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Surveillance Detection
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S.W.A.T.

(Article submitted by Squad Leader: Ron McCabe)

On March 19, 2005 twenty-one members of the Rhea County Sheriff's Homeland Security team attended a three-hour class in Chattanooga. The class was taught by Sergeant David Roddy of the Chattanooga Police Department's Special Operations S.W.A.T. at the Chattanooga Police Department Range off Moccasin Bend Road in Chattanooga. The "Surveillance Detection" part of the class consisted of a Power Point presentation, a question and answer session, and then we went to downtown Chattanooga to review scenarios that were discussed during class.



The classroom presentation started off with Sgt. Roddy explaining the difference between Counter Surveillance and Surveillance Detection. We discussed surveillance techniques that have been used by terrorist organizations and surveillance detection techniques that are being used by local and national law enforcement agencies. Sgt. Roddy talked about Terrorist Attack Phases and the years that terrorist plan to accomplish their task. The walk around the TVA building in downtown Chattanooga brought everything we discussed in class together.

When we returned to the Range, Sgt. Roddy gave us a class in Basic Firearms. He discussed stance, grip and drawing your weapon. Using "red guns" he walked around the class and checked each individual's grip. He then took us outside and gave an impressive demonstration of how someone can control all their shots even while firing full automatic. He fired one hundred rounds full automatic on an MP5 into at target with a grouping about the size of a fist. He then demonstrated the "Two to the Chest and One to Head" technique using his .40 caliber sidearm. We then moved to a different part of the range and Sgt. Roddy demonstrated Dynamic Door En-

tries. (Now we know why Chattanooga's SWAT does so well when they compete in national events).

All in all it was a lot of information in just three short hours. Those of you who missed it, missed a lot! Those of us who attended owe Sergeant David Roddy a big THANK YOU!! For taking the time out



of his busy schedule, and we owe Gary Roddy a "Job Well Done" for making all the arrangements.

Sergeant Roddy was presented a gift certificate to a local restaurant as a token of our appreciation for volunteering his personal time to train the Rhea County Sheriff's Homeland Security team.



Department Of Homeland Security Releases Interim National Preparedness Goal

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today the publication of the Interim National Preparedness Goal ("Goal"). The Goal will guide federal departments and agencies, state, territorial, local and tribal officials, the private sector, non-government organizations and the public in determining how to most effectively and efficiently strengthen preparedness for terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

"In our complex free society, there is no perfect solution to address every security concern," said Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff. "But by working together collectively to analyze threats, understand our capabilities, and apply resources intelligently, we can manage risk. The National Preparedness Goal will help us meet this objective."

The Goal establishes readiness priorities, targets, and metrics. It will enable the Nation to answer three key questions: "How prepared are we?"; "How prepared do we need to be?" and "How do we prioritize efforts to close the gap?" The emphasis is on developing appropriate levels of capabilities to address a wide range of terrorist attacks and disaster scenarios.

"The Goal is an overarching statement of strategic intent. It demonstrates our national will to work toward establishing overall readiness against current and future threats," said Matt Mayer, Acting Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness. "With unlimited resources, full preparedness would be less of a challenge, but we don't have unlimited resources. We have to make tough choices, they have to be the right choices, and we have to be ready to come together as a single, integrated system when the need arises."

The Goal includes seven priorities for national preparedness. The priorities fall into two categories: overarching priorities and priorities to build specific capa-

bilities.

The overarching priorities are to:

- Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
- Expand regional collaboration and
- Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

The priorities for specific capabilities are to:

- Strengthen information sharing and collaboration capabilities;
- Strengthen interoperable communications capabilities;
- Strengthen chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear, and explosive weapons (CBRNE); detection, response, and decontamination capabilities; and
- Strengthen medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

The Goal addresses a requirement of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8, *National Preparedness*, to define "standards for preparedness assessments and strategies, and a system for assessing the Nation's overall preparedness to respond to major events, especially those involving acts of terrorism." The directive requires submission of the first annual status report on preparedness to the President by March 31, 2006.

Visit [HSPD-8 and the National Preparedness Goal](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm) <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm>> for more information.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR

Announces New Estimate for
Value of Volunteer Time

(Washington, D.C., March 24, 2005)—
INDEPENDENT SECTOR announces that the 2004 estimate for the value of a volunteer hour has reached \$17.55 per hour. This is a tool that can be used to help organizations quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. This year's estimate increased from \$17.19 per hour in 2003.

Nationally INDEPENDENT SECTOR estimates in 2004 the total value of hours volunteered was equivalent to approximately \$272 billion of contributed service, assuming the total number of volunteer hours held constant from previous years.

“No number can adequately capture the true value volunteers bring to so many causes and communities across this country,” said Diana Aviv, president and CEO of INDEPENDENT SECTOR. “Nevertheless, this yearly estimate helps us all focus on the enormous contribution of our nation's volunteer corps.”

The hourly value of volunteer time is based on the average hourly wage for all non-management, nonagriculture workers as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a 12 percent increase to estimate for fringe benefits.

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Training and Qualifications

Sometime during the Spring and Summer months, We will be requalifying for some of the training we've had, such as, Handgun, Pepper spray and possibly Extendable Baton.

Jim Conner, The Groups Director, tells me that we will need to handgun qualify with the Sheriff's Department sometime before the year is out.

With the Strawberry Festival activities coming up, we have decided that it might be a good ideal to wait until after those events to set a date for qualifications.

We are going to try and plan for Handgun Qualifying in Mid-May.

Some members may need Pepper Spray training and I'm not sure how long our current cards are good for, but we will be working with Bill Newman and David McSpadden, who are in charge of seeing who needs training or recertifying for all the Squads, and will be scheduling training as it becomes available.

There are several members that still need Extendable Baton Training and we will be looking into who can be certified to teach this class.

Ron McCabe has volunteered to teach a Traffic control Class sometime in the future and we'll be announcing that date.

Training is necessary to keep our Teams up to date on the latest techniques and laws concerning lethal and non-lethal weapons that we will carry while performing our duties.

It is mandatory that you are trained and have all the necessary documentation for any weapon that you carry. No member will be allowed to carry a weapon that he or she has not been certified with. This is for your protection. We have been told time and time again that if you use any type of force, chances are, you will end up in court. So please make every effort to attend any classes that are offered to you.

Next Civil Air Patrol Breakfast
Saturday April 23rd
In the C.A.P. Complex

FEMA Says Get Ready With The "Are You Ready?" Guide To Citizen Preparedness

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced their updated, in-depth guide to citizen preparedness, *Are You Ready?* is available to individuals, families and community preparedness groups who are looking for a comprehensive source of what to do when disaster strikes.

The *Are You Ready?* guide provides a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness by walking the reader through how to get informed about local emergency plans, how to identify hazards that affect their area and instructing them on how to develop and maintain an emergency communications plan and building a disaster supplies kit.

Other guide topics include evacuation, emergency public shelters, animals in disaster and information specific to people with disabilities. The preparedness facts are based on the most reliable hazard awareness and emergency education information including advances in scientific knowledge, the most accurate technical language and the latest physical research on what happens in disasters.

"Being prepared for disasters is everyone's responsibility, and the Are You Ready? Guide can be a key tool to enable families to protect themselves against all hazards," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

To broaden the usage of the *Are You Ready?* materials, a facilitator guide is available for those interested in delivering the disaster preparedness content in a classroom or small group setting. The facilitator guide includes training modules for adults and older and younger children and contains a CD ROM tool-kit with resources such as customizable slides and hazard specific fact sheets. The *Are You Ready?* guide can also be used as a study manual guide with credit awarded for successful completion and a 75 per cent score on a final exam. Questions about the exam should be directed to www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is <<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is>> or by

calling 800-238-3358. College credit for the course is also being offered through Frederick Community College, Frederick, Maryland.

The 200 plus-page *Are You Ready?* guide is FEMA's premier, preparedness resource catalog and is available from the FEMA Web site in both English and Spanish. Log on to www.fema.gov <<http://www.fema.gov>> for your free copy. Or receive your English-only copy by mail from FEMA's Publications Warehouse at 1-800-480-2520. Four preparedness booklets supplement the guide's information. They cover citizen preparedness topics: 1) Preparing for Disaster; 2) Food and Water in an Emergency; 3) Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs; and 4) Helping Children Cope with Disaster. Organizations are urged to use the Web site's instructions for printing large quantities of the guide, even customizing the covers with organization seals or logos.

Are You Ready? is just one of many resources Homeland Security provides American citizens to help them be prepared against all types of hazards. Homeland Security's Ready campaign seeks to help America be better prepared for even unlikely emergency scenarios. Information on how the public can be ready in case of a national emergency, including a possible terrorism attack involving biological, chemical or radiological weapons, can be found by logging on to www.ready.gov <<http://www.ready.gov>> or by calling 800-BE-READY for printed information.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers and managers the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.