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IS “THE CLOUD” RIGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION?

By Bill Yacopucci, CPP

With all of the talk of moving to “The Cloud,” we as security professionals ask ourselves – and are asked by our organizations – is The Cloud safe? Is it reliable? And what actually is “The Cloud?”

“ ‘The Cloud’ provides a collective infrastructure that once was impossible for any but the largest corporations to duplicate or afford to be within the reach of every organization.”

In an effort to answer these questions and more, on Wednesday November 28th, the ASIS Boston Chapter took A Walk in The Cloud.

In an event sponsored by Walter Technology Group, members of the chapter toured the Windstream Data Center in Andover, MA, one of the premier data centers in the country. [READ MORE ON PAGE 6](#)

SEVEN SIGNS A WEAPON IS BEING HIDDEN

By Michael Dorn, Campus Safety Magazine

With the heightened awareness of gun safety following the Newtown, CT, school shootings, ASIS Boston recommends reviewing the following tips for identifying when someone is carrying a concealed weapon.

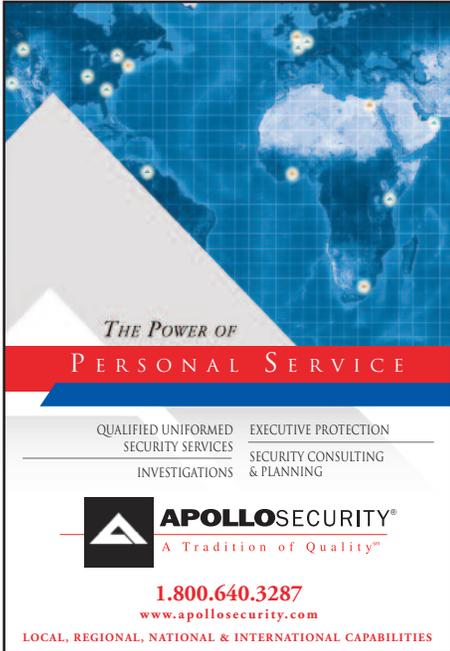
1. Security Check: Gun violators in particular will typically touch and/or adjust the weapons concealed on their bodies numerous times during the day. This may be a gentle and difficult-to-observe bump with the elbow, wrist or hand. On rare occasions, it could be a distinct grasping of the weapon as they adjust it. Violators often make this gesture when getting out of a chair or a car or when walking up a flight of stairs or high curb.

2. Unnatural Gait: Gun violators may walk with an awkward gait. They may fail to bend their knees because they have rifles or shotguns in their pants. They may also walk uncomfortably because they have guns, knives or other weapons hidden in their boots or shoes causing discomfort. Again, the total circumstances will indicate the likelihood of a weapon being present.

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



As your new Chairperson, I am looking forward to a great year for our Chapter in 2013. We have an exciting year planned that includes our Annual Expo, educational meetings, networking opportunities and additional, innovative events that are in the works. Our Board has some amazing ideas for taking our Chapter to the next level to engage, educate, and reinvigorate our members.

I would like to thank Ron Doncaster, Director of Operations Management at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, for his presentation on Metrics in Security at our January meeting. Ron's extensive experience with designing effective metrics piqued the interest of many attendees, who engaged Ron to determine how they could apply lessons from his presentation to their own security programs. The January meeting was also notable in that there were several new faces, including young professionals, in attendance. Several members made new connections through networking both during and after the meeting.

Our Expo has been announced for April 19th and will be held in Boxborough, MA. As a member of the Expo planning committee, I can tell you that we have an amazing speaker line-up planned that will truly knock your socks off! For our vendors, we have a revamped sponsorship program that will provide great exposure for your company while delivering some great value and helping the Chapter. Check out the Expo link on the Chapter website for more information on our program and vendor opportunities. For educational and networking value, you simply can't beat the Boston Chapter Expo!

Also, don't miss our March joint meeting with the IAHS (International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety) Boston Chapter. This well-attended joint meeting will be held on March 14th and is a great way to re-connect with our colleagues in the healthcare security sector.

Anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in our Chapter is encouraged to join us at one of our monthly Board meetings that are held at 4:00 pm on the day of our regular membership meetings. There are plenty of opportunities to pitch in and help the Chapter - from assisting in event-planning to designing educational content - and more. I speak from experience when I say that the Board is welcoming and inclusive to all who are interested in getting more involved.

In closing, I look forward to serving you as your Chairperson in 2013!

Sincerely yours,



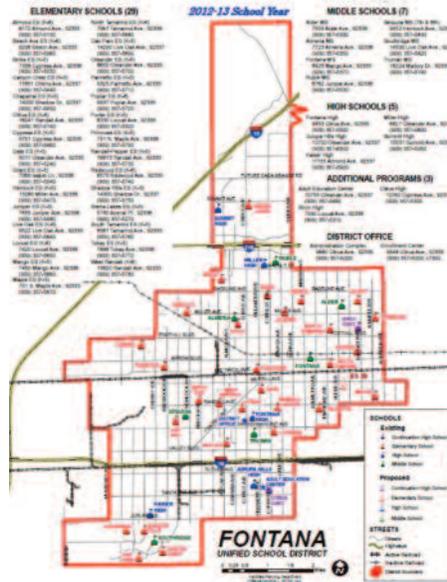
David Corbin, CPP
Chairperson, ASIS Boston

THE DEBATE GOES ON CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICT PURCHASES GUNS

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — The high-powered semiautomatic rifles recently shipped to school police in this Southern California city look like they belong on a battlefield rather than in a high school, but officials here say the weapons could help stop a massacre like the one that claimed the lives of 26 students and educators in Connecticut just weeks ago.

Fontana Unified School District police purchased 14 of the Colt LE6940 rifles last fall, and they were delivered the first week of December — a week before the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Over the holiday break, the district's 14 school police officers received 40 hours of training on the rifles. Officers check them out for each shift from a fireproof safe in the police force's main office.

Fontana isn't the first district to try this. Other Southern California districts also have rifle programs — some that have been in operation for several years. Fontana school police Chief Billy Green said he used money from fingerprinting fees to purchase the guns for \$14,000 after identifying a "critical vulnerability" in his force's ability to protect students. The officers, who already wear sidearms, wouldn't be able to stop a shooter like the one in Connecticut, he said Wednesday.



"They're not walking around telling kids, 'Hurry up and get to class' with a gun around their neck," the chief said. "Parents need to know that if there was a shooter on their child's campus that was equipped with body armor or a rifle, we would be limited in our ability to stop that threat to their children."

Some parents and students, however, reacted with alarm to the news that school resource officers were being issued the rifles during their shifts. The officers split their time between 44 schools in the district and keep the rifles in a safe at their assigned school or secured in their patrol car each day before checking the weapon back in to the school police headquarters each night.

"If the wrong person gets ahold of the gun, then we have another shooter going around with a gun. What happens then, if that situation occurs?" said James Henriquez, a 16-year-old sophomore who just enrolled at Fontana High School this week after moving from Texas.

Other students said they felt disillusioned that officials would spend money on semiautomatic rifles while the district eliminated its comprehensive guidance counseling program two years ago.

"They should get guns, but not as many and not spend so much money on them," said student Elizabeth Tovar. "They should use the money to get back our counselors because a lot of us really need them."

The district saved millions by restructuring guidance services, said Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks.

"I understand that people are looking at the layoffs, but \$14,000 and \$7 million is a huge disparity," she said.

The 40,000-student district came up with the school rifle program after consulting with top school safety experts and looking at what other large districts had done, said Olsen-Binks.

Santa Ana Unified School District, in nearby Orange County, has had a rifle program for about two years that operates similarly to the one Fontana has started, said police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna.

The Los Angeles School Police Department also deploys rifles to its officers as needed, the department said in a statement. It would not say how many rifles district police have but said the weapons are kept in the department's armory and are handed out and returned daily.

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Financial Statement Fraud
Chicago, IL

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Meeting & Conference
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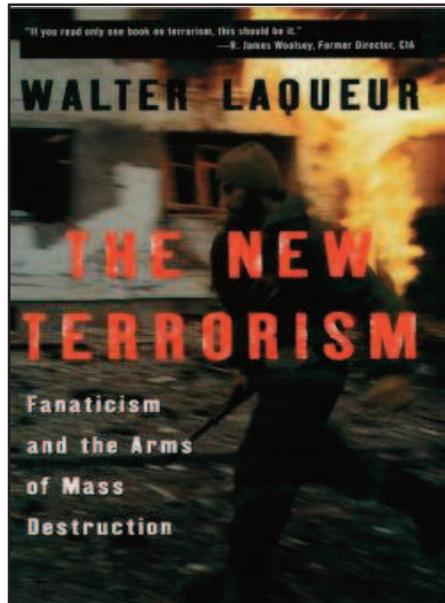


ASIS BOOK REVIEW
THE NEW TERRORISM:
FANATICISM AND THE
ARMS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION

*Reviewed by Mark H. Beaudry, PhD, CPP
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One of the foremost authorities on the history of terrorism, author Walter Laqueur provides an excellent overview of terrorism in his book, *The New Terrorism: Fanaticism and the Arms of Mass Destruction*. While not a difficult read, the book can be daunting for those individuals not already familiar with some terror groups from the 70s and 80s, as they may not recognize them (for example, the Weathermen, the Bader/Meinhof Gang and the IRA).

The New Terrorism covers the gamut from the far right to the far left. In addition, it covers terrorist organizations that tend to gather less attention such as survivalists, militia groups, environmentalist, animalist, and other less-known groups. This informative book also explains an important trend to follow, i.e. the merging of Islamic fundamentalism and those Leftist groups which are anti-Western and advocate violence. In addition, the author claims that Islamic fundamentalism emerged as a result of an extreme interpretation of the Quaran. As a result, this interpretation uses religion as a justification for its attacks and tactics.



Finally, Laqueur examines the psychological factors which have contributed to the rise of terrorism, some high-profile terrorist attacks in the 20th century, and where terrorists are inspired to commit acts of terror. He cites examples from books such as *The Turner Diaries*, which was invoked by Timothy McVeigh in attacking the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Further discussion looks at the potential of weapons of mass destruction possibly getting into the hands of terrorist groups, and some doomsday scenarios from a potential terrorist perspective.

Like many of Laqueur's books, *The New Terrorism* is an excellent reference for those who wish to study the history of terrorism and where it is going in the future. It is recommended for security professionals who want to grasp the chronology of terrorism and some potential trends to come.

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IS "THE CLOUD" RIGHT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

At 93,000 sq. ft. – with 40,000 sq. ft. of raised floor data center – this former 911 regional operations center has a tremendous amount of space and redundancy to keep its customers' data safe & secure.

High-power back-up

Electricity is fed to the facility via four 1,500 KVA service transformers, receiving power from lines coming into the building from opposite directions. In the unlikely event that power is simultaneously lost from all feeds, clean, uninterruptable power is regulated through four GE 500KW UPS inverters and battery packs – enough to keep the facility operational for 14 minutes. But less than 30 seconds is needed before the facility's five, 1,400 horsepower 1000KW backup generators are ready to spring into action – only two of which are required to provide full power to the building. With 30,000 gallons of diesel stored on site and contracts to have tanker trucks stand by on property through major events such as Nor'easters, this facility is not about to lose power!

Centrifugal and reciprocating chillers provide 2,000 tons of cooling capacity, keeping the environment at 74 degrees with humidity levels at 44 percent. Linked to Windstream's nationwide network via fully redundant fiber feeds connecting to three separate regional network access points, data – the life blood of modern enterprise – will continue to flow.

Suddenly, "The Cloud" doesn't seem so scary. With ever-increasing superstorms and other natural and man-made events pounding the nation's woefully neglected, under-sized power grid, it now seems pretty frightening to not have some of your organization's resources in "The Cloud."

This event pulled in a diverse group of Chapter members, drawn by necessity and curiosity. In the technological age we in which we live and work, security doesn't stop at the front gate. We have to think, and act, globally. Knowing that despite our best efforts we can't prevent everything from occurring, we have to prepare contingencies for mitigation and quick recovery. "The Cloud" provides a collective infrastructure that once was impossible for any but the largest corporations to duplicate or afford to be within the reach of every organization. This is yet another implement to add to the contemporary security director's ever-expanding toolbox.

Bill Yacopucci, CPP, is a career security professional and CEO and co-founder of Walter Technology Group.

THE DEBATE GOES ON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

The San Bernardino City Unified School District police force purchased four Bushmaster semiautomatic rifles last July, said Linda Bardere, a district spokeswoman.

Fontana is a city of about 200,000 people east of Los Angeles.

"I came from a teaching background, and it's appalling to think that we'd have to have security officers — let alone armed police officers — on our campuses. But the bottom line is ... everybody has anxiety over school safety right now," Olsen-Binks said. "Our police officers said they would take a bullet for these kids and because they are willing to put their lives on the line, they need to be equipped for all scenarios."

Only sergeants are authorized to check out the rifles from the police armory, where they are kept. All officers have been trained for years to use the rifles.

The Fontana rifle purchase did not require approval from the school board but member Leticia Garcia said she believes there should have been a public discussion before they were purchased.

"We're talking about a war-zone rifle, and so are we going to militarize our public schools?" Garcia asked. "We have to provide a safe haven for people to learn ... but this, to me, seems a little bit too much."

Reprinted from The Christian Science Monitor. Associated Press writers Robert Jablon and Christina Hoag in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

7 SIGNS OF A WEAPON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

3. Jacket Sag: When you place a handgun in a jacket pocket, the coat typically hangs lower on the side where the weapon is located. In addition, you will often see the fabric pulled tight from the weight of the gun, and the weapon may swing as a violator walks. Often, the outline of the weapon may be observed in the pocket area. In some cases, the violator will attempt to hold or pin the weapon if it begins to swing or beat against their body.

In cases where the violator becomes extremely nervous when approached by an officer, he or she may actually grasp the weapon to keep it from swinging or put a hand in the pocket. While this is often seen when people have items other than a weapon in their pocket, it is also an indicator that is very typical of the gun violator, particularly when observed with other behaviors described here.

4. Hunchback Stride: When trying to conceal a shotgun, rifle or submachine gun under a coat while walking, the butt of the weapon will often cause a noticeable bulge behind the armpit. Additionally, the jacket does not move naturally because it is supported by the outline of the weapon. Also, when someone wears a shoulder holster or straps on a sawed-off rifle, shotgun or submachine gun under his or her arm, a bulge in front of or behind the armpit will often be visible.

5. Bulges and the Outline of a Weapon: An alert officer can often spot the telltale bulge of the weapon or, in some instances, the distinct outline of a handgun, knife or brass knuckles in a violator's pocket. This may also sometimes be observed in a woman's purse, book bag or other hand carried item. In some instances, violators wrap a long gun in a blanket or long jacket.

6. Visible Weapon: Clearly the most reliable of all the indicators is when the weapon can actually be seen. It is astounding how many times an armed intruder has entered a facility with a rifle or shotgun protruding from under his or her jacket without being observed by staff.

In some cases, the butt of a handgun is visible because it is sticking out from a back or front pocket. A more common instance is the clip-on pocketknife that can be observed clipped to a front pocket or in the waistband.

7. Palming: Most often observed with the edged weapon violator but occasionally seen with gun violators, palming behaviors often indicate imminent risk to the observer. The

knife violator may run the blade of the weapon up along the arm or behind the leg to conceal it from frontal view. Just before a target is attacked, a violator will also typically have his or her eyes fixed on the intended victim.

Apply Weapons Detection Practices Wisely

Visual weapons screening has proven to be extremely effective, especially if the screener is properly trained. But as mentioned before, these techniques must be applied with common sense, in accordance with the laws of search and seizure for your situation and with a careful view of the overall context. Visual screening techniques are easy to learn, retain and apply as long as those who need to use them are alert and observant.

Use these simple, but powerful, techniques to your best advantage. The life you save may be your very own.

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