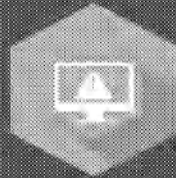


## HVE Part 2: Those "Inspired" by Foreign Terrorist Organizations to Commit Violence or Criminal Activities



Brief overview of the Phenomenon of Inspired Homegrown Violent Extremism

THREAT (info) VAW MAGAZINE

### TRNR Tips:

If you chose to briefly mention examples rather than discuss a full case study in this area, see the notes inserted into the PPT notes section for this slide.

Learning Objective: EPO # 2-A

Slide # 26

Video/animation link? No

"Space holder" slide? No

### TRNR Preparation Needed in Advance:

Review the notes and possible Behavioral Indicators Table handout noted on slide 22 - TRNR Background Part 3 in conjunction with the content on this slide for the distinction between "predictive indicators" and "behavioral indicators". Be prepared to address any questions.

- **Review Handouts:** Review the 3 handouts and decide which teaching points would benefit from physical handouts. The goal is to provide a brief, general overview of the current trends in FTO-inspired terrorism by summarizing the points in the handouts.
- **Case study for this topic:** If you choose to not use a full case study for this topic due to time or other considerations, you may wish to mention a few examples without inserting and discussing a full case study slide.

**Associated Handouts: #1 DHS Handout Intel Product - (U//FOUO) "Analysis of ISIL-Inspired Activity in the U.S."**

**# 2 Reference Aid – HVE Indicators** - Consider whether the following open source *Reference Aid* created by the federal interagency task force on terrorism prevention and countering violent extremism might be a useful handout. Note that much of the material from this Reference Aid (and two related tables of indicators) is included in the notes section on the PPT and the background section below. Available at: <https://www.dhs.gov/cve/resources> (click on "resources").

*"ISIS and al Qa'ida-Inspired Homegrown Violent Extremists" (3 pages) - includes behavioral indicators of possible radicalization to violence*

**#3 Info Gfx – Islamic State in America** - The George Washington University (GWU) Program on Extremism publishes a useful and regularly updated InfoGfx called "Islamic State in America" – identify the most recent version by downloading current monthly update of the GWU statistics. <https://extremism.gwu.edu/isis-america>

**Header/Purpose:** SECTION DIVIDER – Part 2 "Those 'Inspired' by Foreign Terrorist Organizations to Commit Violence"

### PPT Slide – Notes Section

#### Text TRNR Animation Talking Points:

This is the discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 3-part threat we face as state, local, and tribal law enforcement.

As part of the background for this session, I am distributing a handout on the general nature of the phenomenon of those inspired by FTOs, including homegrown violence extremism.

This covers both (1) those who go overseas to fight and (2) those here in the US who are inspired by FTOs to commit crimes here in the US.

[Point out relevant numbers on the handout]

- **Targets and Tactics:** While HVEs have traditionally preferred attacking targets associated with the US Government, law enforcement, and military, many have pursued plotting against softer civilian targets since mid-2015. Additionally, easily obtainable and simple to use weapons such as firearms, bladed instruments, and vehicles have increasingly become their weapons of choice.<sup>1</sup>
- **Geographic Dispersal:** There have recently been federal terrorism investigations in all 50 states.<sup>2</sup> Despite the geographic dispersal of HVEs throughout the United States, many HVEs are in contact with other violent extremists during their initial radicalization or if they subsequently mobilize to violence.<sup>3</sup>
- **Demographics:** A review of HVEs who have been arrested or killed due to their involvement in terrorism activities indicates that a significant majority are males between the ages of 18-35, but more females and minors have engaged in such activities recently.<sup>4,5</sup>

*Source:* Compiled for the Reference Aid noted in the Trainer Manual Notes, “ISIS and al Qa’ida-Inspired Homegrown Violent Extremists” (3 pages – September 2017).

**Instructor Tip:** If you choose NOT to insert a full case study on the next slide, you may wish to provide an overview of the following **short examples of the lethal “Inspired by FTO” Incidents**

- **Orlando, FL:** Omar Mateen, a supporter of ISIS, in June 2016 shot and killed 49 patrons at an Orlando night club and injured 53 others before he was killed by law enforcement.<sup>6</sup>
- **San Bernardino, CA:** ISIS supporters Syed Farook and his wife Tashfeen Malik entered Farook’s December 2015 work holiday party and shot dead 14 individuals and injured 22 others.<sup>7</sup> The couple were killed hours after the attack in a shootout with police.
- **Chattanooga, TN:** In July 2015, Mohammad Abdulazeez—who viewed materials from deceased al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula radicalizer Anwar al-Aulaqi—used firearms to kill five and wound three individuals at a military recruiting center and Naval reserve center less than 10 miles away. Abdulazeez was shot and killed by police during the attack.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> US Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Hearing Entitled “15 Years After 9/11: Threats to the Homeland;” Statement of NCTC Director Nicholas J. Rasmussen; 27 SEP 2016; pg. 2.

<sup>2</sup> CNN; “DHS Chief: Terror Risk as High as on 9/11;” Zachary Cohen; 18 APR 2017; <http://www.cnn.com/2017/04/18/politics/john-kelly-dhs-terrorism-isis-threat/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> House Committee on Homeland Security; “#TERROR GONE VIRAL: Overview of the 75 ISIS-Linked Plots Against the West, 2014- 2016;” MAR 2016; pgs. 5-7.

<sup>4</sup> House Committee on Homeland Security; “#TERROR GONE VIRAL: Overview of the 75 ISIS-Linked Plots Against the West, 2014- 2016;” MAR 2016; pg 7.

<sup>5</sup> George Washington University Program on Extremism; “Cruel Intentions: Female Jihadists in America;” Audrey Alexander; NOV 2016; pg 1.

<sup>6</sup> CNN; “Orlando shooting: 49 killed, shooter pledged ISIS allegiance;” Ralph Ellis, Ashley Fantz, Faith Karimi, and Elliott C. McLaughlin; 13 JUN 2016; <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/12/us/orlando-nightclub-shooting/index.html>.

<sup>7</sup> LA Times; “Everything we know about the San Bernardino terror attack investigation so far;” 14 DEC 2015; <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-san-bernardino-shooting-terror-investigation-htmlstory.html>.

<sup>8</sup> CNN; “Chattanooga shooting: 4 Marines killed, a dead suspect and questions of motive;” Catherine Shoichet and Gary Tuchman; 17 JUL 2015; <http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/16/us/tennessee-naval-reserve-shooting/index.html>.

- **Garland, TX:** ISIS supporters Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi in May 2015 used small arms to attack a contest to draw the Prophet Mohammed.<sup>9</sup> They injured one person before they were both immediately wounded by an off-duty law enforcement officer working security at the event and later shot dead by the Garland Police Department SWAT team<sup>10</sup>. A third man, Philadelphia native Abdul Kareem, USPER was convicted in March 2016 of procuring the weapons used in the attack (reportedly 3 assault rifles, 3 handguns and over 1,500 rounds of ammunition) and training the attackers on the use of the weapons.<sup>11</sup>
- **Boston, MA:** Brothers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev USPER in April 2013 detonated multiple improvised explosive devices at the Boston Marathon and days later shot and killed a police officer, resulting in a total of 4 killed and 264 injured persons.<sup>12</sup> Tamerlan was killed in a subsequent shootout with police, and Dzhokhar was arrested, convicted on terrorism charges, and then sentenced to death.<sup>13</sup>

#### Additional Trainer Background

None

<sup>9</sup> CNN; "Man indicted for allegedly helping Mohammed cartoon contest attackers;" Greg Bothelo; 16 JUN 2015; <http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/16/us/garland-texas-prophet-mohammed-contest-shooting/index.html>.

<sup>10</sup> CBS News; <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/terrorism-in-garland-texas-what-the-fbi-knew-before-the-2015-attack-2/>

<sup>11</sup> NY Times; (17 March 2016). [https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/18/us/garland-texas-attack-abdul-malik-abdul-kareem.html?\\_r=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/18/us/garland-texas-attack-abdul-malik-abdul-kareem.html?_r=1) "Guilty Verdict for Aiding in Attack on Anti-Islam Cartoon Event in Texas".

<sup>12</sup> CNN; "Boston Marathon Terror Attack Fast Facts;" 29 MAR 2017; <http://www.cnn.com/2013/06/03/us/boston-marathon-terror-attack-fast-facts/index.html>

<sup>13</sup> Newsweek; "JUDGE FORMALLY SENTENCES BOSTON MARATHON BOMBER TSARNAEV TO DEATH;" Michele Gorman; 24 JUN 2015; <http://www.newsweek.com/boston-marathon-bomber-tsarnaev-formally-sentenced-346211>.