#### WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

"Helping to Provide for Safe and Secure Workplaces through Violence Interdiction".



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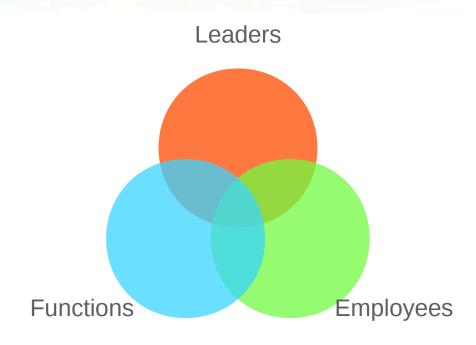
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## **Managing Threats & Targets of Opportunity**

- Medical product development
- Military applications
- Clean water
- Food production
- Consumer products
- Telecommunications
- Automobiles plants
- Office environments
- Building
- Processing & distribution
- Warehousing & storage
- Chemical facilities
- Banking institutions
- Schools & colleges
- Multi-tenant business centers

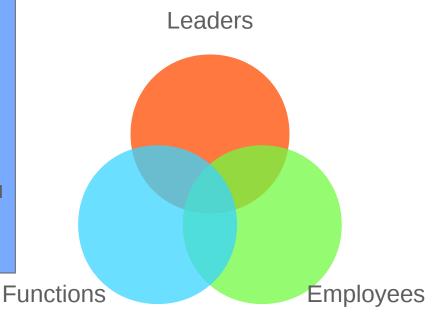


Vulnerabilities are Interrelated

### **Managing Threats & Risks**

#### **Acts of Violence in 2010**

- **►I/7/2010** ABD Group, St. Louis, MO.
- ►1/12/2010 Penske Truck Rental, Atlanta GA
- >2/15/2010 University of Alabama
- >4/30/20 Publix Supermarket, Tarpons, FL
- **≻6/16/2010 Cambridge Air Systems, Memphis TN**
- >7/10/2010 EMCOR Plastic Mfg, Albuquerque, NM
- **≥**8/3/2010 Hartford Beer Distributor
- **>8/23/2010** US Army, Fort Hood, Tex
- >9/5/2010 Kraft Food, Philadelphia, PA



Vulnerabilities are Interrelated

 Organizations Integrating resources maximizing limited resources to insure that Workplace Violence is a managed risk and not a crisis

management concern.



 Because people are an unknown risk organizations that <u>Collaborate</u> internally through increase awareness by sharing information stay abreast of known and unknown internal and external threats to workplace security and safety

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Preventing workplace violence requires a
 <u>Coordinated</u> effort across functional lines and in
 collaboration with other departments, functions
 and external organizations.



Strives to maximize the value of proactive
 <u>Interdependency</u> in implementing and applying
 strategies and methodologies that anticipate
 threats and manage risks affecting an
 organization's unique situations while avoiding the
 cookie - cutter mentality.

# Integration, Coordination, Collaboration, and Interdependence Strategies...

Cost-effective

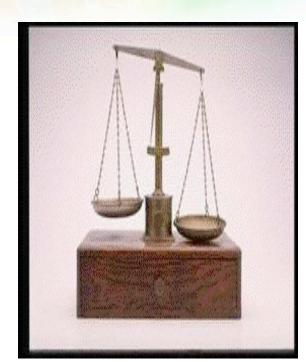


Speedy Intervention & hasty resolution.

 Manage Risk such as Domestic and Relationship Spillover into the Workplace.

• 70% of U.S. businesses do not have a Workplace Violence Policy or Program.

 2.1 million Workplace Violence Incidents per year.



17 homicides per week.

 Approximately 1.3 million women & 835 thousand men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner yearly.

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Source: US Department of Labor, 2007, Bureau of Labor Gratistics 2009

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- Single episode of Workplace Violence involving serious injury or death averages \$250K in lost work time. Avg. 3.5 days lost per incident
- Average monetary award for a sexual abuse incident is \$78K.
- Average monetary award for a Workplace Violence incident is approximately \$2,100.00.
- Source: US Department of Labor,
   2007, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005, Oxford Survey

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 Following a Workplace Violence event a companies stock price usually falls 15% for 250 days on average (Oxford Survey)



- The number of violent acts, including threats of violence has increased more than 400% over the last decade.
- Source: US Department of Labor, 2007, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005, Oxford Survey

 Workplace Violence is the leading cause of job-related deaths for women, second leading cause for men.



 Recent surveys by human resources, security managers and others still ranked workplace violence as either the number 1, 2 or 3 workplace security issue.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005

Increased litigation costs.

 Increased injury and medical related claims & expenses.



Increased time away from the workplace.

Significant reduction in performance and production.

Increased personnel turnover.

Negative internal and external image of organization.

Increased Worker's Compensation claims and costs.

Increased time spent on mitigation.

 Increased time spent resolving employee grievances and complaints.

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 Increased incidents of organizational & individual stress related claims.

 Perceptions of employer's inability to provide for their safety and security.

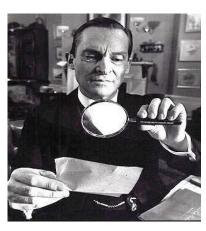


### **Modus Operandi of the Non-Violent Offender:**

Downloading of viruses.

E-mail and threatening correspondence.

Sabotage and vandalism.



Malicious product tampering.

### **Modus Operandi of the Non-Violent Offender:**

Theft or compromise of proprietary information.

Theft or sale of client lists and trade secrets

Civil liability claims of discrimination.



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#### Workplace Violence Prevention Continuum

- All reported incidents require some level of attention.
- If investigation is necessary: reporting & follow-up are required.
- Employee behavior must be assessed & monitored against an unknown threat.

#### Workplace Violence Prevention Continuum

- Depending upon the incident, perpetrator, victim and witnesses spend time away from productive assignments.
- Supervisors and managers must spend inordinate amount of time reviewing and evaluating investigative findings and making determinations.
- Other functional departments will be required to be engaged or take up the slack.

#### Workplace Violence Prevention Continuum

 Victims, Witnesses and Perpetrator interviews.



- Work areas can become crime scenes.
- Work areas can be inoperable for long periods of time.



## **Applying Relevant Methodologies**

 Incidents of workplace violence are business risks which must be managed as part of the business and security plan.

 Goal is to employ strategies that will contain situations, minimize risk and prevent escalation of a minor incident or an unfortunate business practice contributing to a catastrophic outcome.

## **Applying Relevant Methodologies**

 Dismantle the "stovepipe" or vertical approach to workplace violence and security management.

 Consider cross functional line integration and collaboration of resources.

# Integrating Collaborative Resources in Preventing Workplace Violence

#### 1. Integrating Collaborative Resources between Functions

Human Resources	Personnel
Security	IT
Transportation	Warehousing
Compliance	Legal
Medical	Facilities

- 1. Anticipating Tensions; Responding Swiftly to Avoid Escalation and a Crisis.
- 2. Limiting Liability in a collaborative process through proactive engagement.
- 3. Integrating resources as early warning signs and developing proper response.

# **Applying Relevant Methodologies**

 What works well at one location might not have the same results. Avoid the cookie-cutter mentality.

 Business practices and company culture require constant vigilance.

Success is predicated on management commitment and salforation of resources.

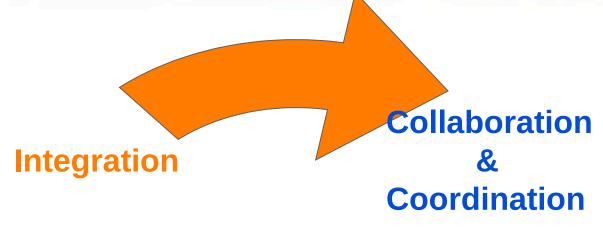
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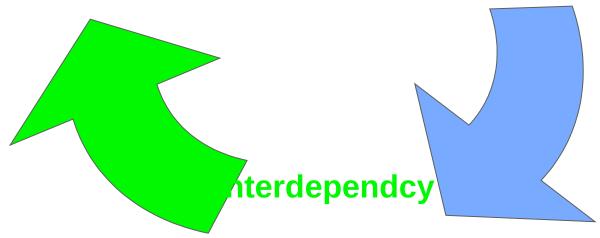
#### 2. Integrating Collaborative Resources & Convergence of Systems

Physical	Building & Facilities
Information Technology (IT)	Fire & Safety
Electronic	HVAC
Personnel	Communications
Compliance	Surveillance

- 1. Integrating Technical Capabilities to exploit technology creates advantages.
- 2. Exploiting technology enhances capability to detect, deter & prevent serves as early warning system.
- 3. Interdiction and Intervention as major steps in the prevention process.

## **Summary in Perspective**

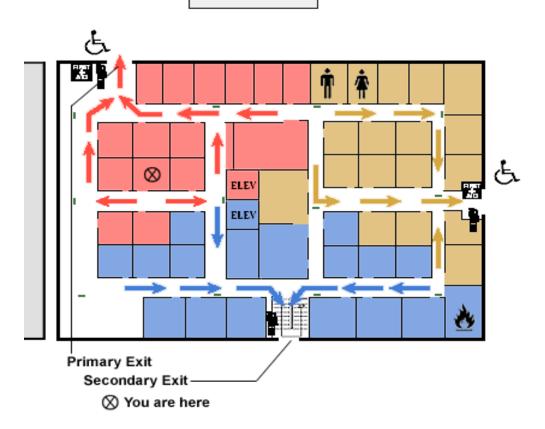




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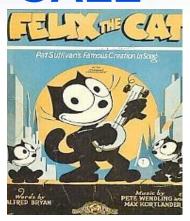


# Questions & Answers

# Integrating, Collaborating and Coordinating Resources Maximizes Interdependency

- Brief Senior Management on the Impact of Workplace Violence on business, People, Property and Premises
- Conduct a Critical Vulnerability Assessment
- Review Existing Policies and Plans
- Redefine the Workplace Violence Prevention Mission
- Consolidate focus make HR Policy Manager & Security Program Manager

# Thank You CALL



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