Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices

An improvised explosive device (IED) attack is "the use of a 'homemade' bomb and/or destructive device to destroy, incapacitate, harass, or distract. IEDs are used by criminals, vandals, terrorists, suicide bombers, and insurgents. Because they are improvised, IEDs can come in many forms, ranging from a small pipe bomb to a sophisticated device capable of causing massive damage and loss of life. IEDs can be carried or delivered in a vehicle, or a VBIED."[1]

Potential Indicators

- Vehicles parked in unusual locations
- Headlights and taillights that do not work
- Exposed wires
- Overloaded vehicles
- Unusually clean areas
- Cargo concealed by tarp or blanket
- Overly cautious drivers

Report Suspicious Behavior

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If something feels wrong, do not ignore it.
- Report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.
- Do not assume someone has already reported suspicious activity.
- Do not approach or tamper with a suspicious item.
- If the threat appears imminent, call 911.
- When making a report, provide your name, location, description of suspicious item, and the time it was observed.

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