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FOR COMMANDERS

Building Antiterrorism Awareness through Family Readiness Groups

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PURPOSE

This paper provides information and resources to help commanders improve antiterrorism programs by building awareness through Family Readiness Groups.

BACKGROUND

- Terrorists pose various forms of threat to Army communities. Since 9/11, terrorists have increasingly targeted the U.S. military in an attempt to influence government decisions. Terrorists' indiscriminant use of violence makes all members of the Army community potential targets.
- The Army's antiterrorism efforts focus on protective measures to reduce the vulnerability of individuals and property to terrorist acts across the entire Army community.
- Families constitute a critical element of the Army antiterrorism community. Army families, because of their direct association with the U.S. military, present a lucrative target of opportunity for terrorists. This, in turn, requires careful consideration for their protection. By including families in antiterrorism planning, commanders increase the chances of preventing a terrorist attack. Armed with suitable knowledge, families can increase their own safety while expanding threat reporting possibilities in support of iWATCH Army. In fact, families represent a force multiplier in preventing a terrorist attack.
- Family Readiness Groups provide a central point where families meet and share information. Commanders can take advantage of this organization to build awareness and collect feedback. This implies a conscious effort to provide information that can guide families in becoming productive in the antiterrorism effort. By fostering the knowledge and disseminating practical antiterrorism tools to empower resilient families, antiterrorism programs gain strength and increase protection for all.

Family Members—Did You Know?

- Important information about protecting you and your family is available from your local unit
- An antiterrorism officer is designated as the primary point of contact for antiterrorism awareness information and can support your Family Readiness Group
- Basic antiterrorism awareness training is also available online
- Additional antiterrorism awareness information is available online through the Army OneSource website

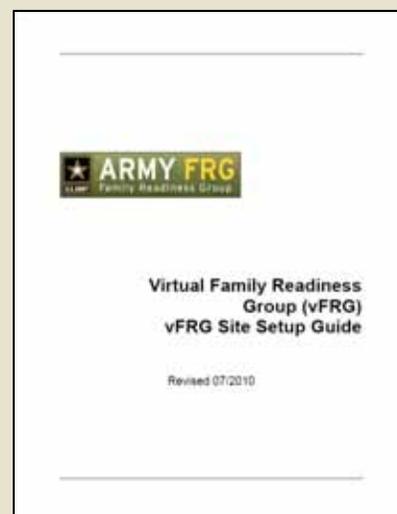
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMANDERS

- Promote education and training for family members and FRGs; examples include:
 - Antiterrorism Awareness Level 1 (<http://jko.jten.mil/courses/at11/launch.html>)
 - iWATCH Army training for families (<http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>)
 - Precautions for using Social Media (<http://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>)
- Encourage family members' involvement in FRGs and vFRGs
- Disseminate AT awareness, iWATCH Army (suspicious activity reporting initiative), Operations Security (OPSEC) and social media precautions
- Encourage the FRGs to use of the iWATCH Army / Antiterrorism Awareness training resource available on Army One Source [website]
- Ensure FRGs and families have access to the subject matter experts and resources listed in this guide

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Virtual Family Readiness Groups (vFRG)

The Virtual Family Readiness Group (vFRG) Site Set-up Guide was published in July 2015. The guide describes the procedure that an FRG Administrator must follow to request a new vFRG site for an Army unit. A brief description of the confirmation and approval tasks that are performed by the Commander, an IMCOM G9 Family and MWR Programs Representative, and a Content Manager is also provided. The guide provides a detailed, 19 page, description of the steps that must be followed to successfully add the initial content that is required for site creation and activation. Finally, the guide includes instructions regarding adding Sponsors to the FRG unit's Sponsor Database. The guide is available at www.armyfrg.org.



The primary antiterrorism resource available for Family Readiness Groups is the installation, standalone facility, or unit antiterrorism officer. Some large organizational staffs and units assigned to installations may have also designated an antiterrorism “coordinator” to assist with implementing various aspects of the program. Each of these key personnel is described below in general terms. In addition to key points of contacts for antiterrorism awareness information, several online resources described below can be accessed directly by Family Readiness Group leaders and family members from any computer with Internet access.

Antiterrorism Officers

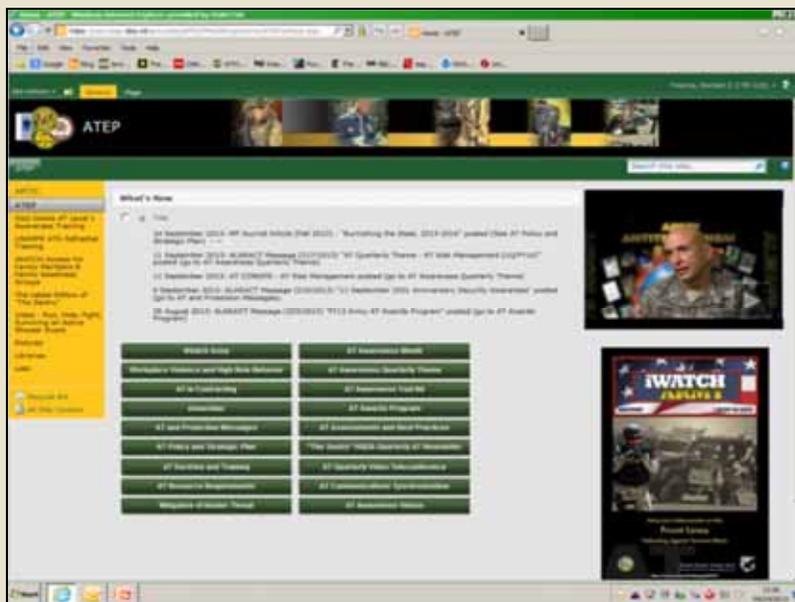
The antiterrorism officer serves as a primary point of contact for matters concerning potential terrorist activities against the Army community. The antiterrorism officer has access to antiterrorism awareness information and products which are developed and released by the command as well as information and products available via the Department of the Army's Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal (ATEP). Because ATEP requires a Common Access Card (an identification card issued only to military and government civilians and select contractors), the antiterrorism officer can access these resources via the portal and provide information and products suitable for Family Readiness Group use.

Antiterrorism coordinator

In large organizational headquarters' staffs (such as Department of the Army and major commands); in tenant units assigned to installations (such as a corps, division, brigade, or battalion-sized unit); and in standalone facilities (such as recruiting stations, ROTC departments, Corps of Engineers' offices, National Guard Armories, and Reserve Centers), the designation of an antiterrorism coordinator is an effective way to augment the role of the antiterrorism officer and expand the organization's ability to share antiterrorism awareness information. Like the antiterrorism officer, an antiterrorism coordinator has access to antiterrorism awareness information and products which are developed and released by the local command as well as information and products available on ATEP.

Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal

ATEP provides substantial information, resources, and tools for those responsible for planning and implementing antiterrorism community awareness programs.



Antiterrorism Awareness Training

The Department of Defense hosts a website for antiterrorism awareness training for Soldiers, civilians, family members, and contractors. The website (<http://jko.jten.mil/courses/at11.html>) provides training and education on the fundamentals of antiterrorism awareness, including protective measures for home, work, and travel.



Army OneSource

The Army OneSource website (<https://www.myarmyonesource.com>) is the primary online source of information for Army family members. A “featured programs” link at the bottom of the home page is accessible through the iWATCH Army logo. A broad range of information and products are available:



- iWATCH Army overview, posters, public-service announcement, and videos
- Antiterrorism awareness quarterly theme information relevant to families

- Information on the use of social media and considerations for individual and family members' use of social media, including the risks and protective measures
- Information on insider threats and active shooters—what to know and what to do to protect yourself
- Cyber threat awareness, including a comprehensive resource guide, information on phishing attacks, and operations security
- Information papers for parents, children, and Family Readiness Groups addressing antiterrorism awareness and protective measures at home and abroad
- Self-help guides for individual protection measures approved by the Department of Defense

Army OPSEC Facebook Page

This is the official Army OPSEC page designed to educate Soldiers, Civilians and others on Army OPSEC. The page offers a wide range of information to help individuals, families, and units to understand the OPSEC concerns and best practices for protecting critical information. The material includes videos, posters, and online media which is both informative and fun.

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Operations-Security-OPSEC>)



The screenshot shows the ARMY OneSource website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation tabs. The main content area is titled 'WATCH Army -- "See Something, Say Something"'. It includes a large graphic with the 'WATCH ARMY' logo and the slogan 'See Something, Say Something. ARMY ANTITERRORISM'. Below this, there are several text-based articles and links, such as 'Social Media for Antiterrorism Awareness and Community Outreach' and 'Always Ready, Always Alert'. The page is densely packed with information, including images of military personnel and their families.

This graphic features a photograph of a soldier in uniform smiling with a young child and a woman. The text 'Life means nothing to the enemy' is prominently displayed at the top. Below the photo, it says 'Protect Your Family. Report Suspicious Activity.' and 'The Army community is a target for terrorism. Specific targets have included Army installations and facilities. Restaurants, retail stores, schools, and playgrounds are also at risk. We don't know where or when terrorists might strike. Therefore we must make vigilance our focus. Make it your focus. Be aware of your surroundings both on and off post and report suspicious activity whenever you see it. Do that and you help make the Army community a formidable obstacle to terrorism.' The Army logo and 'Army Strong' slogan are in the top right corner. At the bottom, it says 'Always Ready, Always Alert Because someone is depending on you'.

SUMMARY

Protecting Army family members from the threat of terrorist activity is a top priority for all Army leaders. The first step is to provide training, education, and valuable resources to inform families of the threat, risks, and ways to protect them as well as how they can help protect the Army communities in which they reside. The points of contact and resources in this paper are intended to arm Family Readiness Groups with this information so they can serve as a conduit to disseminate the material to Family Readiness Group members and families throughout the community.

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