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U.S. Attorney's Office Announces DHS Bombing Prevention Awareness Course In St. Thomas Set For Dec. 5 And 6

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U.S. Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced on Thursday the upcoming Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Bombing Prevention Awareness Course (BPAC) that will be offered on both Dec. 5 and 6 at the VITEMA offices on St. Thomas. According to the release, both courses run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The BPAC provides participants with training regarding general bombing prevention measures from improvised explosive device (IED) construction and classification through protective measures for potential bombing incidents, the release said.

The day-long course, taught by explosive specialists from The Transportation Security Administration, enhances the participants' understanding of the IED threat and provides valuable information for law enforcement and first responders regarding how to mitigate the impact of a bombing incident. The training will also cover issues associated with potential terrorist attacks, suspicious behaviors, and protective measures available to law enforcement.

"We are grateful to DHS for making this valuable training available to Territory law enforcement personnel", said U.S. Attorney Shappert. "No one likes to think that bomb prevention awareness training is necessary, but it is. Planning and preparation are critical to preventing these tragedies and to responding effectively when unforeseen incidents occur. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, we encourage all of our law enforcement partners to take advantage of this valuable opportunity for high-quality training."

Online registration can be completed through the FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness. Students require a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number to register. Students who do not have a FEMA SID may register [here](#). For more information go [here](#).