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*Making Greene County
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ARE YOU READY FOR A TERRORIST ATTACK?

Will you be next?...

September 11, 2001, will forever be known as "Terror Tuesday." For the first time in almost two centuries, American civilians were attacked in the homeland. Because America is free, she is vulnerable to this kind of savagery. These people have shown they place no value on the lives of those that disagree with them.

They think we will cower in fear. They think they can destroy us. But we can beat these thugs and murderers at their own game. Knowledge is one of the keys. Knowing what to do and what not to do lessens their ability to manipulate us.

Here's how to strike back...

If you are taken hostage:

1. Stay calm and keep your head. The first few minutes of a hostage situation are critical. Remain calm, be polite and cooperative with your captors. Your captors are as apprehensive as you. Do not aggravate them.
2. Don't draw attention to yourself with sudden moves, verbal remarks, or hostile looks.
3. Inform your captors of any medical problems. If you require scheduled medication, you may be released.
4. If shooting occurs, keep your head down or drop to the floor. **DO NOT RUN!** Running increases the chance of bullets hitting vital organs, or the head.
5. During a rescue attempt, the rescue personnel will not be able to distinguish you from your captors. Do not attempt to assist the rescue. Lay still until told to get up.

Bombs, Suspicious Packages, or Mail...

If you receive a suspicious package or mail look for the following:

1. An unusual or unknown place of origin;
2. No return address;
3. Excessive amount of postage;
4. Abnormal or unusual size;
5. Oily stains on the package;
6. Wires or strings protruding from or attached to the item;
7. Incorrect spelling on the package label;
8. Differing return address and postmark;
9. Appearance of foreign-style handwriting;
10. Peculiar odors (Many explosives used by terrorists smell like shoe polish or almonds.)
11. Unusual heaviness or lightness;
12. Uneven balance or shape;
13. Springiness in top, bottom, or sides;
14. Never cut tape, strings, or other wrappings on a suspect package or immerse a suspected package in water; (Either action could cause an explosive device to detonate.)
15. Never touch or move a suspicious package or letter. Leave it and the area and call 911.

If you fly...

1. Tell only your immediate family of your plans.
2. Give them a complete copy of your itinerary including flight numbers, destinations, lodgings. When you arrive, call home, give lodging phone number and room number to your family.
3. Carry a flash light and keep it handy during your flight.
4. Take your cellular telephone on your flight.
5. Take your medication in carry-on luggage.
6. Trust your senses, if anybody looks or acts suspicious, alert security. If something does not seem quite right, consider taking a later flight.

Public Buildings or Public Events...

1. If you see suspicious, nervous acting people notify law enforcement.
2. Be on the lookout for things that are not right (i.e., coats in warm weather, bulges in clothing).
3. Be particularly aware of people with bags in restrooms or changing clothes in restrooms.
4. Don't think the terrorists all look the same; well dressed, well mannered, normal acting people can also be terrorists.
5. Terrorists, are not always men, they can be women too.

"We will gain the inevitable triumph so help us God."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, December 8, 1941