

A CONCEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNCTIONS

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DEFINITIONS:

- Civil Security:** Protection of physical and cyber assets and systems to prevent sabotage or disruption
- Emergency Management:** Organization of the civil governmental and non-governmental response to unexpected events
- Health and Environment:** Protection of public health and safety by the detection and monitoring of environmental hazards, and if exposure occurs the decontamination of contaminated people and property. This includes the issuance of Protective Action Recommendations (PARs) to the public including the establishment of quarantine and no access zones, and authorizing re-entry to those zones once established. It also includes remediation of contaminated zones.
- Homeland Defense:** Organization and operation of the military defense of the Homeland
- Homeland Security:** Non-military defense of the United States and its territories
- Intelligence:** Gathering and dissemination to appropriate individuals and organizations of information to facilitate prevention and response of attacks against the homeland originating inside or outside the United States, its territories, and allies
- Law Enforcement:** Enforcement of federal and state criminal codes
- Resources:** Verification of readiness and capability of personnel and equipment, including logistical support, training, and financial arrangements. This also includes rapid expansion of the resource base in the event of a catastrophic event.

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