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NCAVC
Quantico, Virginia 22135

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Educational Institution

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Dear XXXXX,

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is partnering with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Behavioral Analysis Unit to study bomb threats and bomb-related incidents that have occurred at institutions of higher education. In order for the ED and the FBI to effectively determine the needs of the educational community, we are asking for your assistance. Specifically, we hope to learn of your experiences with bomb threats and bomb-related incidents on your campus during the past five years.

The purpose of this survey is to determine to what extent bomb-related incidents have impacted your institution and how you are responding to these incidents. In an effort to determine any emerging trends or patterns that may be occurring, we will be requesting information pertaining to each year from 09/01/2007 to 06/30/2012. Your response to this survey is crucial in providing the necessary information to formulate useful resources and suggestions in handling bomb-related incidents. We greatly appreciate your participation in completing this brief survey. All information received will be confidential and anonymous. Please feel free to include any additional comments or concerns you deem necessary or relevant.

If you have any questions please contact BAU Supervisory Special Agent Andre Simons at (703) 632-4334, or via email @ andre.simons@ic.fbi.gov.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Questionnaire

1. Name of your Institution: _____

2. Type of Institution¹/Target:

- Four-Year Public College or University
- Four-Year Private College or University
- Community/Junior College
- Technical/Trade School
- Other (describe): _____

3. Enter the number of full-time students currently enrolled at your institution: _____

4. How many sworn officers are currently employed at your institution? _____
How many non-sworn officers or other emergency management professionals are currently employed at your institution? _____

5. How many buildings or other major facilities are considered to be “on-campus” at your institution?
_____ (a building may be defined as any structure used or intended for supporting any use or occupancy)

6. On a scale from 1-10, please rate how problematic bomb threats² are at your institution.

No Problem 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Significant Problem

Frequency—Bomb Threats	School Year				
	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
How many direct bomb threats has your institution received?					
How many functional devices were recovered that appeared to be associated					

¹ “Institution” is defined as a degree-granting “postsecondary institution that grants an associate’s or higher degree and whose students are eligible to participate in the Title IV federal financial aid programs. Degree-granting institutions include almost all 2 and 4-year colleges and universities; they exclude institutions offering only vocational programs of less than 2 years duration and continuing education programs” (p. 269). Snyder T.D., Dillow, S.A., and Hoffman, C.M. (2009, March). *Digest of Education Statistics 2008 (NCES 2009-020)*. Washington, DC; National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

² Any event in which a bomb threat is communicated that may or may not involve an actual bomb or bomb look-alike (hoax device).



with a threatening communication?					
How many hoax ³ devices were recovered that appeared to be associated with a threatening communication?					
Medium of Communication—Bomb Threats	School Year				
	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
How many times was each of the following mediums of communication used, per school year, to transmit the threats? ⁴					
Internet/Webpage					
Letter/Note					
Notice to Media					
Telephonic					
Verbal					
Written on Bathroom Wall					
Written on Other Property					
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter etc.)					
Email					
Internet Chat Room					
Other (please describe)					

Please provide a copy of the threatening communications or the verbiage contained within each threat.

Offenders—Bomb Threats	School Year				
	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
How many offenders were identified?					
If yes, what was the offender's affiliation to your institution? (list all that apply) <i>Student</i> <i>Former Student</i> <i>Employee</i> <i>Former Employee</i> <i>Other (please describe)</i>					

³ Any device intended to resemble a bomb or explosive device. A device designed to deceive or trick.

⁴ Please provide the exact number for each medium of communication used during the threat per school year if data is available. If exact number is not available, please provide an estimate.



7. Based on records *or* on your best estimate, how many times (09/01/07 through 06/30/12) has your institution utilized each of the following emergency management strategies in response to a communicated bomb threat:

- Full evacuation of campus _____
- Partial evacuation of campus _____
- Evacuation of targeted building _____
- Use of bomb sniffing dogs _____
- Visual inspection by law enforcement personnel _____
- Text message/campus notification _____
- Cancellation of classes _____
- No response _____
- Other (describe): _____

Frequency—Explosive Devices	School Year				
	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
How many explosive devices ⁵ has your institution received that were functional or detonated?					
Among those incidents involving explosive devices, how many were <i>preceded</i> by a communicated threat?					

Offenders—Explosive Devices	School Year				
	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12
How many offenders were identified?					
If yes, what was the offender's affiliation to your institution? (list all that apply) <i>Student</i> <i>Former Student</i> <i>Employee</i> <i>Former Employee</i>					

⁵ Any explosive, incendiary, poison gas munitions, grenade, mine or similar device that is designed to be destructive.



Other (please describe)					
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8. Does your institution have a threat assessment team?

9. If you answered yes to question #8, are bomb threats routinely assessed by your institution's threat assessment team?

10. What is your institution's standard emergency management procedure for responding to bomb threats⁶?

11. What factors were considered in determining your institution's response to the communicated bomb threat?

(check all that apply)

- There was no evidence of a device or hazardous material.
- The content or delivery of the threat was concerning enough to merit the chosen response.
- The threat was part of a series of other threatening communications.
- Other options besides full evacuation were available and reasonable given the circumstances surrounding the communicated threat.
- The response was chosen by the school administration.
- The response was chosen by an external third party agency (e.g., local law enforcement agency).
- The response was determined by the institution's standard emergency management protocol (e.g., full evacuations every time a threat is received).

⁶ You may include a copy of your institution's standard emergency management protocol if you would prefer.