



Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Course for Law Enforcement

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ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit (HLDBU) applies the knowledge and experience of ECBC to improving weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incident preparedness and response capabilities. The HLDBU specializes in creating and implementing integrated programs that address WMD installation preparedness, improve response to WMD incidents, and provide technical assistance for preparing for and protecting against such threats.



The Improved Response Program's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness Course for Law Enforcement incorporates aspects of the Domestic Preparedness and Installation Preparedness programs' WMD awareness and operations course modules, emphasizing those aspects of WMD planning that relate to the law enforcement mission. In addition to the basic generic response information, the course outlines key law enforcement operational considerations for responding to a chemical or a biological terrorist event. These operational considerations are derived from the efforts of the Improved Response Program and Military Improved Response Program law enforcement functional group, which focused on the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement officers in responding to these two types of WMD incidents and the operational procedures and personal protection necessary for their response. The course is a one-day, 8-hour course.

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