

Eamon Gaffney Bio

Eamon Gaffney is a Sergeant in the Critical Infrastructure Support Group of South Australian Police, located at Thebarton Barracks. He has served in a number of strategic research and tactical intelligence capacities within South Australian Police since 2000 and has been involved in various guises at Counter Terrorism Exercises, including Mercury 05, held in Darwin. Sgt Gaffney's current role involves advising sites that have been assessed as being Critical Infrastructure of threats to their industry and assists with site-run exercises as required. He has an Advanced Diploma in Justice Administration (Police) and has recently completed the Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management).

Abstract

Is terrorism still a reality in South Australia?

The primary purpose of this presentation is to provide a definition of terrorism and remind emergency personnel that terrorism is still a real threat in our society. It will break down the misconceptions about how a terrorist looks and provides a generic overview of the current threat environment.

It will also provide awareness that Emergency Service Personnel are participants in all four Emergency Management Phases of Preparation, Preparedness, Response & Recovery.

It will remind - or introduce - the White Level Search as a daily practice to assist in times of emergency. To emphasise the White Level Searching, the acronym "HOT or NOT" will be explained as a tool to support White Level Searching.

This presentation will define Critical Infrastructure and explain the role of the SA Police Critical Infrastructure Support Group, of which the speaker is a member, and outline the responsibility of Critical Infrastructure owners and operators.

Eamon Gaffney has been a Police Officer for 20 years and has been involved in various Counter Terrorist roles for 9 years.