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Introduction

The September 11, 2001 a.k.a. 9/11 terrorist attacks have changed the way the United States government looks at emergency management. The strategic goals and mission have been broadened or intensified to address all hazards, especially weapons of mass destruction. Prior to the 9/11 attacks, the Department of Defense (DOJ), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Defense (DoD), National Guard and the Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS) were the lead agencies under the Nunn-Lugar legislation for domestic preparedness activities for terrorism. Each agency fought for leadership on the terrorism issue and funding—this resulted in lack of coordination and confusion, especially on the state and local level.¹

The purpose of this project is to cover six (6) areas—listed below--relating to the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers, the last four key areas/phases relating specifically to emergency management:

- Background/History
- Root Cause of the Terrorist Attacks-Islam
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery
- Mitigation

Background/History

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 was just another day. The sky was clear and people prepared themselves for work at the World Trade Center complex in New York City, and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. President George W. Bush was in Sarasota, Florida.

American 11. Mohamed Atta and Abdul Aziz al Omari arrived in Portland, Maine at the airport and boarded at 6:00 A.M. to Boston's Logan International airport where they arrived at 6:45. Both checked in and boarded Flight 11, although Atta was identified by *CAPPS* (Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System) as a special security risk, it only prevented—under the rules at that time—to hold his checked bags until he boarded the plane. Atta did speak with Marwan al Shehhi—a friend who was at another terminal—before boarding the plane.² Satam al Suqami, Wail al Shehri, and Waleed al Shehri also checked in and boarded Flight 11, bound for Los Angeles. Seats 8D, 8G, and 10B were the business class seats that Atta, Omari, and Suqami took. Wail al Shehri took the adjacent seat in 2A and his brother Walid al Shehri took seat 2B. The flight departed at 7:45 A.M.³ American Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46:40.⁴

United 175. Shehhi, Fayez Banihammad, Mohand a Shehri, Ahmed al Ghamdi, and Hamza al Ghamdi boarded flight 175 and departed at 8:00 A.M. None of them were selected by *CAPPS*. (Banhammad was seated in 2A, Shehri in 2B, Shehhi in 6C, Hamza al Ghamdi in 9C, and Ahmed al Ghamdi in 9D.)⁵ United Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03:11.⁶

Washington Dulles: American 77. Khalid al Mihdhar, Majed Moqed, Hani Hanjour, Nawaf al Hazmi and Salem al Hazmi checked in and boarded American Flight 77 at 8:00 A.M. and departed at 8:20 A.M.⁷ Barbara Olson, wife of Ted Olson, the Solicitor General of the United States, was on Flight 77.⁸ The plane was spotted by an unarmed National Guard C-13 HC Aircraft just shortly after the plane crashed into the Pentagon at 9:38 A.M.⁹

Newark: United 93. Saeed al Ghandi, Ahmed al Nami, Ahmad al Haznawi, and Ziad Jarrah checked in at 8:00 A.M. and departed by 8:42 A.M. The plane crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania at 10:03 A.M.¹⁰

Root Cause of the Terrorist Attacks-Islam

In order to understand why the 19 hijackers (most whom were Saudi Arabian) attacked the United States, one has to understand the root cause. In this case it is *Islam*. Unfortunately, the 9/11 Commission hearings did not want to discuss the issue on why the hijackers did what they did. Here is an exchange from the 9/11 Commission hearings between Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton and FBI Supervisor James Fitzgerald:

VICE CHAIRMAN LEE HAMILTON: What motivated them to do it?

FBI SUPERVISOR JAMES FITZGERALD: Much of it, I believe, originates in rage, and I think when you look at the 19 hijackers and see where they came from, you can begin to see the seeds of that – that disenfranchisement and anger.¹¹

Also, a section of the **9/11 Commission Report** (*What to Do? A Global Strategy*) states the following that is inaccurate and untrue about Islam:

Islam is not the enemy. It is not synonymous with terror. Nor does Islam teach *terror*. America and its friends oppose a *perversion* of Islam, not the great world faith itself. Lives guided by religious faith, including literal beliefs in holy scriptures, are common to every religion, and represent no threat to us.

Other religions have experienced violent internal struggles. With so many diverse adherents, every major religion will spawn violent zealots. Yet understanding and tolerance among people of different faiths can and must prevail.¹²

If you do not know your enemy you cannot defeat it. Many FBI supervisors in charge of counterterrorism have never read the Qur'an or any other analysis. Former FBI special agent John Vicent—who investigated terrorism cases in Chicago--stated: "Supervisors don't study the Qur'an. They do not do any independent analysis. And they're supposed to be supervising counterterrorism at headquarters? We need analysts just to interpret what Muslim leaders are telling supervisors there, because in Muslim rhetoric, they don't mean what they say."¹³

Does the Quran and Hadith teach Jihad or is it a *perversion* of Islam as stated in the 9/11 Report and by multiple government officials? This question can only be answered by looking at the *official teachings* of Islam or any religion for that matter and not depending on *personal opinions* of someone. We will consult the Qur'an (sometimes called the first inspiration), Hadith (sometimes called the second inspiration—a record of Muhammad's application of the Qur'an and history), official statements made from its representatives, religious and general dictionaries and encyclopedias in order to obtain

the true meaning of Jihad. Below is list of sources on the true meaning of Jihad from dictionaries and encyclopedias:

- **Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary, p. 985:** A Moslem holy war; campaign against unbelievers or enemies of Islam.
- **Webster’s New International Dictionary, p. 1336:** A religious war against infidels or Muhammedan heretics.
- **The New Encyclopedia Britannica, vol 6:** Jihad, also spelled jehad, Arabic jiohad (“fight” or “battle”), a religious duty imposed on Muslims to spread Islam by waging war; jihad has come to denote any conflict waged for principle or belief and is often translated to mean “holy war.”
- **Collier’s Encyclopedia, vol. 13, p. 587:** Jihad, from an Arabic verb meaning to struggle and persevere, denotes, in the history of Islamic civilization, religious war waged against heretics, unbelievers, and the enemies of the state or the community of Muslims. In early Islamic history “jihad” meant holy war, and, as a strictly Islamic phenomenon, it bears a strict relation to the spread of the faith by Muslims’ arms. It was a duty to the Kharijits, a band of warlike rebels, and jihad was considered an obligation or command; and by them it was ranked as a sixth pillar of religion.¹⁴

Below is a list of verses quoted from the **Qur’an** (using Yusuf Ali’s translation) and from the **Hadith** supporting Jihad or violence for non-belief:

- “O Prophet, make war on the unbelievers and hypocrites and deal rigorously with them; their home shall be Hell...(Surah 9:73)

- “Whether unarmed or well-equipped, march on and fight for the cause of Allah with your wealth and your persons” (**Surah 9:41**)
- “Fight and slay the unbelievers wherever you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war” (**Surah 9:5**)
- “O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends” (**Surah 5:51**)¹⁵
- Some Zanadiqa (atheists) were brought to ‘Ali and he burnt them. The news of this event, reached Ibn ‘Abbas who said, “If I had been in his place, I would not have burnt them, as Allah’s Apostle forbade it, saying, ‘Do not punish anybody with Allah’s punishment (fire).’ I would have *killed* them according to the statement of Allah’s Apostle, ‘Whoever changed his Islamic religion, then *kill* him.’” (**Quote from Sahih Bukhari’s Hadith Vol. 9, Book 84, Number 57:Narrated ‘Ikrima.**)¹⁶

History also confirms that Islam was not a peaceful religion and promoted Jihad. After the death of Mohammad in 732, Arabs conquered most of the Middle East, the entire Arabian Peninsula and Spain and North Africa. The Islamic invaders later reached the gates of Vienna in the east and to Poitiers in France in the west. Muhammad’s armies looted and conquered villages and attacked defenseless peoples in times of peace or truce. Treasures were looted and entire populations slaughtered.¹⁷

The so-called administrative tolerance of the Islamic conquerors was based on realpolitik and expediency. When Arab colonization was established, the economic and social condition worsened considerably for non-believers under Islam. Christian and

Jewish communities who were not killed and remained in the land were relegated to a lower status both socially and juridically. Under this system there were two classifications: 1) *dar al-Islam* (House of Islam) and 2) *ahl al-dhimma* (protected peoples tolerated in Muslim land). The *ahl al-dhimma* were subjected to humiliation from regulations known as the Covenant of Umar. The Jews specifically in North Africa up until the twentieth century had to wear distinct clothing, live in designated areas and could not carry arms. (The Christians also were relegated to an inferior status.) Robert Lewis, coeditor of the *Encyclopedia of Islam* and historian stated the following in an article published in 1969,

The golden age of equal rights was a myth, and belief in it was a result, more than a cause, of Jewish sympathy for Islam. The myth was invented in 19th-century Europe as a reproach to Christians—and taken up by Muslims in our own time as a reproach to Jews...European travelers to the East in the age of liberalism and emancipation are almost unanimous in deploring the degraded and precarious position of Jews in Muslim countries, and the dangers and humiliations to which they were subject. Jewish scholars, acquainted with the history of Islam and with the current situation in Islamic lands, can have no illusions on this score. Vambéry [1904] is unambiguous: “I do not know any more miserable, helpless, and pitiful individual on God’s earth than the Jahudi in those countries.”¹⁸

It should be noted that the atrocities committed by the Crusades is condemned in the Bible. Christ and the apostles **never** taught in the New Testament **forced conversions**—however, Mohammad committed murder, rape and forced conversions through the sword, which is taught in the Qur’an and Hadith. It is a false analogy used by many people.

Preparedness

In 1966, the construction of the World Trade Center (WTC) started and was finished in 1970. It was built for the New Jersey and New York Port Authority. The Twin Towers (1 WTC, or the North Tower, and 2 WTC, or the South Tower) had 110 stories, 1,350 feet high and had up to 50,000 office workers.¹⁹

The towers each had three central stairwells and 99 elevators. The towers did have smoke doors—the doors leading to the roof were locked. There was no rooftop evacuation plan and the helipad on the South Tower did not meet the 1994 Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.²⁰

1993 Terrorist Bombing of the WTC. The WTC was a target on February 26, 1993 in which a bomb was detonated in the parking garage, which exposed problems with the city's emergency preparedness and the WTC. Some of the problems encountered:

- Loss of communication and power at the WTC
- Stairwells were unlit and filled with smoke
- Inability of radios to function at WTC for the Fire Department of New York (FDNY)
- The emergency 911 channel was over loaded
- Evacuation of the WTC occupants took more than four (4) hours through the stairwells
- Evacuation by the New York Police Department (NYPD) of one person from the roof did not occur until 15 hours after bombing²¹

The WTC fire safety plan never included helicopter evacuations--this, unfortunately, gave some of the employees of the WTC the idea that roof evacuations were part of the plan.²²

As a result of the 1993 bombing, \$100 million was spent by Port Authority to make improvements, which included increasing fire safety staffs, physical and technological

improvements (fluorescent signs in stairwells, state-of-the-art fire command stations in each tower, computerized fire alarm system, etc.). Also, the Port Authority appointed a fire safety director to supervise a team of directors in each tower. The director of each building would be responsible for communicating with the WTC occupants during an emergency. The safety directors instituted “fire safety teams.” Each floor had a fire warden and deputy fire wardens, and searchers. The procedures implemented by the Port Authority regarding safety directors helped many of the occupants evacuate the WTC on 9/11.²³

Interagency Preparedness. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani created the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in 1996. There were three (3) functions in the OEM:

1. Monitor the City’s key communications channels that included the NYPD and FDNY radio frequencies.
2. Coordinate responses for major incidents such as a terrorist attack through drills and exercises, especially with the NYPD and FDNY.
3. Set up a response unit in OEM to manage the response incident, which was located at 7 WTC.²⁴

Problems in Preparedness on 9/11. The following is a list of problems in preparedness encountered on 9/11 with evacuation of building:

- The drills performed by civilians in the WTC Towers did not entail information on smoke doors or other transfer hallways;

- Evacuation drills—full or partial—were not done;
- The civilians were not told that rooftop evacuations did not exist in the plan and the doors were locked; and
- Port Authority had no plan or protocol to rescue people trapped above the fire.²⁵

Building Problems with Steel Columns. When the trade towers will under construction in 1971, New York City banned asbestos. “Asbestos was an early victim of junk science and enviro-fear propaganda,” Arthur Robinson said. (Arthur Anderson is a chemistry professor and founder of Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine.) Greedy lawyers and businessmen joined with the environmental activists and made huge profits from the anti-asbestos program. The initial design and construction of the Twin Towers called for a four-hour fire before the steel columns would collapse. During the construction, the contractor had to find a “substitute insulation” for the steel columns above the 78th floor. A report from the Post—who quoted James G. Quintiere, professor at the University of Maryland’s Fire Protection Engineering Department—disclosed the following:

Neither tower, [Quintiere] found, had fireproofing thick enough to withstand the fire’s blast furnace intensity for two hours, which is considered the minimum needed for those on the upper floors to escape the towers. “A two-hour fire resistance is right on the ragged edge,” Quintiere said. The North Tower, which had 1-1/2-inch-thick fireproofing, fell in 104 minutes, and the South Tower, with its ¾-inch-thick fireproofing, collapsed in 56 minutes.²⁶

Response

The first responders to the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers were the New York Police Department (NYPD), Port Authority Police Department (PAPD), Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Port Authority Police Department. Both the New Jersey and New York had a combined force of 1,331. They did have a superintendent for each of the Port Authority's nine facilities—one of the nine facilities was in the World Trade Center. The police used ultra-high-frequency radios and used only one local channel that was low-wattage. This caused problems at the site—if the police were out of range, the radios would not work. Also, the agency wide channel could not be assessed by all the command units. The Port Authority did not have any standard operating procedures on how to respond to a major incident involving multiple commands—this included radio communication between commands.²⁷

The New York Police Department (NYPD). The NYPD has a 40,000-officer department head by a police commissioner, who had operational authority. The NYPD did have operating procedures for a major incident—the chief of each department ran the operational activities. They also had a Special Operations Division that included the aviation unit and Emergency Service Unit (ESU). The precincts had 35 different radio zones. The ESU units used a point-to-point channel—the dispatcher did not monitor this channel. The NYPD's call system was comprised of civilians and had minimum training in emergency response.²⁸

The Fire Department of New York (FDNY). The FDNY consisted of an 11,000-member force and was headed by a fire commissioner—the fire commissioner had no operational authority like the police commissioner. There are nine divisions that are divided into four to seven battalions and each battalion has at least three engine companies and at least two ladder companies. The FDNY did have a specialized unit called “Specialized Operations Command (SOC) that helped respond to the 9/11 attack. There were problems with the operation command post for the FDNY—the large magnet board used was not sufficient for a major disaster that occurred on 9/11. The magnet board was used to track the units operating at the scene. One example of the communications failure: The 105th floor of the North Tower had a 100 people trapped and the FDNY dispatch relayed information to the Field Command which tried to relay to the chiefs at the outdoor command—it never reached the North Tower lobby. The field command also had a hard time tracking the units’ operation location.²⁹

Because the NYPD and FDNY were operationally autonomous and lacked a thorough coordination plan for an incident on a major scale, they were not prepared and OEM still had major problems.³⁰

Conclusion/Mitigation

How can the United States prepare for, avoid and stop future Islamic attacks?

First, the United States has to stop being “politically correct” about Islam. During World War II, the United States had no problem criticizing “Shintoism” and “Nazism”. The President never stated that “Nazism” or “Shintoism” was a peaceful religion hijacked by Hitler and the Emperor. When Japan surrendered, the United States made the

Emperor go on national radio and declare he was **not** God. The president and military advisers during WWII understood the root cause of the Japanese militancy was the “Shinto” religion--they did not adhere to “Liberalism” (moral relativism) and would condemn something as “false” or “evil”.³¹ (Adolph Hitler planned to abolish all religions other than Islam and Nazism after the Nazi victory.)³²

Second, any person stopped by police should be required to show appropriate papers that they are here legally. If they are not here legally, they should be turned over to the federal authorities.

Third, the draft should be mandatory for all males 18 years of age. If he cannot show papers he is a legal citizen, he must be rounded up and interrogated.

Fourth, all employers must require legitimate papers to prove that their employees are here legally. If the employees cannot produce legitimate paper, they must be turned over to the appropriate federal authorities.

Fifth, any person applying for unemployment or welfare has to provide appropriate papers—if they cannot, they must be turned over to the federal authorities.

Sixth, any persons from countries listed by the State Department as a terrorist state should be registered and interrogated. If they are illegal, they should be deported.

Seventh, all Islamic centers and mosques have to provide detailed financial records that include any over sea fund transfers. If there are any disclosures of funds being transferred to a terrorist cause, they should be declared enemy agents of a foreign power.

Eighth, the intelligence agencies such as the CIA and FBI should be able to infiltrate schools, Muslim charitable groups, mosques, etc. to identify any terrorists or supporters of terrorism.³³

Ninth, the Senate should support and cosponsor S. 3275 that would create a national Right-to-Carry (RTC) reciprocity bill that would provide national reciprocity for state carry licenses.³⁴ There are currently 40 states that have shall-issue Right-to-Carry laws on the book. All law abiding and competent citizens in any state should be allowed ownership of the so-called assault weapons (many states allow ownership) and have the right to carry firearms. Law abiding citizens protect themselves with firearms 2.5 million times a year.³⁵ A citizen cannot defend itself against terrorists with AK47's or an invading army with a pistol or shotgun—this is why the so-called assault weapons are required. A few historical facts on the consequences of disarming the citizenry:

- It should be noted that the current regime in Sudan—National Islamic Front—that took power in 1989 under President Bashir, the government disarmed non-Arab ethnic groups—they allowed the loyal Arab allies to keep their guns. The government and Arab gangs killed 2.2 million people in south Sudan—a genocide.³⁶
- The Nazi Weapons Law (March 18, 1938) that Adolph Hitler signed. The Gestapo enforced it. The U.S Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA '68) was predicated on the Nazi Weapons Law.³⁷

Tenth, the borders of the U.S have to be sealed. A fence has to be build along the whole border in addition to more border patrol agents. (The illegal gang “Mara Salvatrucha” a.k.a MS-13 have already entered this country through the borders illegally—they are an El-Salvador-based syndicate.)³⁸

Eleventh, all states should implement a volunteer **State Guard Defense Force**. New Jersey has the **New Jersey Naval Militia** reactivated by Governor Whitmann in 1999 (it existed from the late 1800's until 1963) and the State of California has the **California State Military Reserve** (CSMR). CSMR assists the California National Guard (CNG) and its Homeland Defense mission such as mitigation of natural disasters, preemption, deterrence, etc.³⁹

A final note from Dr. Tony Kern, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret) about the 9/11 from a military history perspective:

This war will be won or lost by the American citizens, not diplomats, politicians or soldiers. Let me briefly explain. In spite of what the media, and even our own government is telling us, this act was not committed by a group of mentally deranged fanatics. To dismiss them as such would be among the gravest of mistakes. This attack was committed by a ferocious, intelligent and dedicated adversary. Don't take this the wrong way. I don't admire these men and I deplore their tactics, but I respect their capabilities. The many parallels that have been made with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor are apropos. Not only because it was a brilliant sneak attack against a complacent America, but also because we may well be pulling our new adversaries out of caves 30 years after we think this war is over, just like my father's generation had to do with the formidable Japanese in the years following WWII.⁴⁰

If the U.S. Constitution is destroyed in the process of fighting the War on Terror, then the terrorists won. The war on terror can be won with the

recommendations made in this report without eviscerating the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

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