RUN DNC

A sordid tale of OPSEC
It all began a year ago . . .

- Lee tasked me with planning for our participation in the Democratic National Convention
- Called Emergency Management – not even started planning yet
- Asked to be included when planning started
Six months later

- Train with the 42nd Civil Support Team
- PRND
- CBRN
- Two day instrument intensive radiation detection exercise
- Most importantly: draft PRND plan
. . . a month after that . . .

- PRND Plan still in draft form
- RPS Concept of Operations and RPS Staffing Plan finalized and sent to NNSA
- Still no transportation or communications plan. Food? Lodging?
. . . Four months to go!

- Hotel rooms secured – a “deal” at $245 per night in the Charlotte area.
- Transportation Plan ‘kind of sort of done’.
- Rumors rampant
- DEM defers to Charlotte Mecklenburg EM
“OPSEC Happens”

- Who are you?
- Why are you?
- What are you?
- Fun with the USSS
- 40 ton elephant trying to board a Cesna
- Principle challenge: finding the right person to talk to
• Sent CMEM copies of our RPS DNC Concept of Operations

• Had a copy of the NNSA PRND Plan delivered to CMEM - clearly showing RPS as a player
I could tell you, but then . . .

- Communications Plan still under wraps
- Transportation by shuttle downtown (assured)
- Secured places at the CMEOC and SERT (State EOC)
- LOOKING GOOD!!!
. . . then I’d have to kill you.

- Still very secretive
- Planning process compartmentalized
- Details appear to be 98% worked out
- If your looking for the warm and fuzzies – they aren’t here. . . and then
A month prior

• Cancel the hotel rooms – we have tents!
• What do you mean there’s no shore power at the Charlotte NCNG Armory?
• What do you mean the Armory is unavailable?
Just don’t take ‘no’

- NCNG via NNSA and planning – access granted
- 3 year stymied shore power project completed in one week
- PRND Plan done
- ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO (oops)
Private-Sphere Communique:
Coalition to March on Wall Street South
Anonymous Black Bloc

"We are the Revolutionary Resistance. We claim this space, pure and fearless. We will announce to the police and up to 10,000 protestors as to how the international media digests is an army of ease."

Anonymous Revolutionaries, 10/12/11
Presentation Overview

Overview:

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OPSEC

- Real threat
- Anarchists
- Black Cloth
- Street Doctors
- White Supremists
- Antiabortionists
- Tea Party
- PETA
- etc
OPSEC

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

Operational Security (OPSEC)
Briefing Material & Conversations
Challenge Coin
Thus ended Day One
Day Two – Day Five PRND TOC
Back at the SERT (SEOC)
Very interesting but boring
Ooooh, ‘kay . . .
Denial of service attack (or not)
What will the warrior-guardian of the future look like?

Yo! Dude... back here!

Cyber Security
It’s over . . . finally
Lessons Learned

• Don’t take NO as an answer – be persistent

• No matter how prepared you are – you aren’t (so enjoy the ride)

• The number of vehicles you need will always be n+1

• Whoever the person is that does your planning – they can’t play