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THE EVENT

• LOCATION

Kawasaki, Japan

• May 2019

• SUMMARY

The assailant attacked a group of Catholic school children waiting for a shuttle. The attacker used a knife in each hand during the rampage. Stabbings occurred on the street and inside the bus. A total of 19 people were stabbed two of which died, a 12-year-old girl and a 39-year-old man. Most of the victims were adolescent children. The suspect later died from self-inflicted knife wounds.

• ANALYSIS NOTES

- Japan has one of the world's lowest rates of violent crime.
- Japan strictly regulates weapons.
- Japanese law makes it illegal for citizens to carry a knife in public.
- Eyewitnesses state the man shouted statements as he approached the children.

INFORMATION BECOMES INTELLIGENCE WHEN EXAMINED AND DEVELOPED.

Those seeking to inflict harm or death on the innocent will find a means to do so! Laws regulating weapons have a specific purpose but are not necessarily effective. So, what is an effective measure to use for stopping violence? The answer is a COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY. This strategy form encompasses multiple tools to accomplish one goal, SECURITY. It is virtually impossible to develop security measures around a single source method and be successful. Protecting school-aged children deserves a comprehensive strategy based on actions for preventing violence.

Sandy Hook Elementary School taught us all that the "unthinkable" is possible, yet we continue to "band-aid protect" our children rather than create a correct strategy at the start. The key is thinking outside of the box in terms of "potential attack methods" (school bus stops) instead of reacting to an already committed action. Until we have trained school safety teams to identify probable methods of attack, we will continue to remain one step behind the aggressive actions of disturbed individuals. Bringing a group of professionally minded people together is not the definition of a safety team. The following training guidelines transforms a group dedicated to safety and turns them into a force multiplier in security analysis and procedures:

- **Obtaining information for analysis.**
- **Differences between information and intelligence.**
- **Security planning and protocols for protecting people and facilities.**
- **Proper forms of information sharing.**

Unless the organization is committed to a comprehensive strategy with proper team training, the "band-aid" approach will continue to leave open security gaps and create vulnerabilities. Think beyond just "doing something" and seek to enable your team with the tools for mitigating violence in schools and/or workplace.

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