

TOP TEN LIST

Water Supply Emergency Preparedness and Security for Law Enforcement

Balancing public health protection, evidence preservation, public alerts, multi-agency coordination, and the safety of first responders will be a difficult task. These are ten ideas to help you achieve that balance:

- 10 Know the water systems in your jurisdiction** including the location and function of each water supply source and facility.
- 9 Conduct walk through familiarization exercises** regularly with water supply personnel. Discuss areas of system vulnerability.
- 8 Know the chemicals,** at each facility. Be familiar with emergency response procedures and routine chemical delivery procedures and schedules.
- 7 Meet water supply personnel** face to face. Know official vehicles and identification badge or card type.
- 6 Work with established community watch groups.** Be sure to include a feedback mechanism for future support.
- 5 Respond, investigate and report** each and every incident involving water supply facilities using the appropriate reporting form. Contact the water supplier about any incident if they are not already present.
- 4 Participate in public notification strategies** in context with local emergency response plans. Know the clearly established communications responsibilities.
- 3 Exercise vigilance** during patrols for suspicious activity including those of vehicle movement, fire hydrant incidents or any other unusual incidents near water supply facilities.
- 2 Know the Homeland Security Advisory System** response steps for law enforcement personnel.
- 1 Water supply security...for the community and for your safety!** All law enforcement personnel must be cognizant that both individual and collective efforts for increased water supply security will enhance community and officer safety.

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