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Situational Awareness Bulletin: Vehicular Attacks



On January 1st, 2025 a rented Ford pickup truck was driven into a large crowd in New Orleans during New Year's celebrations, killing 14 and injuring 35, including two police officers.

Please consider the following recommendations when faced with a vehicle attack:

- Face oncoming traffic when walking along a street or down a sidewalk: evasive action is only possible if the threat is in sight;
- Know where to find cover and concealment: large trees, concrete walls, behind or near heavy security barriers or bollards;
- In the path of an erratically moving vehicle, cut sharply and run at a 90-degree angle away from the danger;
- Walk along streets that have vehicle blockades, parked cars or other protective options;
- Stay near street corners rather than the middle of the block, allowing for more avenues of escape; if situated in middle of a block, know what doors or buildings to enter to escape an area under attack;
- If off the street and in a "safe" building, do not stay, exit through the rear and move further away;
- Do not stand in the front row or on the curb line at a parade or in the densest part of the crowd and consider options for defensive movements;
- Avoid standing on, under, or around temporary structures like stages or viewing platforms, as these will easily collapse if struck by a vehicle;
- Do not run with the crowd: attackers tend to aim at crowds;
- Be aware of and avoid "choke" or "bottleneck" points (e.g., where large groups of people slow to enter a secure area), that are potential attack sites;
- Once an attacking vehicle halts, be aware that there may be multiple perpetrators, possibly armed with edged weapons and/or small arms, etc., and that they are likely still in an attack mode themselves;
- Know that communications with loved ones may be difficult in these situations, list critical numbers in a wallet, as phones can be lost or damaged, losing important contact numbers; and

Most importantly, have a plan before encountering highly stressful situations.

There is no known threat to Vancouver at this time.

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