The Threat is Real. What is CCTA?

CCTAs include acts of terrorism and mass murder that share similar characteristics to active threats but differ in their complexity. CCTAs are characterized by their unique tactics, techniques, and procedures:

» Synchronized and independent teams at multiple locations
» Attacks striking multiple targets simultaneously or in close succession
» Locations selected for being a soft target or other vulnerable environment Initiated with little or no warning
» Employing multiple weapons systems: firearms, explosives, and even nontraditional attack methodologies that are intended to result in large numbers of casualties.

Communities and their public safety agencies need to be prepared for not only the tactical response but also the enormous inter-agency coordination required to effectively manage these dynamic events.

About the Program Team

Hagerty Consulting, a nationally recognized emergency management and homeland security firm, will lead a team of project managers and subject matter experts to support STARRS in the successful development of plans, training, exercises, and a program capstone. The team includes an on-site regional coordinator to directly support STARRS and its partners in program delivery.

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Enhancing Preparedness Across the Region

Hagerty is working with the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) and the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) to support program delivery through comprehensive guide development, training and exercise management, and stakeholder outreach.

An Innovative Approach to an Evolving Challenge

Hagerty’s philosophy is that an effective program for these types of attacks must involve the whole community. The stakeholder group is a CCTA workgroup that includes representatives from fire, law enforcement, EMS, hospitals, and other response agencies.
Strengthening Capabilities Across the Region

The goal is to enhance preparedness and build capacity to prepare for, prevent, and respond to CCTA in collaboration with the whole community across the region through the planning, training, and exercise deliverables below.

Planning

- **Operational Guides**
  Guides and checklists will be developed for frontline first responders for six functional areas.

- **Regional Response CCTA Guide**
  The Guide provides context for a common, coordinated, and unified approach to responding to a CCTA.

Training and Exercise

- **Response Drills**
  Drills to validate the operational guides in a full-scale activity.

- **River Response Workshops**
  Stakeholders will discuss tactical issues specific to riverine attack scenarios.

- **Fusion Center Tabletops**
  Stakeholders will focus on intelligence and information sharing.

- **Public Information Exercise**
  Exercise will simulate the coordinated release of public information.

- **Intelligence & Information Sharing Exercise**
  Intermittent exercise to test engagement between frontline responders with the Fusion Center.

- **Area Command Exercise**
  Interactive exercise to validate transfer to area command after a lone active threat escalates to CCTA.

Capstone

- **CCTA Capstone Exercise**
  Exercise to simulate the activities associated with the response and coordination of the initial response.

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