

## **COUNTER TERRORISM PROTECTIVE SECURITY**

Ramesh described his role as a Counter Terrorism Security Adviser and that there are 200 people in the role up and down the country.

They cover

- Sports stadia, shopping centres, tourist attractions, education establishments
- Protection of hazardous substances
- Protection of critical national infrastructure sites
- Personal security advice

## **TERRORISM**

This can be international extreme threats.

They do not include a warning. They can be in crowded places.

IEDs FBIED VBIED involve firearms and bladed weapons.

They can be multiple co-ordinated attacks.

The UK has different threat levels

- CRITICAL an attack is highly likely in the near future
- SEVERE an attack is highly likely
- SUBSTANTIAL an attack is likely
- MODERATE an attack is possible but not likely
- LOW an attack is highly unlikely

Ramesh said that when the level is set at critical, the military become involved. Police security set the level. There are always a certain number of suspects that are being monitored but there are others that are missed.

## **EFFECTS OF A BLAST**

Ramesh told the meeting that there are 5 basic effects.

- Blastwave
- Fireball
- Primary fragments
- Secondary fragments
- Ground shocks

The meeting was then shown a video of a blast.

Ramesh asked supporters to report suspicious bags etc. They need to be the eyes and ears when terrorism is involved.

We were then shown a video of a blast that involved laminated glass and how this lessens the effect of the blast as it doesn't shatter.

The CSTA publishes guidance with principles for security. They are DETER DETECT DELAY RESPONSE

The Onion Peeling Principle involves finding the right place, looking at security from the outside to the inside.

Physical security involves looking at fencing, doors, glazing, guard forces, screening.

Personal security – reducing the insider security risk, awareness. Be brave. Ask somebody if it is their bag.

The CSTA helps to develop Policy, procedure, plans.

Clubs are not to put information that might be useful to a terrorist on their website. They may also put up dummy CCTV as a deterrent.

A threat can be an informed threat. Intelligence led.

Impact driven. Business driven.

There is joined up working on the issue of terrorism, the sports ground with the local council. Arsenal have installed a large concrete Arsenal on the bridge to the ground, to act as a barrier. Wembley has installed small bollards.

Rachel F asked if clubs building a new stadium have to follow recommendations made by the CSTA? Ramesh said that they would explain the recommendations and risks but they can't enforce them.

#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

Supporters were given some suggestions on how they can improve their knowledge of the subject. ACT E offer online training.

Supporters were asked to report any unattended or suspicious packages.

#### **Useful links**

<https://www.protectuk.police.uk/>

<https://www.npsa.gov.uk/>

Supporters were given some advice for if they witness an attack.

**RUN HIDE TELL (when it's safe to do so)**

It's probably nothing but .....

Call 0800 789 321

Supporters were encouraged to tell others about the training.

A warning was given not to use your phone within 20 metres of incident. Be vigilant and talk to someone. No harm will be done.

There has been an increase in risk since 7/10 (Hamas/ Israel) attack. There has been some increase in security.

Simon explained that he and Pete Dearden are responsible for assessing the risks of events (not just football). They said that an active search routine is enough to put a terrorist off.

Pete reported that officers are carrying tasers more often. He added would we be concerned if we saw police armed more often? It was agreed that we would be more fearful. Sue C asked if, due to recent incidents, had more officers handed their tasers back? Pete said no. The concerns were after a suspect was tasered and died.

Tim said that he attended international games in Switzerland and Austria. They had German police in reserve. The local population were nervous but the German police built bridges. Rachel (WHUST) said that the risk needs to be assessed locally.