

HANDOUT 3.1: SCENARIO ACTIVITY

Purpose:	The purpose of this activity is to identify ways in which to engage the community to help deter terrorism and other crimes.
Duration:	5 minutes to complete and 5 minutes for discussion
Group composition:	Large or small groups
Debrief:	Large-group discussion
Equipment:	None

Directions:

1. Review the following scenario.

Description A major city administration planned an event to occur in a commercial sector popular with tourists. Officials expected the event to draw large crowds, with high use of public transportation. To manage the event, officials planned to close several streets, causing more disruption to traffic.

To plan for this event, city officials worked closely with the police, first responders, and other public safety personnel to develop traffic and security plans.

Threats Although no specific threats had been identified, event organizers were monitoring the following activities:

- Community members announced plans for a peaceful protest against a controversial government policy.
- A radical group from outside the community posted several messages on social media sites encouraging people to use the event to instigate violence against the government.

The Event On the day of the event, the crowds were much larger than anticipated. Public transportation systems became overwhelmed. A small number of community members gathered to express their opposition to the proposed government policies. The number of protesters expanded rapidly.

Suddenly, three men started an antigovernment chant. They began shouting and giving signals for the crowd to move outside the approved demonstration area. The scene became more chaotic, and someone within the crowd began throwing rocks and bottles at law enforcement personnel.

