



## THE THREAT WHITE PAPER

### ***Planning to meet the threat:***

At VTS, our experience taught us that the only way to prevent a catastrophe is to actively prepare for it. Plan to prepare. Prepare to prevent. You cannot write a policy, put it on a shelf to gather dust and expect it to protect you. Successful preventive measures are dynamic. They are competently rendered, and they must continually be evaluated and updated. The nature of today's threat is fluid and your plan should evolve to encompass the breadth and scope of the threat. You won't get a check list from us. We will help you plan. We will help you evolve.

Take a good look at your organization from a different perspective, from the perspective of the threat: the terrorist, the would-be mass murderer, the individual or entity that exists to inflict catastrophe. Are your people safe? Are your facilities secure?

Any police officer will tell you, if a criminal is sizing you up and you look like a victim, you are likely to become one. Prevention starts with posture.

Are you postured like a victim? Are you a soft target?

### ***Soft targeting and maximizing catastrophe:***

We believe in planning for the worst case scenario, because that's what the attackers are shooting for. Spectacular attacks are their desired outcome.

Islamic terrorists, white supremacists, eco-terrorists, disgruntled employees and desperate criminals: recent history demonstrates that a small group of motivated individuals with an imaginative plan can wreak havoc upon the unprepared.

- September 11, 2001: 19 attackers, thousands dead.
- Beslan School (2004): 32 attackers, 1200 hostages, hundreds killed; most of them children.
- Columbine (1999), 2 attackers, 12 killed and 24 wounded; most of them children.
- Oklahoma City (1995), 1 attacker, 168 killed, 850 wounded.
- North Hollywood shootout (1997), 2 gunmen against 370 LAPD officers, 12 officers and 8 civilians wounded.
- Moscow theatre hostage crisis (2002): 42 attackers, 900 hostages, 129 killed
- Olympic Games, Atlanta (1996): 1 attacker, 2 killed, 111 wounded
- Superphenix Nuclear Power Station, France (1982): 5 Russian-made rockets fired at a nuclear reactor, narrowly missing the reactor core
- Earth Liberation Front, to date, over 1200 attacks against property in excess of \$200 million in damages.



***Conventional wisdom states that it cannot get much worse:***

At VTS, we regard today's conventional wisdom as complacency, courting disaster.

Much like generals in the military who prepare to fight the last war, many experienced law enforcement and community leaders are preparing to defend against the last attack. More money, bigger guns and more technology will not sufficiently counter the threat.

The problem is that the next series of attackers have seen the results, learned the lessons of the last attack and incorporate those lessons into their strategy. When these attacks succeed, it is because they are a surprise. Their greatest weapon is their imagination, where lack of imagination is one of the greatest weaknesses in the efforts to stop them.

Can you remember the last time you heard of one of these attacks foiled? It's rare, but it happens. It happens because the threat is recognized, imagination is used and competent action is taken.

At VTS, we anticipate and plan for these situations through our thorough wargaming process. We identify new methods of attack from the attacker's perspective, to uncover weaknesses and reduce vulnerabilities.

Imagination followed by competent action is a Victory Tactical Solution.

***What are you planning for?***

Imagine a terrorist organization inspired by, and looking to replicate the 1984 Union Carbide plant disaster in Bophal India, where over 15,000 died and hundreds of thousands were injured. Have you planned for this?

Instead of bank robbers, imagine a scenario like the North Hollywood shootout with radicalized Islamic students on your local college campus. Can your department respond to this?

Imagine Beslan in your neighborhood, at your school, at your business, at the nearest shopping mall. What are you going to do?

What are you waiting for? Contact us at <http://www.tacticalvictory.com> we will help you prepare.

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