



# Pennsylvania State Fire Academy

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## Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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**Course Title:** Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts (ERT:BC)

**Length of Course:** 16 Hrs

**Lecture/Lab Breakdown:** 11.5/4.5

**Prerequisites:** Hazardous Materials Operation Certified

**Referenced Texts:** NFA IG/SM ERT:BC

**Course Goal:** To assist those who respond to the scene of a possible terrorist incident to;  
a) effectively protect themselves from a variety of potential danger b) effectively perform responder tasks in a situation which combines the elements of a hazardous materials incident and a crime scene c) notify and respond to appropriate from local, state and federal jurisdictions.

**Description of Course:** This course is designed to provide students with a general understanding and recognition of terrorism, defensive considerations (biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical and explosive), as well as command and control issues associated with criminal incidents. When an incident occurs, the student will be able to recognize and implement self-protective measures; secure the scene; complete appropriate notifications to local, state and federal authorities; and assist in completing a smooth transition from emergency to recovery and termination operations.

**Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief)** Lecture with student activities

**Student Equipment/Supply Needs:** One ERT:BC Student Manual per student, pen/pencil

**Equipment/Audiovisual/supply requirements:** ERT:BC IG & A/V kit, slide projector & screen (if A/Vs are slides) OR computer with powerpoint & projection capability & screen (CD-ROM), classroom of sufficient size to accommodate student activities, large makers, easel charts or equivalent paper, tape

### **COURSE OUTLINE** **(General - Not Detailed)**

**Time**

**Content**

**Instructor**  
**Notes**

1.0

Welcome/Registration/Introduction

2.5

Understanding and Recognizing Terrorism

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2.0	Implementing Self-Protective Measures
2.5	Scene Control
5.0	Tactical Considerations
2.5	Incident Command Overview
.5	Exam/Critique

**Competency Evaluation Mechanism(Brief description-attach copy):** 25 Question multiple choice exam

**Course Objectives (specific):** Upon successful completion the student shall be able to:

1. recognize circumstances that indicate a potential terrorist act.
2. define the implementation of appropriate self-protective measures.
3. define scene control issues involving isolation, evacuation and perimeter control associated with terrorist incidents.
4. recognize, define, describe and recommend tactical objectives for Biological, Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical and Explosives (B-NICE) incidents.
5. describe command and control issues associated with responder operations at a crime scene

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