5-06/000.45 - Security of Key Facilities and Vital Buildings

Station/unit contingency plans shall include the identification and response to critical facilities. Critical facilities shall be defined as any building, structure, or complex which, in the vent of a disaster, whether natural or manmade, poses a threat to public safety or represents a resource for public and/or emergency responders. The critical facility may include, within this definition, high-occupancy or multi-story buildings, public utility structures, schools, hospitals, government buildings, evacuation centers, and any facility which, by its political or public nature or purpose, would cause public panic for its failure or collapse. When identifying a critical facility as a potential terrorist target, facilities should be considered for their high-occupancy probability, high commerce value (i.e., shipping ports, stock or rail yards, airports), or the value as a highly political or religious symbolic icon.

In coordination with the Emergency Operations Bureau, unit commanders shall also maintain an up-to-date list of critical facilities such as high-occupancy structures, disaster routes, government buildings/facilities, and other locations of concern to the station/unit or community. Refer to EOP 2-1 for detailed procedures.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, these installations may need additional security, require prior evacuation planning, or necessitate some action where the appropriateness of our response will be improved based on prior knowledge and planning.