

# Homeland Security

IPRO 373



# IPRO 373 Homeland Security Project

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# Introduction

- 9/11/2001
- Develop a product for prevention purposes
- A computer program that assess
  - Risk
  - Vulnerability
  - Provide suggestions



# Work Done This Semester

- Created 4 subdivisions for homeland security
  - Technological
  - Structural/Utilities
  - Criminal/Terrorist Attacks
  - Environmental
- Developed initial website: [www.iit.edu/~ipro373f03](http://www.iit.edu/~ipro373f03)
- Developed survey that can be used to help
  - Prevent terrorist attacks
  - Reduce vulnerability to terrorist attacks/threats
  - Minimize damage from attacks/natural disasters



# Planned Work For Next Semester

- Convert survey to a program
- Attempt to find buyers for the program



# Technological

- Electronic Security
- Computers/Network
- Communications



# Electronic Security

- Control access to vital areas
- Authenticate identification
- Monitor security systems at all times
- Automatic warning for security breach
- Recognize suspicious activity
- Save visual record



# Computers/Networks

- Passwords
- Firewalls
- Viruses





# Communication

- Telephone
- Emergency response system
- Wireless system



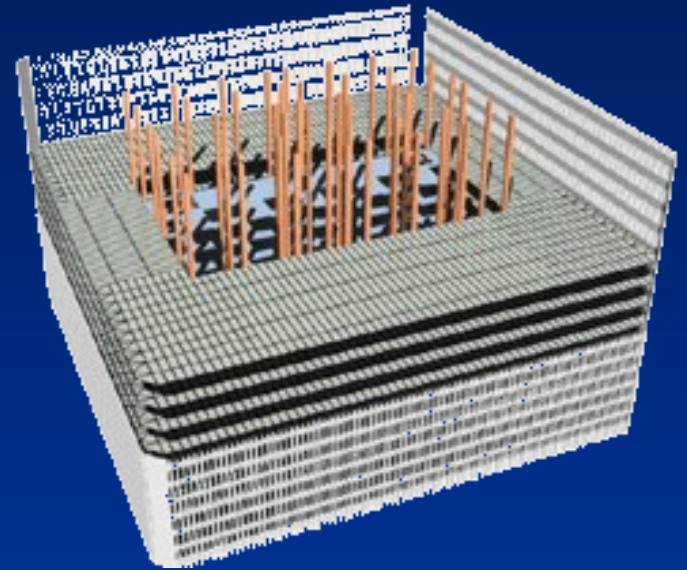
# Structural/Utilities

- Structural
- Natural Gas
- Electric Power



# Structural

- Utilize existing structure
- Identify high risk hazards
- Implementation of safeguards



# Natural Gas (NG)

- NG vital energy source
- Explosive nature
- NG system awareness



# Electric Power

- Back-up electric generator
  - does facility have, require one
- Restricted access to critical utility areas
- Emergency battery back-up
  - periodic battery check policy



# Criminal/Terrorist

- Facility Location
- Security Guards
- Weapons



# Facility Location

- Urban or non-urban setting
- Amount of traffic around facility
- Facility entrances and exits
- Proximity to high risk facilities



# Security Guards

- Onsite security
- Preventative plans, procedures
- Training
  - Drills
  - New threats, attack methods
- Knowledgeable of facility inner workings
- Contact with local emergency service





# Weapons

- Secure access
  - employee, visitor searches
  - metal detectors
  - exit locations
  - security
- Multiple types
  - Thermal
  - Radiological
  - Asphyxiation
  - Chemical
  - Mechanical
- Recognition



# Environmental

- Natural Disasters
- Ventilation / Air
- Food
- Water



# Natural Disasters

- Appear in many forms
- Hard to predict
- Cause massive damage
- Possible large life loss
- Needs:
  - Evacuation plan
  - Emergency response team
  - Designated safe area
  - Monitoring system



# Ventilation / Air

- Safeguard against attacks
  - chemical
  - biological
- HVAC filtration system
- Internal/external safe zones
- Air intakes secure
- Response procedures



# Food



- Definition
- Used as attack method
- Vulnerable to attack
- Potential effects of food terrorism

# Water

- Guard against terrorism
- Detection of containments
- Purification / filtration
- Education



# Conclusion



**Protecting Our Future**







