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M5-C: PPS Design – Delay

Research Reactor Sabotage Protection Workshop



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Learning Objectives

Objectives:

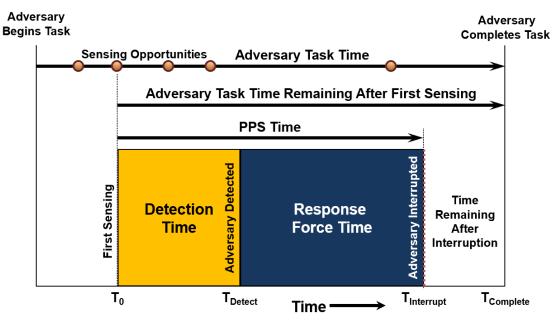
- Understand considerations for the implementation of vehicle and personnel barrier systems
- Discuss approach for delay time estimation





Delay as an Element of PPS

- Detect **Delay** Respond
- Goal
 - Prevent adversary vehicle access
 - Force adversary to use predictable routes
 - Delay adversary's progress and facilitate neutralization
- Principles
 - Delay after detection
 - Balanced delay
 - Integration with the response protective strategy
 - Designed to ensure safety of personnel and facility operations





Vehicle Barrier Systems

- Vehicle barriers are recommended for HRC facilities to
 - Keep stand-off threats away from target areas
 - Prevent direct vehicle access to the building structure
 - Force adversaries to travel on foot
 - Make the removal of theft target material more difficult
- Passive vehicle barriers
 - Natural terrain
 - Engineering features
- Active vehicle barriers











Personnel Barriers

- Fences
 - Prevent casual access
 - Are not significant barriers but can help to channelize adversaries
- Structural barriers
 - Nuclear-grade building structures are robust due to safety reasons
 - Doors and windows present a natural pathway
- Specialized barriers (shark cages, etc.)
 - Can provide significant delay against common threats







Breaching Tools

 Delay must be designed and evaluated against the postulated threat capabilities







- Understand DBT attributes and assumptions
 - Adversary tools
 - Credible barrier defeat methods and their constraints and limitations
 - Defeat timelines
- Use manufacturer's data as they apply to DBT scenarios
- Engage with SMEs in the military and law enforcement communities
- · Conduct scenario-based time-motion studies and barrier testing



What Does Delay Do

- MTRF attack movie vignettes
 - No VBS
 - VBS
 - VBS and shark cage









In Conclusion

- Delay is a critical element of the PPS
- Delay systems include vehicle barriers and personnel barriers
- There are fundamental principles in designing and implementing delay systems
- Delay times are estimated based on DBT scenario information and with information from all available sources





Questions, Comments, Concerns?

