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SUBJECT: Emergency Response to Terrorism: Job Aid

The Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support (OSLDPS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Fire Administration (USFA), and the National Fire Academy (NFA) have designed and produced a comprehensive document intended to support training messages of the Emergency Response to Terrorism NFA curriculum.

The Job Aid is designed to assist the first responder from the Fire, EMS, HazMat, and Law Enforcement disciplines. This includes both tactical and strategic issues that range from line personnel to unit officers and up to and including the Incident Commander. There are five primary sections that are covered (each tabbed and color coded for rapid access of information): Introduction, Operational Considerations, Incident-Specific Actions, Agency Related Issues, and the Glossary.

The document is not a training manual. It is expected that personnel already have appropriate training and experience to address the identified tactics. It should serve as a reminder for those who already have completed the appropriate level of tactical or strategic training, such as the Emergency Response to Terrorism courses developed for classroom and self-study.

The document is designed to assist emergency response personnel in identifying a possible terrorist/WMD incident and implementing initial actions. The document identifies both strategic and tactical considerations that should be assessed within the first hour of an incident. Appropriate tactics would then be implemented as required.

To order the ERT: JA, it is available in limited numbers (up to five each to response organizations, one to individuals) from the NFA Publications or in bulk quantities from the Government Printing Office through Alan Ptak at (202) 512-1709. Mr. Ptak's e-mail address is aptak@gpo.gov. The stock number is 064-000-00027.