Transportation Security Administration

EXIS Exercise Information System

STRENGTHENING SECURITY POSTURE AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL

TSA's **Exercise Information System (EXIS)** program is a no-cost, voluntary program that is designed to prepare a surface transportation stakeholder to effectively respond to security incidents. Through a practical exercise, EXIS examines a stakeholder's implementation of security measures, focusing on the mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

- EXIS discussion-based exercises are intended to explore and evaluate multi-agency coordination of preventative and protective actions related to a terrorist attack. These exercises afford valuable opportunities to better understand the roles an agency, their employees, and their security partners play in the prevention and response to a major security incident.

Transportation Focused

1. **Exercises designed to emphasize transportation stakeholders**
   - Primary participant
   - Focuses on the stakeholder's role during a security incident
2. **Each exercise is specifically tailored to the stakeholder's operation**
   - Designed from the ground up
   - Examines operation at multiple levels, from management to frontline

Eligible Candidates

The EXIS program can be conducted within all modes of surface transportation.

Freight
- Freight Rail
- Shipper/Receiver
- Trucking

Passenger
- Passenger Rail
- Mass Transit
- Motor Coach
- Pupil Transportation

Maritime
- Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) Facilities

Infrastructure
- Pipeline
- Bridge
- Tunnel

EXIS Timeline

1. TSA Inspectors meet with stakeholder to discuss which type of exercise is best suited for the entity
2. EXIS Exercise or Workshop date is agreed upon between TSA Inspectors, the stakeholder, and TSA Headquarters.
3. TSA Inspectors conduct the EXIS Exercise or Workshop
4. EXIS After Action Brief is presented to the stakeholder, and next steps are determined

EXIS Workshop

Small, discussion-based workshop examining standardized security scenarios

Ideal for small groups of participants.

EXIS Tabletop

Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP)-certified TSA Inspectors design and facilitate a unique, multi-scenario tabletop exercise with frontline and management personnel.

Ideal for 15 to 20 exercise participants.

EXIS Full-Scale

IN DEVELOPMENT

Large, multi-scenario exercise with multiple groups of participants facilitated in a practical environment by Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP)-certified TSA inspectors

Ideal for over 20 exercise participants.

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