene County)
Hopewell Borough (Bedford County)
Keystone (Franklin County)
King of Prussia (Upper Merion Twp) (Montgomery County)
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Shippensburg Borough (Cumberland County)
Solebury Twp (Bucks County)
State College Borough (Centre County)
Upper St. Clair Twp (Allegheny County)
Warrendale (Allegheny County)
Williamsport (Lycoming County)

Pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, Homeland Security Act of 2002, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan of 2009, critical infrastructure is defined as "systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters." Pennsylvania applies the same logic and intent to define Commonwealth, county & municipality critical infrastructures and key resources.

Sector
Commercial Facilities
Commercial Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste
Critical Manufacturing
Defense Industrial Base
Energy
Government Facilities[1]
Information Technology
Transportation Systems
Water

Dates of Interest

- **Current-24 August 2010:** The International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement (InPDUM), a pan-African nationalist-socialist group, has called for three rallies this month in support of imprisoned Black convicts and against what it is calling "war on the Black community." The last of these are today, 23 August 2010, at Black & Noble, on Broad and Erie St. (in North Philadelphia), and on Tuesday, 24 August 2010, at the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Center (13th and Filbert St.). As of this writing, there are no indications of planned violence or civil disobedience on behalf of Diop or the other inmates; however, the gatherings have the potential of drawing a broad, dangerous cross-section of opportunistic anti-authoritarians and Black supremacists.

- **Current-31 August 2010:** The anarchist organization, **CRIMETHINC.,** is conducting what they have called "a decentralized convergence." Based on recent communications, there are indications of evading or sabotaging law enforcement.[2]

- **Current-31 August 2010:** Black August, promoted by anarchists and Black Power radicals, commences; marking "the advances and sacrifices of Black Freedom Fighters," according to militant literature.

- **Current-31 August 2010:** In the general escalation in Irish republican terrorism, Marching Season in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for violence. Pennsylvania-affiliated students and faculty participating in overseas, educational exchange programs should

[1] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.

[2] http://www.crimethinc.com/

maintain heightened awareness if traveling/residing in Northern Ireland (e.g., Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology).

- **Current-9 September 2010:** The lunar month of *Ramadan* is a period of fasting and reflecting for Muslims. During *Ramadan*, devout Muslims refrain from eating during daylight hours, generally concluding each day with a meal known as *Iftar*. Jihadists consider it an auspicious period for attacks in the name of Islam. In the midst of the Muslim holy month, Muslims mark *Lailat Al-Qadr* (Night of Power) on **5 September 2010**. *Ramadan* is followed by a three-day festival known as *Eid al-Fitr*, starting on **10 September 2010**.

- **27 August 2010:** Former Governor and conservative political leader Sarah Palin (R-AK) is the featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Family Institute's banquet at the Hershey Lodge in Derry Township (Dauphin County). The Pennsylvania organization is active in opposing abortion and same-sex marriage, as well as promoting other socially conservative political positions.

- **27 August 2010:** An outdoor screening of the controversial *"Gasland"* movie is scheduled for Clark Park in West Philadelphia. Another screening is scheduled for the same day in Frick Park, Pittsburgh. An additional screening is slated for **3 September 2010** at the Piazza in Northern Liberties (near the Delaware River) in Philadelphia.

- **27 August-4 October 2010:** The following meetings have been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists:

  - **27 August** - a Marcellus Shale Panel Discussion in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh (G23 Parran Hall, 130 DeSoto St.)

  - **2 September** - a hearing on a proposed Marcellus Shale gas drilling ordinance in Cranberry Township (Butler County)

  - **13 September** - a hearing on Marcellus Shale drilling in the Pittsburgh City Council chambers (414 Grant St.)

  - **4 October** - a hearing on a proposed amendment to the township zoning ordinance to regulate oil and gas drilling operations in Upper St. Clair Township (Allegheny County)

- **5 September 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community and the Atlantic Life Community, and other anti-war and anti-nuclear activists, will be marking the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct action of the Plowshares Movement with protest actions in King of Prussia (Upper Merion Twp, Montgomery County). Protesters are to meet outside the facilities of Lockheed Martin behind the King of Prussia Mall, "followed by a short car caravan through King of Prussia, with a stop at the nearby former GE plant (now: Lockheed Martin) ..." Aggressive protest tactics are possible. Furthermore, as the anniversary of the Plowshares Eight "direct disarmament

action" approaches, there is an increased risk of escalation in anti-nuclear and anti-war activism by other militant groups in Pennsylvania (PIB No. 127 for additional potential targets of anti-war protesters).[3]

- **8 September-1 October 2010:** The Jewish High Holiday season may present additional risk factors, with very high attendance at Jewish houses of worship and public gatherings in Pennsylvania. This year, the Jewish High Holidays fall on the following dates:

  - *Rosh HaShanah* - **8-10 September**
  - *Yom Kippur* - **17-18 September**
  - *Sukkot* - **22-24 September**
  - *Simchat Torah* - **29 September-1 October 2010**

- **10-11 September 2010:** The Pennsylvania Forestry Association meeting has been singled-out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists to discuss the Marcellus Shale Formation drilling operations. The meeting is part of the annual Association meeting set to take place at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport (Lycoming County).

- **11 September 2010:** Burn a Koran Day, initiated by Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida, where the organization is intending to hold a massive Koran-burning bonfire. Although are no indications of associated activities in Pennsylvania, the reality exists that some may occur – particularly in proximity to predominantly Muslim-inhabited neighborhoods.

- **12 September 2010:** Burn the Confederate Flag Day, targeted at the Tea Party and 9/12 movements, which are holding rallies on the same day. Proponents of the flag burning have called the Tea Party "racially divisive" and guilty of hosting an annual "hate fest."

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Commercial Facilities
Defense Industrial Bases
Government Facilities

1. ***Anti-War Protests Over the End of the War?***

In reaction to the planned US withdrawal of most combat troops from Iraq on 31 August 2010, anti-war groups led by Code Pink are planning to hold protests nationwide. The organization is planning an as-yet undefined "action" to take place in Pittsburgh on 31 August 2010.[4]

[3] http://www.plowshares.se/english/
[4] http://www.codepink4peace.org/

As the Pittsburgh branch of Code Pink explains in their communications on the planned protest, "It's important for the anti-war community here in Pittsburgh to be vocal about the cold reality of what the past seven years in Iraq has cost us."

Code Pink emphasizes that the Pittsburgh "action will be part of a national day of action across the United States."

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

Primarily, law enforcement personnel are expected to be called upon to provide crowd and traffic control at the above-mentioned events. However, analysts advise local law enforcement to be prepared for some behavior that intentionally creates a confrontational environment, including vandalism and blockades.

Analyst's Comment: Code Pink has not yet to publicize a specific public event in Pennsylvania scheduled for 31 August 2010.

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2. ***Computer Virus Targeting Critical Infrastructure Assets***
Researchers are tracking the sophisticated new **Stuxnet virus**, which targets *supervisory control and data acquisition* (SCADA) systems. It is programmed to infiltrate and lift data from industrial targets and can potentially change or control operations at an affected facility.

Earlier this month, Microsoft issued an emergency patch in response to this virus targeting Siemens industrial control systems. These systems include computers used by water treatment facilities provided by Siemens Water Technologies.

Stuxnet was identified several weeks ago by Siemens, which has since announced that only one facility has been affected, though, although several thousand infection attempts are occurring daily, according to open-source reports.

Stuxnet appears to be transmitted through USB devices, perhaps due to the fact that many SCADA systems are not connected to the Internet. Stuxnet is programmed to exploit the Zero Day flaw in Windows in order to steal information by transferring it to a remote server.

Stuxnet appears to be designed primarily as a corporate espionage tool, but it does leave open the possibility of use as a tool to take over critical infrastructure systems. It does not appear to have been deployed thus far to destroy or cause

malfunctions within targeted computer systems. However, Siemens has warned customers not to attempt to change default settings or else their entire system could shut down.

Though it is not clear yet who was behind the virus, cyber-security experts reportedly believe the culprit came from somewhere in Asia.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

The Siemens incident points to the serious vulnerability due to both computer hacking and insider sabotage in heavily centralized SCADA systems, such as those used in many national infrastructure projects and in communication-based transportation control networks. Companies that could be infected by the Stuxnet or similar viruses include nuclear and electric power plants, transportation systems and other industrial-level infrastructure assets.

Analyst's Comment: This targeted attack on a specific company's SCADA systems was professionally executed and unprecedented in scope. It represents the increasing threat of cyber-espionage directed at corporate and industrial critical infrastructure, as well as the risk of effective cyber-terrorism.

As previously reported, a 2008 religious ruling from the *Al-Azhar Fatwa* Committee (Egypt) permitted the hacking and damaging of American and Israeli websites that cause "harm" to Islam or Muslims. Such actions are part of the "electronic jihad" that has been praised and ongoing for many years. Analysts have in fact identified an article covering the Siemens attack posted on an Arabic-language forum. Though this Arabic-language forum appears to be non-jihadist, it does feature several unconnected posts accusing Jews of weaving conspiracies in the Middle East.

Hostile elements - from jihadists to ethnic separatists to anti-globalist anarchists - in various countries are seeking ways to do serious damage to major infrastructure remotely and without immediate risk to the perpetrators. An attack on a SCADA system would surely meet their intent.

In 2006, the SCADA systems of Australian-based Moroochy Water Services were attacked for months by Vitek Boden, a disgruntled would-be consultant for the water company. Working remotely from his laptop and a radio transmitter, Boden was able to: switch alarms on and off; switch pumping stations on and off; disrupt communications between computers; and release 264,000 gallons of sewage into national waterways. In December 2009, hundreds of thousands of passengers were stranded due to altered signals across an Australian rail network, which forced train service to essentially come to a halt.

While the above cases implicated employees with personal motivations, analysts note that both jihadists and other terror groups have repeatedly recruited or intimidated infrastructure insiders to assist in their plans.

Specific threats to SCADA systems include the exploitation of access and network vulnerabilities to send "power off" messages to targeted equipment, to prevent communication between the control center and SCADA-linked devices on the rails, or to alter the information reaching human operators in SCADA-based control centers.

Security personnel are advised to tighten IT security protocols as much as feasible, especially in those facilities accessed by SCADA systems, until the extent of the above security breach can be assessed or mitigated. More generally, the massive hacking attack is indicative of the need for clear Operations Security protocols for online communications and business, because the ultimate effects of faulty IT security are very real - including everything from intelligence intercepts to the compromising of critical infrastructure assets.

Siemens Water Technologies Corporation, targeted by the Stuxnet worm, is headquartered in Warrendale (Allegheny County). The company has facilities in Darlington Borough (Beaver County) and Chalfont Borough (Bucks County), as well.

Siemens Water Technologies Corporation customers in Pennsylvania include:

- West Mifflin Sanitary Sewer Municipal Authority near Pittsburgh
- Huntsville and Ceasetown Water Treatment Plants (Luzerne County)
- Limerick Generating Station (Montgomery County)
- Waste treatment facility in Shippensburg Borough (Cumberland County)
- The South Central Counties Solid Waste Agency in Hopewell Borough (Bedford County)
- The Bucks County Water Authority in Solebury Township (Bucks County)
- The University Area Joint Authority in State College Borough (Centre County)
- Reliant Energy utility company facilities in Cheswick Borough (Allegheny County) and Keystone (Franklin County)
- Allegheny Energy utility company facility in Hatfield's Ferry (Greene County)

Government Facilities

3. ***Eco-Sabotage Trial to Draw Direct Action Protests***

The opening days of the trial of a well-known environmental activist, Tim DeChristopher, on 13-15 September 2010, are expected to draw protesters from across the US. The trial - being called a "signal moment" by activists - is to take place in Salt Lake City, Utah.

DeChristopher is admired in environmentalist circles for "one of the most creative protests against our runaway energy policy in years. He bid for the oil and gas leases on several parcels of federal land even though he had no money to pay for them, thus upending the auction. ...We call it a noble act, a profound gesture made on behalf of all of us and of the future." DeChristopher's supporters say that his actions were "in the fine tradition of non-violent civil disobedience that changed so many unjust laws in this country's past."

The environmentalists see the trial as "an occasion to raise the alarm once more about the peril our planet faces. ...Local supporters are making plans for how to mark the three-day proceedings. But they are asking people around the country to flood into Salt Lake City in September. If you come, there will be ample opportunity for both legal protest and civil disobedience." Salt Lake City protest actions will include a mock trial, street theater with "global warming on the stand."

"Demonstrators will be using the time-honored tactics of civil disobedience to make their voices heard outside the courthouse in an effort to prevent 'business as usual' - it's business as usual that's wrecking the earth."

Music, film and "gatherings, including a 'mini-summit' to share ideas on how the climate movement should proceed in the years ahead. This is a people's movement that draws power from around the globe; for a few days its headquarters will be Salt Lake City."

Solidarity actions are expected to be held in other parts of the US and possibly globally, as well.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

Analysts foresee vigorous protests at the Salt Lake City event, which may include direct action and civil disobedience measures. Similar conditions are less likely, but still possible, at solidarity rallies elsewhere, including in Pennsylvania.

Law enforcement personnel will be called upon to enforce crowd and access control as well as monitoring and isolating individuals intent on perpetrating illegal protest actions. Researchers do not have any specific information regarding planned protest actions in Pennsylvania.

Government Facilities

4. ***Anarchist Terror in Chile***

Anarchists in Chile are increasing their terrorist methods this month in reaction to the trial of 15 of their colleagues. The imprisoned anarchists are accused of carrying out a series of 23 bombings in recent years, targeting banks, foreign companies, embassies, churches and police stations.

On 19 August 2010, a homemade bomb went off in the underground garage at a shopping mall in Santiago; three other bombs were found and defused. The bombers left behind leaflets referring to the case against the 15 anarchist terrorists.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

While the militant anarchists in Chile will likely be increasing their activities in response to developments in the trial of their colleagues, their attacks are expected to be limited to property damage. Nonetheless, such attacks have an inherent risk of harm to individuals, as well. Furthermore, there are those anarchists willing to cross the line into violent assault on those they identify as oppressive authorities.

Pennsylvania-affiliated students, faculty and researchers participating in overseas, educational exchange programs in Chile (e.g., The University of Pennsylvania, The University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pittsburgh, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg University, Mansfield University and Westminster College) should be made aware of the increased risk factors at the current time - particularly in Santiago.

5. ***Further Calls to Target Jewish, Christian Interests***

Researchers have intercepted additional jihadist communications specifically targeting Jews and Christians in Egypt.

The communication states that "Egypt is the gateway for more conquests. ... *Jihad* operations [there] will be in harmony with the plan of the jihadists and within the framework of the jihad leader's orders." The leader referenced here is most likely Osama Bin-Laden.

According to the communication, Muslims "need to focus on assassinations and explosives, and to target the interests of the Jews and Christians such as embassies, delegations, gatherings in clubs and things like that [public gathering venues]."

As for those unable to take up arms, the jihadist adds, "Whoever doesn't have the opportunity to go to battle should spread the call for *jihad*."

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Analysts note that this pooling of information has, in the recent past, resulted in the creation of intelligence of sufficiently high quality to conduct terror operations. Recent terror attacks in Egypt have included small cell and lone-wolf operations.

Analysts are treating this communication, coupled with previous recent jihadist communications, as a continuing indicator of jihadist intent to conduct terror operations in Egypt. Recent targeting guidance focused on religious minorities and the government of Egypt (PIB Nos. 31, 33 & 120). This includes a 2010 attack against a Jewish facility.

Two of the cities singled out in previous jihadist communications as targets for possible attacks are Alexandria, where Indiana University of Pennsylvania has an exchange program, and Cairo, where The University of Pittsburgh has a program through the American University branch there. Pennsylvania students, business travelers and tourists should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity at religious and tourist sites in Egypt. In addition, government offices, major hotels and Sinai resorts have also been preferred jihadist targets for vehicle-borne, improvised explosive device (VBIED) attacks.

Commercial Facilities
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6. ***India: Dozens of Trucks Loaded With Explosives are Missing***
Indian authorities have admitted that 61 trucks loaded with over 300 tons of explosives, detonators and gelatin sticks were stolen in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. The vehicles went "missing" while in transit to a private company. Thus far, four of the trucks have been located - stripped of their cargo and abandoned.

In what appears to be an unrelated development, Indian security forces have placed the nation on alert due to non-specific intelligence that the ***LASHKAR-E-TOIBA*** (**LeT**) terrorist group may attempt large-scale attacks during the current season of Hindu and Muslim festivals. Specifically cited by security officials were Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Surat and Thiruvananthapuram.[5]

Current, widely-observed festivals in India include Muslim holidays - *Ramadan* (through 10 September 2010), followed immediately by three days of *Eid al-Fitr* celebrations - as well as the Hindu *Raksha Bandhan* on 24 August 2010 and the *Kerala-based Onam* festival on 23 August 2010.

Earlier this month, a *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* spokesman declared that the struggle over Kashmir has entered "now or never mode." He cited what he claimed were the killings of dozens of "peaceful protesters."

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE**

As previously noted (PAIB Nos. 47 & PIB 106 among others), jihadist elements are continuing their efforts to strike Indian assets, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir regions. Of particular note is that LeT has successfully conducted many suicide and "leave behind" bombing operations in western and central India, as well as coordinated suicide small arms attacks against civilian targets. LeT, with links to **AL-QA'IDA**, had earlier threatened to strike train lines throughout the subcontinent, as well.

[5] http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/india/states/jandk/terrorist_outfits/lashkar_e_toiba_lt.htm

All public gatherings in the Jammu and Kashmir regions should be strictly avoided at this time. Students and faculty at New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania, should be advised of the ongoing high risk of jihadist attack on public venues, tourist sites or other Western-identified venues.

Analyst's Comment: Indian targets outside the subcontinent may also be singled out by elements sympathetic to the Indian jihad. Thus, there is a limited risk of jihadist, lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania, such as Hindu and Sikh temples, or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP).[6]

Government Facilities

7. ***No Let-Up in Threats Against Denmark***

In an intercepted jihadist discussion spread over several days, analysts has focused on the impending publication of a book by a Danish cartoonist (Kurt Westergaard) who drew a caricature of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

One of the intercepted responses was quite explicit in terms of tactics and strategy to "avenge" the affront to Muhammad:

> "Lone-wolf terror is the way. Jump [into the fray] for Islam. Everyone on his own target, frighten the enemy of Allah and attack their interests, his economy and his people. Be Nidal Hassan [the Ft. Hood shooter], Omar Al-Farouk [the Delta Christmas Day bomber], Abdullah Asiri [who tried to assassinate a Saudi Arabian prince], Faisal Shahzad [the Times Square bomber]."

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Although the cartoons have been long since published, the discussed publication of the Westergaard compilation has once again focused jihadist attention on Denmark.

As noted in PIB No. 99, a recent jihadist communication declared, "I ask great Allah to grant me martyrdom at the embassy of Denmark." Analysts have previously identified similar communications - regarding "punishing" Denmark for its role in the publication of Muhammad cartoons - coming from locations as separate as Pakistan and the Arabian Peninsula.

Islamists have also not been reticent to physically target those individuals deemed to have offended Muslim beliefs. Lone-wolf actions may be attempted at locations believed to be connected to individuals or organizations Islamists decide have

[6] http://www.icapusa.org/aboutus.html

denigrated Islam. A specific red flag date for a possible attack is the 28 August 2010 birthday of Denmark's Prince Nikolai.

Students and faculty participating in overseas, educational exchange programs at Danish educational facilities (e.g., the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield University and Westminster College should be alerted of the apparent immediate jihadist intention to strike Denmark. In addition, situational awareness is important at or in proximity to Danish or Danish-identified assets worldwide. Lone-wolf or small cell actions are the most likely form of terrorist action, although initially peaceful protests may also be sparked into mob violence.

Researchers reiterate that recent adversarial communications from November and early December 2009 encouraged lone-wolf terrorism against CONUS and European countries including the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, as well as Denmark. Students, researchers, business travelers and tourists are advised to increase situational awareness in the named states.

There are no emerging Indicators, Threats and/or Warnings at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES[7]
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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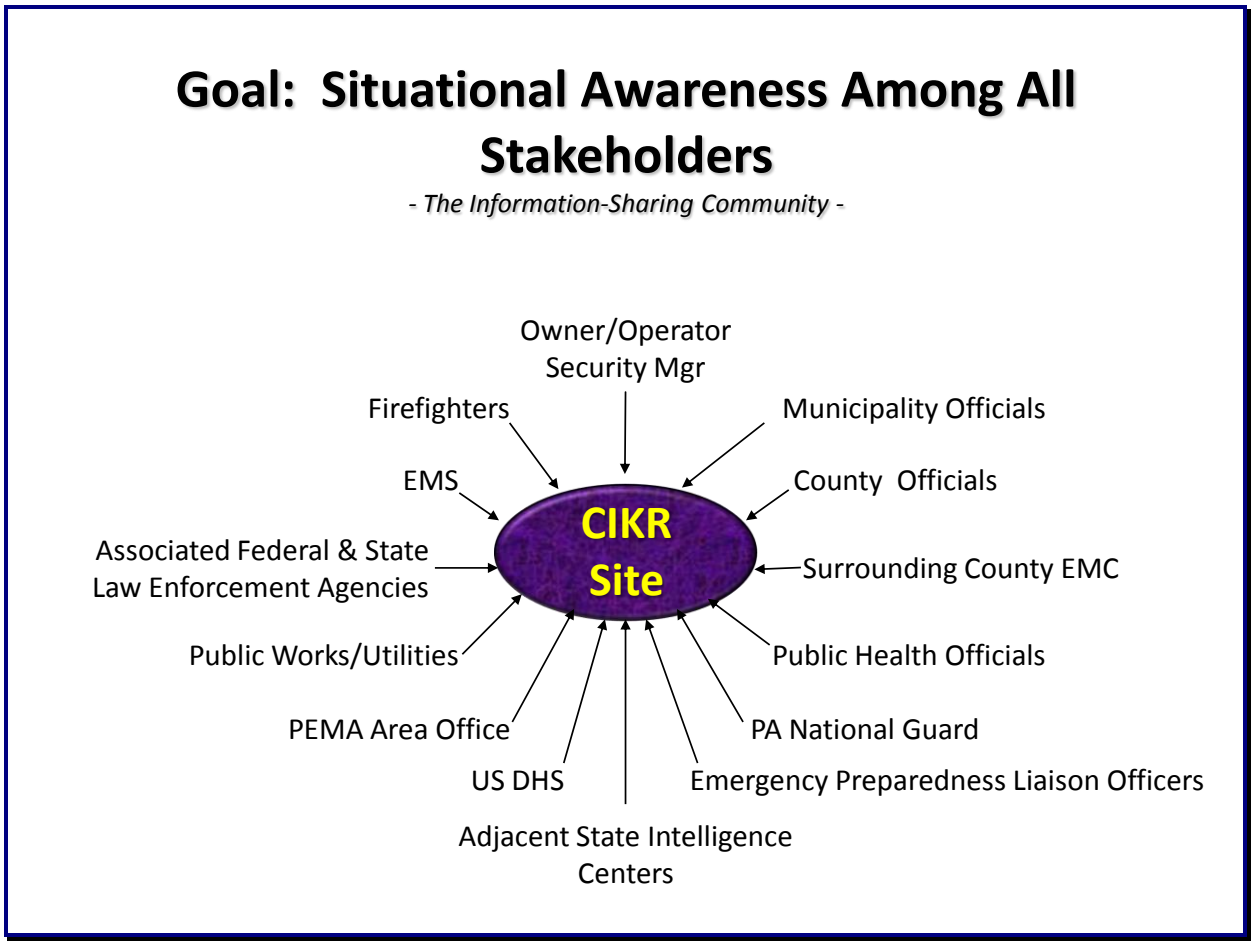
Goal: Situational Awareness Among All Stakeholders
- The Information-Sharing Community -
Owner/Operator Security Mgr
Firefighters
Municipality Officials
EMS
County Officials
CIKR Site
Associated Federal & State Law Enforcement Agencies
Surrounding County EMC
Public Works/Utilities
Public Health Officials
PEMA Area Office
PA National Guard
US DHS
Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers
Adjacent State Intelligence Centers

THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack is likely to be a priority and might well be executed.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack on the target is a priority and is likely.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements not only have the intent and capability, but also are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is imminent.

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