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Module #: Identifying the Threat

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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Transition Screen	
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Introduction	
Screen Name:	FF Introduction	
Content:		
Screen	You, together with the community you serve, play an important role in identifying individuals potentially seeking to travel abroad to a conflict zone. These individuals are referred to as foreign fighters. REFERRAL TO FEMA	Graphic Notes:
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF Characteristics 1	
Content:		
Screen	<p>Foreign Fighters (FFs) are individuals/small groups who are recruited to travel to a conflict zone or who choose to do so on their own in order to train and/or fight with a particular group.</p> <p>The motivation for this travel may be political, ideological, religious, or thrill seeking.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRAL TO FEMA</p> <p>Some may operate within the confines of an insurgency, while others travel to join foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs).</p>	Graphic Notes: Transition screen
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF #underSTAND video	
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF Characteristics 2	
Content:		
Screen	<p>Because there is no specific profile, identifying an individual susceptible to becoming a foreign fighter is difficult for law enforcement and often does not occur until after the individual has already left, or attempted to leave, the country. Members of the community, however, are better positioned to recognize signs and behaviors of concern. This is why it is crucial to build trust and maintain open lines of communication with the community.</p> <p>REFERRAL TO FEMA</p> <p>What follows are general characteristics of foreign fighters that you and your community should be aware of.</p>	<p>Graphic Notes:</p> <hr/> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF Characteristics 2	
Content:		
Screen	<p>Generally, foreign fighters are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to release frustration, and for recognition, a place to belong, and/or adventure. • Motivated by humanitarianism, solidarity, sympathy, identity/belonging, peer pressure, and the Single or Common Narrative. • Often radicalized before travel, but some foreign fighters are not ideologically motivated <p>Many of the well-known examples tend to be men ranging in age from 18 to 35. Women have also been involved in traveling to engage in conflict regions.</p>	<p>Graphic Notes: Transition screen</p> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF Characteristics 3	
Content:		
Screen	Recruiters and “talent spotters” often facilitate the travel of aspiring foreign fighters, but the Internet has made it even easier for individuals to find propaganda that inspires them to travel, make their own connections, and plan their travel online. REFERRAL TO FEMA	Graphic Notes: Transition screen Alt tag:
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Characteristics	
Screen Name:	FF Characteristics 4	
Content:		
Screen	Foreign fighters often lack citizenship of the conflict state, but may be drawn to join warring factions or FTOs. They may lack affiliation to an official military organization REFERRAL TO FEMA	Graphic Notes: Transition screen Alt tag:
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Ideology	
Screen Name:	FF Ideology 1	
Content:		
Screen	<p>Foreign fighters are generally motivated by a belief that a conflict is morally or religiously justified or necessary/obligatory.</p> <p>They are sometimes motivated to travel to a particular country or conflict zone because of ethnic connections and an idealized version of their homeland which they seek to impose on others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRAL TO FEMA</p>	<p>Graphic Notes:</p> <hr/> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Ideology	
Screen Name:	FF Ideology 1	
Content:		
Screen	Single (or Common) Narrative Many individuals who aspire to join Al Qaeda and its affiliates or groups like ISIL (also referred to as ISIS or Daesh) believe that the West is engaged in a perpetual war with Islam and that it is their divine obligation to use any means necessary, including violence, to rise up against the West/defend Islam. REFERRAL TO FEMA	Graphic Notes: Transition screen Alt tag:
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Module Name:	Identifying the Threat	
Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Why are they important	
Screen Name:	FF Importance 1	
Content:		
Screen	Foreign fighters bring back skills such as arms training, trade craft, and network. A small number of returning FF may also have the ideological commitment to facilitate and/or carry out a violent act. <ul style="list-style-type: none">In particular, they may target officers as symbols of Western authority. FFs also provide material support to, and radicalize and recruit others to join, FTOs.	Graphic Notes:
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Ideology	
Screen Name:	FF Importance 2	
Content:		
Screen	<p>FFs pose potential threats not only to their countries of origin but also to transit countries and new theaters of conflict.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example: European FFs can travel to the United States with relative ease—particularly if they are eligible for the U.S. Visa Waiver Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The U.S. Visa Waiver Program allows citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States without a Visa and potentially evade established screening procedures. 	<p>Graphic Notes:</p> <hr/> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Ideology	
Screen Name:	FF Importance 3	
Content:		
Screen	<p>If unable to travel and join an FTO, radicalized U.S. citizens may seek to commit an attack in the United States in furtherance of the FTO's goals and ideology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factors preventing ability to travel include: insufficient funds, a perceived need and inability to make contact with the FTO prior to traveling, and intervention by government authorities. <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRAL TO FEMA</p>	<p>Graphic Notes:</p> <hr/> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Lesson Name:	Foreign Fighters	
Topic Name:	FF Why they matter	
Screen Name:	FF Importance 3	
Content:		
Screen	<p>Criminal prosecution of returning FFs is challenging.</p> <p>It is difficult to get evidence of illegal/punishable behavior abroad, though photos and videos posted online by FFs may be a way to build a case.</p> <p>In the United States, prosecution is generally only an option when the returnee has provided support to a FT.</p> <p>REFERRAL TO FEMA</p> <p>Even if prosecution is handled at the federal or state level, you may be called in to collect evidence and testimony from the community and help build the prosecution's case.</p>	<p>Graphic Notes:</p> <p>Alt tag:</p>
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Screen	Nicholas Teasant from Northern, CA, was arrested in Washington State near the Canadian border on terror charges, trying to get to Syria. Teasant had been exploring ways to support violent extremist activities and attempting to join Al Qaeda. He came up on the FBI's radar when he posted several messages via social media looking for a copy of the <i>Lone Mujahid Pocketbook</i> , a how-to guide for becoming a lone-wolf terrorist, and to "let a desire to blow up the Los Angeles subway system	Graphic Notes: Transition screen
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Screen	Mohamed Hersi (Toronto) is the first Canadian to be convicted for attempting to join Al Shabab, the East African Al Qaeda terrorist group, and for counseling another to do the same. He was arrested at Toronto Pearson Airport with a ticket to Cairo where he claimed he was planning to study Arabic. Prosecutors argued that Cairo was a stopover on the way to Somalia. The investigation began after a dry cleaner discovered a 56 in the As security guard uniform and became concerned about the contents, which included a copy of <i>The Anarchist Cookbook</i> , a Canadian Forces Department of National Defence Operational Manual, and reports from Intercom Security, the company where Hersi worked.	Graphic Notes: Transition screen
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