

Security Consortiums

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Real World Examples

- Someone calls into a water treatment facility non-published # after hours (11pm/12am) and asks suspicious questions
- Someone uses a wrench and opens hydrants directly in front of water intakes for two large water systems off of Lake Michigan
- A white male enters a Board of Water and Light facility wearing all black, a backpack, on Sept. 11th, 2008 and, when caught, says he's practicing his "escape and evasion" techniques....



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How is hostile surveillance conducted?

- Target sets are developed
- Utilize Google Earth & other “open source” imagery
- Web Searches
- Suspicious phone calls to the facility
- Photography of the facility (cameras, camera phones, video)
- Elicitation of businesses/persons around the intended target
- Going into the target under false pretenses
- Dry Runs (i.e.—London....)



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How do you mitigate Terrorism?

--Can you???

--Yes

--Financially

--Raise the vigilance level of the American Public

--Teach timely and accurate reporting



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- Informal networks already exist
- Formalization of these existing networks ensures everyone gets the information
- West Michigan Water Security Consortium
- Midland Security Consortium
- West Michigan Energy Consortium
- Strength in numbers, networking, developing trust, ensuring vigilance and awareness amongst all the stakeholders for the common good!



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"Terrorists will not succeed if suspicious activity is reported to the police. As people go about their normal day-to-day lives they may spot something which strikes them as suspicious."

Metropolitan Police, London



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QUESTIONS?



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