

"PREPARING FOR THE UNSPEAKABLE" Risk Management Strategies

Integrated Security Planning
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DISCLAIMER

This presentation is intended to provide general guidance on risk management strategies for addressing security concerns for organizations. It is not intended to determine whether or not an organization has a security risk. Rather is intended to provide general guidance on how an organization can engage the appropriate security professionals and take the appropriate steps to adopt and implement an integrated security plan.

Active Shooter Incidents

San Bernardino County, California, December 2, 2015

Perpetrator along with his wife, killed 14 co-workers, and seriously injured 22 others

- Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik
- Firearms and Explosive Devices
- Staff Meeting, Training and Holiday Event



Active Shooter Event

Earle Cabell Federal Court House, Dallas, Texas, June 17, 2019

Shooter: Brian Isaack Clyde

- Heavily armed gunman shot dead outside Federal Courthouse
- ➤ 150 Rounds of ammunition, military style rifle (familiarity)
- > Army Infantry Training
- Recognized as an outstanding student, recently graduated from Del Mar College
- Not on the watch list!



Active Shooter Event

Virginia Beach Shooting, May 31, 2019 (4:08 PM)
Killed one civilian, 11 government workers, 4 other injuries
DeWayne Craddock, employee who resigned

- Engineer in City's public utilities department
- Physical scuffles with other city employees
- Threatened with disciplinary action
- Tendered resignation in an email
- Security pass, not disabled
- Shot people on all three floors of the facility
- Police; protracted engagement, difficulty gaining access to facility



Protection of our Employees and Visitors

Legal Liability

"Basics of Tort Liability"

- Duty of Care
- Breach of Duty of Care
- Damage / Harm
- Causation Between

Breach and Damage



Duty of care is dependent on relationship with victim:

Employee

OSHA: Duty to maintain a workplace free of recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm

Third Party

Duty varies based upon status of individual as licensee / invitee / trespasser

In general, for those legally on your premises, you have a duty to exercise reasonable care to protect against foreseeable harm!



The question becomes is the criminal act
foreseeable?

Factors Courts Examine

- Crime Grid of area
- Were there prior similar criminal acts
- Status of the victim

- Security measures taken
- Has the owner / manager performed any security audits
- Conditions of the property
- Did owner /
 manager comply
 with building &
 health codes
- Lighting

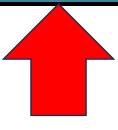
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Was it foreseeable and did your breach contribute to the incident?



What can we do to meet our obligations to keep people safe?

Engage in the process of developing a physical security plan!

Defensible Methodology!

Numerous Resources: Research Best Business Practices

Preference: Integrated Physical Security Handbook
Don Philpott & Shuki Einstein
Homeland Defense Journal

This handbook assists planners with developing an implementing an effective tailor-made integrated security plan

We can meet our obligations by developing an Integrated Security Plan and engaging in the process of Continuous Improvement!

An Integrated Security Plan Includes:



Physical Security
Measures



Policies



Operational Procedures

Physical Security Measures

Technologies, perimeter, external and internal protection, sensor, CPTED, barriers.....



People: Our personnel, visitors and those who live near by

Place: Physical infrastructure

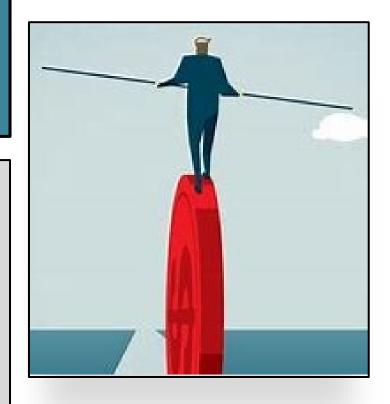
Materials: Sensitive information, archive, governmental records, business product



STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE

"Ensuring the safety and security of the facility and its critical assets without impacting on the day-to-day operational procedures"

Source: Integrated Physical Security Handbook, p3.





OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

How the facility works on a day-to-day basis, how we deliver services, opening and closing, disruption....

- Collection of money
- First Amendment Auditors
- Court Operations
- Uniqueness of your facility

POLICIES

- Who does what and the actions to be taken to prevent an attack or an incident, how to mitigate and ensure continuation of business
- Stakeholder involvement
- Go through a process to create the "Buy-In," explain the Why!

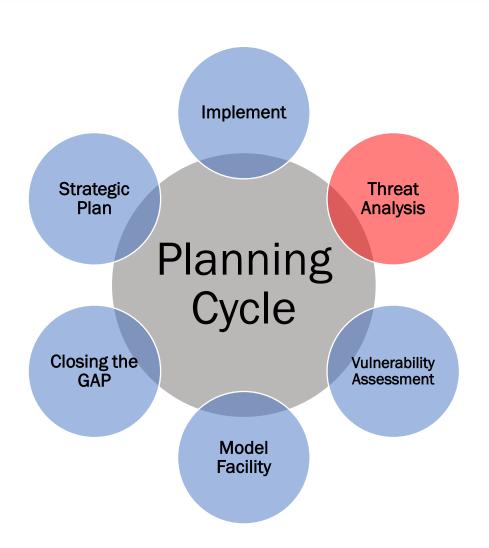


PLANNING TEAM

Who: Administrator, Department Managers, Risk Management Professionals, Employees, Unions, Residents, Police, Fire, OEM, Elected Officials

- Mission
 - > Timeline
 - Plan of Action
 - Options
 - Reports

Steps to Implement Integrated Security Plan



Threat Analysis



- What are the threats?
 - Natural, Criminal, Terrorist, Accidental
 - Internal & External
 - What makes your facility unique
- The information needs to be defined
 - Credible
 - Potential
 - Minimal

Threat Analysis

The information gathered needs to be defined!

- History?
- What tactics are being used?
- Will the aggressors use these tactics?
- Have threats been made?
- Man-made?
- Natural?

Threat Analysis

Credible:

Man-made: History of activity – similar facilities have been

targeted

Natural: Occurs in the immediate vicinity or

periodically – 10 years

Potential:

Man-made: Aggressors use this tactic, but they don't

target this type of facility

Natural: Sporadic

Minimal:

Man-made: No aggressors use this tactic against this type

of facility, no activity in the area

• *Natural:* No history of these types of events

Threat Analysis: Who are my adversaries?

Internal

Disgruntled Employees

- Escalating aggression
- Weapons involvement
- Negative mental status
- Negative employment status
- Personal stressors
- History of violence and conflict
- > Threats

External

Criminal, Politics, Family

- Vandalism and theft
- Disgruntled clients
- Threats of violence
- Family members (Break-ups, divorce, money)
- Past employees
- Political Statements and Protests
- > Terrorism

Threat Analysis



Monitor Threats

- Past experiences
- Shared experiences
- Police Records
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- State Office of Homeland Security
- County and private resources

Assign someone to read for 20-30 minutes per week!

Threat Analysis of Active Shooter



Internal or External Shooter?

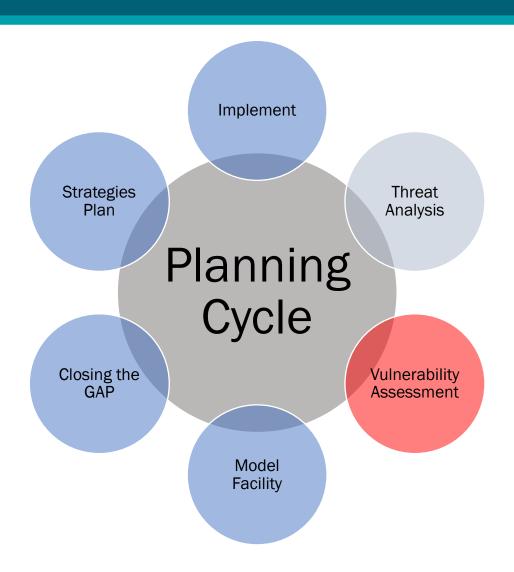
- Motives are across the board
 - Domestic violence, hate crimes, terrorism, etc.
 - Inability to cope



Reasonably foreseeable that an active shooting incident may occur!

- Look at the news
- Look at the statistics
- Public and employee concern

Steps to Implement
Integrated Security Plan



Vulnerability Assessment

- What are your critical assets?
 - People are always number one!
- What will the impact be on your operation?
 - Downtime, recovery, exposures?
 - Business Continuity Plan
- Where am I vulnerable?
 - Scenario based assessments
 - What do you do?
- Building Perimeter
 - CPTED



When you know your weaknesses, you are able to develop solutions to mitigate or eliminate the risks!

Vulnerability Assessment

Ask yourself at a minimum these questions:

- ✓ What is your current security situation?
- Are you at risk from your neighbors?
- How secure is your location?
- What is your current perimeter security?
- How structurally safe is your facility?
- ✓ What communications & IT protection do you have?
- ✓ Is your equipment protected?
- ✓ What external security protection do you have?
- What internal security protection do you have?
- ✓ Police, Fire, and EMS response, availability & training?

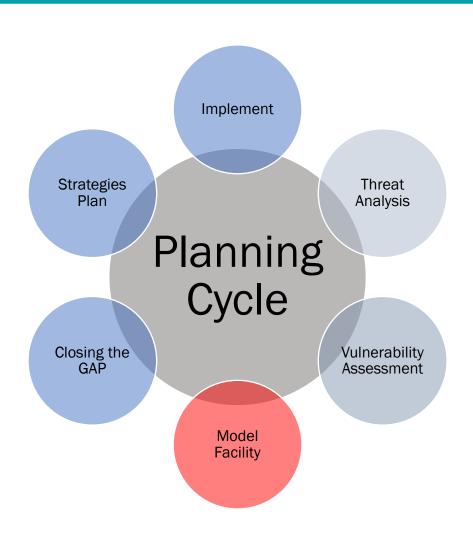
Vulnerability Assessment

Gap Analysis: where I am versus where I want to be!



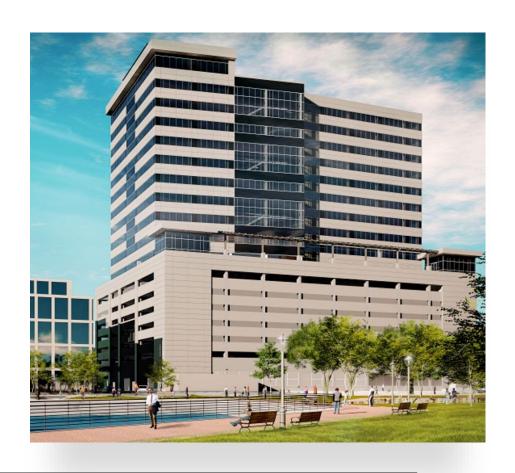
- Most important: Protect People
- What am I protecting
- Assets to be protected
- Threats to those assets
- Vulnerability of those assets
- Your priorities

Steps to Implement Integrated Security Plan



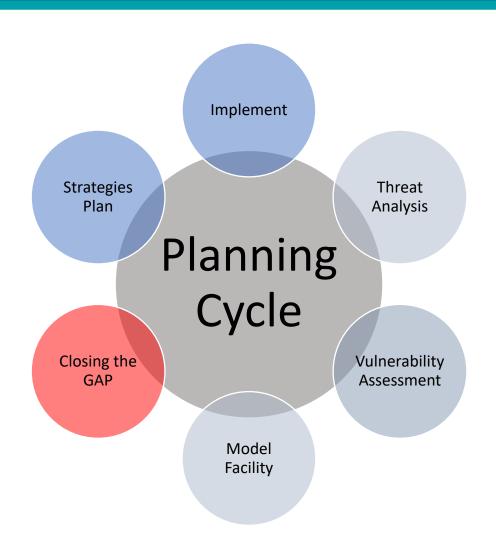
Model Facility

- Now that we have identified our
 - Core Functions
 - Critical Assets
 - Threats and Vulnerabilities
- We need to develop mitigation strategies based on Best Business Practices
 - Building design
 - Security programs
 - Model policies and procedures



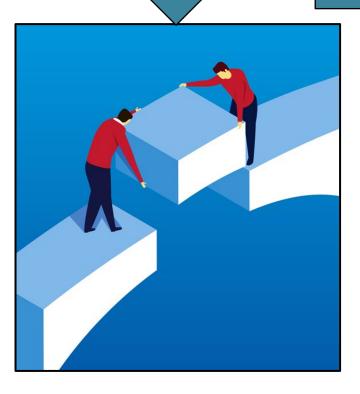
Goal: Maximum security without compromising business as usual

Steps to Implement Integrated Security Plan





I know my shortfalls, what are my options?



- Perimeter Security
- CPTED
- Vehicles
- Internal Security
- Information Technology

- People
- Threat AnalysisTeams
- Building design Renovations
- Technology Solutions

Myths

- It can't, it won't happen here!
- We are all professionals and should all get along well
- Most situations will resolve themselves if given enough time

Closing the GAP

- Research and experience tells us:
 - No one is immune
 - No one just snaps no one comes to work for no apparent reason to shoot his/her manger or co-workers
 - Most likely a developing situation, people just didn't see it entirely
 - We failed to connect the dots
 - Grievance was left unaddressed, result is violence
 - Sometimes motive is undetermined

Failure to take a proactive approach



- Don't want to think about it!
- May be a sensitive topic
- No snitch culture
- See something say something
- Every organization is unique, but you are not immune
- Work with Police, EMS, & OEM

Holbrook, C. M., Bixler D. E., Rugala, E. A., Casteel, C., (2019). *Workplace Violence Issues in Threat Management*



Conditions that can lead to violence

- Failure to screen and conduct security checks of employees
 - Criminal, credit, past conduct,
 - Failure to periodically re-check background
 - Social media
- Lack of policies in place
- Failure to train managers and supervisors – fail to recognize and intervene
- Ignore warning signs
- Tolerate bullying & other forms of harassment – ignoring intensity
- Toxic work environment
- Fail to treat employees with dignity and respect

"Incidents"



- Trigger a complete and thorough investigation
- Look for patterns
 - Threats direct, veiled, indirect, conditional
 - Abnormal behavior
 - Assault willful attempt to inflict injury
 - Threats verbal with intent to injure
 - Domestic violence
 - Possession of a weapon
 - Stalking
 - Suicidal ideation go out with a bang
 - Suicide by Cop

Do not over-react!

Closing

the GAP

Zero Tolerance Policies?

- Don't box yourself in
- Remember all threats are not created equal
- Evaluate the threat, where will we be in a year
- Specific questions need to be asked, is it credible and do they have the ability to carry out the threat
- Totality of the circumstances
- If you violate the "Zero-Tolerance" policy, disparate treatment claims may become an issue

Recommendation: Multidisciplinary Threat Management Team

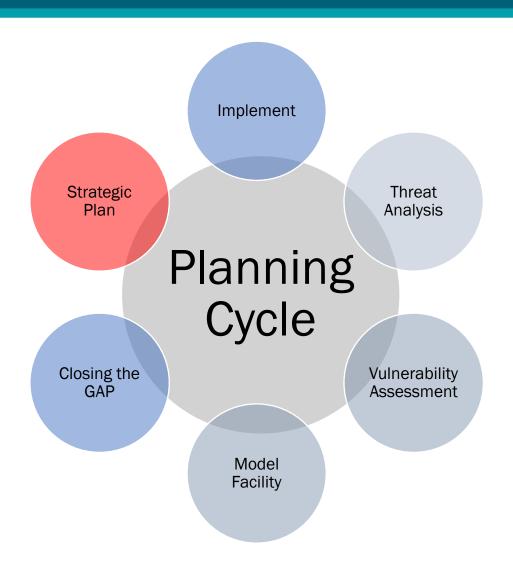
Model Security Plans



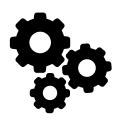
Include at a minimum:

- Physical security
- Crisis communications plans
- Background investigations
- Building and employee access controls
- Bomb threats, awareness and detection
- Cleaning crew access
- Computer access, protecting sensitive information
- Fire and duress alarms
- Active Shooters Run, Hide, Fight
- Evacuations

Steps to Implement Integrated Security Plan



Develop a Strategic Plan

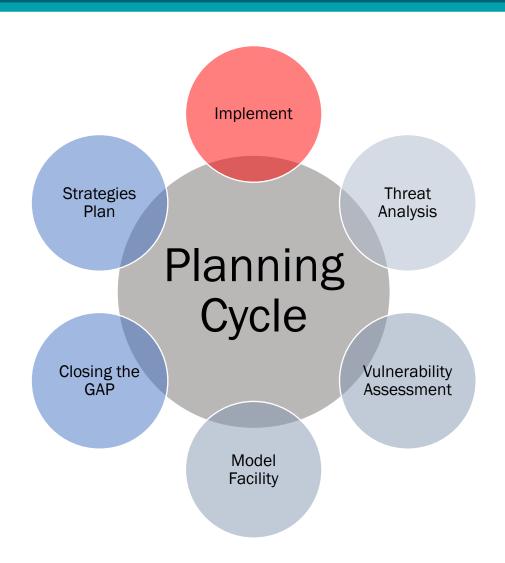


Having identified assets, adversaries, threats and vulnerabilities and determined priorities and options, you are in a position to plan and strategize the security change process



- ✓ Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
- ✓ Address all of the areas of concern and close the "GAP"
- ✓ Timeline, planning for resources allocation

Steps to Implement Integrated Security Plan

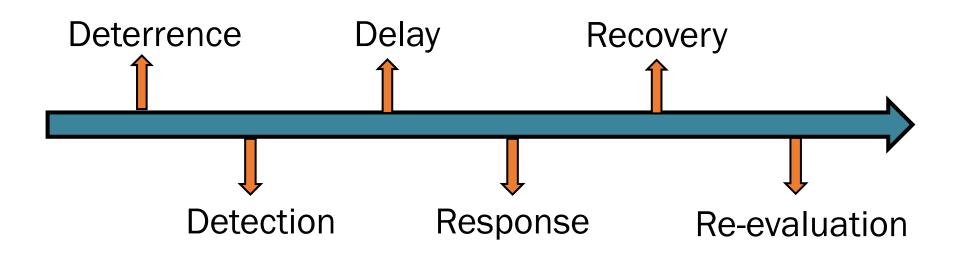


Implementation



- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Bid contracting and vendor selection
- ✓ Revising policies
- ✓ Training and Drills
- ✓ Continuously testing for weaknesses
- ✓ Quick look guides
- ✓ Re-analyze for changes in the environment.
- Recommend new strategies and enhancements

Implementation



Carrying out your plan of action!

Developing a plan of action will show that you are engaged in the process of continuous improvement!

FULFILL OUR
OBLIGATIONS

- Reasonably Foreseeable
- Safety
- Best Business Practices

Time to Plan!

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