

## **Bomb Threat Assessment for Decision Makers (AWR-945) Virtual Training**

Good afternoon, Maine Critical Infrastructure Partners:

In 2022, public safety officials, security professionals and facility owners and operators experienced an unprecedented number of bomb threats and responded to hundreds threats that disrupted daily lives and operations. For example, in the months of January and February Historically Black Colleges and Universities received over 65 bomb threats; in the months of July and August institutions of higher learning received over 195 bomb threats and most of these institutions had to make the difficult decision to evacuate their facilities not only disrupting operations but costing untold man hours and resources. There were many other threats that targeted critical infrastructure and houses of worship. In response to these threats the Office for Bombing Prevention developed numerous products to help assess these threats which include a new virtual course.

Bomb threats should always be taken seriously. How quickly and safely you react to a bomb threat could save lives, including your own. As an organizational leader, it is critical that you have both the tools and knowledge to safely assess the different types of bomb threats, the validity of a threat, and how to optimally execute a Bomb Threat Management (BTM) plan.

The Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) is announcing the addition of the new **Bomb Threat Assessment for Decision Makers (AWR-945)** course to its suite of Virtual Instructor Led Training (VILT) Courses. This course is provided at **no cost** to the participant or their organization. This 75 minute VILT provides the participants foundational knowledge on the assessment and evaluation of bomb threats, related responses and considerations. This course introduces types of threats, the threat assessment process, and the implementation of a Bomb Threat Management (BTM) plan. Additionally, the course provides activities that allow participants to apply specific portions of the risk management process and their newly acquired knowledge about BTM procedures to develop a risk assessment of a bomb threat.

Classes are now open for registration! Participants can visit [Office for Bombing Prevention \(dhs.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/office-for-bombing-prevention) to register for classes. Select the desired course and date from the listings and you will be automatically directed to the online application process. Registration must be completed two business days prior to class start date. If you have friends or colleagues that would benefit from this virtual training, we encourage you to share this information with them.

A FEMA Student Identification (SID) number and Password are required to apply. If you don't have a FEMA SID one can be obtained by going to: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register>.

For registration issues, contact OBP Training Support at the CDP at: [obp-support@cdpemail.dhs.gov](mailto:obp-support@cdpemail.dhs.gov) or (256) 847-2195 during business hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact OBP Training at [OBPTraining@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:OBPTraining@cisa.dhs.gov) with any questions.