TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) **Technical Assistance Program (TAP)** strategically guides comprehensive Improvised Explosive Device (IED) incident risk management and provides preparedness assistance. The TAP increases preparedness capabilities across partner jurisdictions through a deliberate, synchronized, and efficient process to reduce risk to the Nation's critical infrastructure and communities.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Strengthen Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) interagency collaboration and engagements with stakeholders.
- Active stakeholder involvement with the federal government, neighboring jurisdictions, and the private sector.
- Communities are procedurally and technically capable of managing an IED incident at strategic, operational, and tactical levels.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Coordinate the development of comprehensive preparedness assistance packages with stakeholders to enhance the nation's security and resiliency against explosive attacks.
- Engage stakeholder communities to determine specific local requirements impacting IED risk management and emergency response.
- Connect communities with training, tools, and specialized assistance to meet and enhance their preparedness needs.
- Actively promote the development of new technologies and methods that advance bombing prevention and response capabilities.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

- Assess the C-IED capabilities of communities and corresponding First Responder Special Units to improve overall preparedness and response to IED threats.
- Conduct deliberate and contingent operations on behalf of CISA OBP stakeholders.
- Provide security planning for special events to jurisdictional communities.
- Increase awareness of new technologies through coordination, discussion, and cooperation within the C-IED enterprise.
- Work with public and private sector stakeholders to improve voluntary explosive precursor chemical protocols.
- Develop and integrate guidance materials, tools, and other resources to assist various stakeholders with maintaining and enhancing their C-IED preparedness and response.

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