



## TOP TEN LIST

### Water Supply Emergency Preparedness and Security for Law Enforcement

- 10** Know the water systems in your jurisdiction including the location and function of each water supply source and facility. Establish contact and response plans. Acquire concise mapping for all water supply infrastructures, including color-coded critical areas.
- 9** Conduct walk through familiarization exercises regularly with water supply personnel. Discuss special areas of system vulnerability.
- 8** Know the chemicals, at each facility. Be familiar with emergency response procedures and routine chemical delivery procedures and schedules.
- 7** Meet water supply personnel face to face. Know official vehicles and identification badge or card type.
- 6** Work with established community watch groups. and provide them with plans to report illegal or suspicious persons or activity. Be sure to include a feedback mechanism for future support.
- 5** Respond, investigate and report incidents involving water supply facilities using the appropriate reporting form. Contact the water supplier about any incident if they are not already present.
- 4** Participate in public notification strategies in context with local emergency response plans. Know your communications responsibilities.
- 3** Exercise vigilance during patrols for suspicious activity including those of vehicle movement, fire hydrant incidents or any other unusual incidents near water supply facilities.
- 2** Know the Homeland Security Advisory System response steps for law enforcement personnel.
- 1** Water supply security...for the community and for your safety! Be aware that both individual and collective efforts for increased water supply security will enhance community and officer safety.

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In the event of an emergency at a drinking water facility, coordination between the water supply personnel and law enforcement personnel is critical. Balancing the protection of public health, evidence preservation, notification of the proper agencies, notification of customers, and the safety of everyone on site is a difficult task.

These are the “top ten” things that may help the coordination between law enforcement, the water supply industry, and public health officials to work during an emergency.



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