



TOP TEN LIST

Drinking Water Supply and Wastewater Collection Systems Emergency Preparedness and Security for Law Enforcement

- 10 Know the systems in your jurisdiction** including the location and function of each drinking water supply source and wastewater treatment plant. Establish contact and emergency response plans.
- 9 Conduct walk through familiarization exercises** regularly with system personnel. Discuss special areas of system vulnerability.
- 8 Know the chemicals** at each facility. Be familiar with emergency response procedures and routine chemical delivery procedures and schedules.
- 7 Meet system personnel** face to face. Know official vehicles and identification badge or card type.
- 6 Work with established community watch groups** and provide them with plans to report illegal or suspicious persons or activity. Be sure to include a feedback mechanism for future support.
- 5 Respond, investigate and report** incidents involving facilities using the appropriate reporting form. Contact a system representative about any incident if they are not already present.
- 4 Participate in public notification strategies** in context with local emergency response plans. Know your communications responsibilities.
- 3 Exercise vigilance** during patrols for suspicious activity including those of vehicle movement, fire hydrant incidents, entry into or around manholes and/or storm drains, or any other unusual incidents near drinking water supply and wastewater collection facilities such as pump stations.
- 2 Know the Homeland Security Advisory System** response steps for law enforcement personnel.
- 1 System security...for the community and for your safety!** Be aware that both individual and collective efforts for increased water supply and wastewater collection security will enhance community and officer safety.

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In the event of an emergency at a drinking water or wastewater facility, coordination between the system personnel and law enforcement personnel is critical. Balancing the protection of public health, evidence preservation, notification of the proper agencies, notification of customers, and the safety of everyone on site is a difficult task.

These are the "top ten" things that may help the coordination between law enforcement, the drinking water and wastewater sectors, and public health officials to work during an emergency.



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Local Water Supplier

Phone #:

Contact:

State Drinking Water Agency

Phone #:

Contact:

Local Wastewater Facility

Phone #:

Contact:

State Wastewater Agency

Phone #:

Contact: