



APPENDIX 2

TERRORISM

I. TERRORISM DEFINED

Terrorism can generally be defined as force or violence against persons or property in violation of the law, for the purposes of intimidation, coercion or ransom. Terrorists often use threats to create fear among the public or to convince citizens that their government is powerless against the terrorist's cause, and to obtain publicity for their cause.

II. BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Both biological and chemical weapons have to be considered when an act of terrorism is executed. Biological agents are infectious microbes or toxins that are used to produce illness or death. These agents can be dispersed as aerosols or airborne particles. They may be added to food or water to contaminate mass groups. Chemical agents kill or incapacitate people, livestock or ravage crops. Many chemicals are odorless and tasteless and are difficult to detect. The effect and impact of either a biological or chemical release may be felt immediately or may be delayed hours to days.

III. READINESS

- A. Plan and practice your emergency response and communications plan.
- B. Assemble a disaster supply kit for your work place, home and automobile.
- C. Learn about the nature of terrorism; terrorists look for visible targets where they can avoid detection, e.g. resorts, airports, major events, high profile landmarks.
- D. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, the very nature of terrorism suggests there may be little or no warning.

IV. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- A. Remain calm and be patient.
- B. Follow the advice of local emergency officials.
- C. Listen to your radio/television for news and instructions.
- D. If the disaster occurs near you, check for injuries, provide first aid and get help for those seriously injured.
- E. Do not use the telephone unless it is a life threatening emergency.
- F. If you are trapped in debris, use a flashlight, tap on piping/walls to alert rescuers, shout only as a last resort-avoid inhalation of noxious substances.

V. SHELTER IN PLACE

You can provide a minimal amount of protection to your breathing by covering your mouth and nose with a damp cloth.

- A. Close all windows.
- B. Turn off fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- C. Go to an above ground room with the fewest windows and doors.
- D. Wet some towels and jam them in the crack under the doors.
- E. Stay in the room and listen to your radio until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate.

VI. HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM (HSAS):

<u>Alert Level</u>		<u>Description</u>
Red	SEVERE	Severe Risk of Terrorist Attack
Orange	HIGH	High Risk of Terrorist Attack
Yellow	ELEVATED	Significant Risk of Terrorist Attack
Blue	GUARDED	General Risk of Terrorist Attack
Green	LOW	Low Risk of Terrorist Attack

VII. UNDERSTANDING HSAS:

The color-coded threat level system is used to communicate protective measures that may be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an attack. Raising the threat condition has economic, physical and psychological effects on the nation; so, the Homeland Security Advisory System can place specific geographic regions or industry sectors on a higher alert status than other areas, based on specific threat information.

The United States government continues to closely monitor and analyze threat information. The information received is widely disseminated on protective measures for state, local and private sector authorities as well as the general public. This strategy is part of the sustained national effort to prevent terrorist attacks and protect our homeland.

Currently, there are several University of Northern Colorado employees who have been specifically trained in emergency response and incident command. These professionals also serve and coordinate the university's internal incident command center. Additionally, select representatives also have access to detailed safety protocols, designed to protect citizens as well as the university's infrastructure. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, it is not widely publicized and not included in this document.

VIII. ADDITIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY/TERRORISM PREVENTION RESOURCES:

- A. US Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/
- B. US Office for Domestic Preparedness: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/
- C. Federal Bureau of Investigations: www.bi.gov/
- D. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): www.fema.gov
- E. US Department of Education: www.ed.gov/index.jhtml