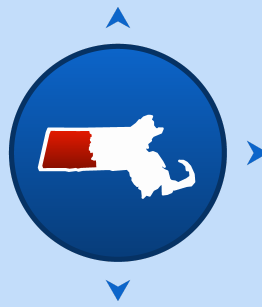


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Upcoming Trainings in Fall 2023

The Western Region Homeland Security Council is finalizing logistics for several exciting and timely trainings this fall. Watch you email for registration announcements for the following trainings.

Active Attack Integrated Response Training

Rescue Task Force training for Police, Fire and EMS. This series will include a Train-the-Trainer session, followed by several sessions of the two-day training to provide the recently trained instructors the opportunity to teach along side seasoned instructors. Sessions will be held throughout the region.



Nero's Law Practical Training

WRHSAC is collaborating with WMEMS to provide the practical training portion of the Nero's Law requirement for EMS. This hand's on training will provide EMS the opportunity to practice skills on live dogs and mannequins. Multiple sessions will be held throughout the region.

Advanced Hydraulic Rescue Training

This training builds on the Vehicle Lift and Stabilization Trainings WRHSAC conducted last year. It will provide students with a further understanding of the various extrication principles available to fire and rescue services when dealing with today's vehicles. One session will be held in Springfield in late October.



CISA K-12 Cybersecurity Resources

Cybersecurity is a growing concern for education and technology leaders in K-12 communities. To address these concerns, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency(CISA) of DHS released a K-12 cybersecurity report with an accompanying **toolkit** to provide schools targeted resources to improve their cybersecurity. These resources identify

specific actions schools can take to drastically reduce their cybersecurity risk. CISA strongly encourages school leaders to review these actions ahead of the start of the school year.

Below are links to some of the many no-cost cybersecurity resources that CISA has to offer:

- [Online Toolkit: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats | CISA](#)
- [Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools | CISA](#)
- [CISA Releases Updated Cybersecurity Performance Goals | CISA](#)

Any questions about these and other CISA resources can be directed to the following regional CISA personnel.

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The following trainings are available from the
CISA Office of Bombing Preventions

Register ASAP for this Free Virtual Instructor-Led Training

These deliveries will only be open to the first 70 registrants.

Following the recent heightened interest in OBP's Virtual Instructor-Led Trainings (VILTs), OBP has decided to add two additional classes to the normal training schedule. These courses will focus on topics including hostile operations, the terrorist attack cycle, detecting hostile surveillance, vulnerability assessments, and the elements of a surveillance detection plan.

Course Logistics

Who: All stakeholders who register

What: Surveillance Detection Principles four-hour course

Where: Virtual platform

When: Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 8:00 AM ET and Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM ET

How: Follow the below links to register for the corresponding delivery. You will need your FEMA SID and password. If you experience technical difficulties and are unable to register, please reach out to OBP-Support@cdpemail.dhs.gov.

August 10, 2023, at 8:00 AM ET – [Click Here to Register](#)

August 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM ET – [Click Here to Register](#)

Registration cutoff: Registration will end Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 8:00 AM ET for the August 10th delivery and Sunday, August 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM ET for the August 22nd

delivery.

OBP's support team will send out virtual login instructions to all the registered participants prior to delivery.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact OBPTraining@cisa.dhs.gov.

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