

Rapid Response Tactical Team  
(RRTT)  
Concept

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Overview

- What is the RRTT concept?
- Why the RRTT concept is necessary
- Where it's being developed & implemented
- Who's involved with the RRTT concept
- Challenges and possible solutions
- RRTT Roll-Out
- Progress to date
- Keys to success

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## What is the RRTT Concept?

- Multi-jurisdictional tactical response to a nuclear power plant
- Tactical team standardization
- Extensive planning
- Onsite training and exercises
- Seamless integration of tactical responders
- Goal: Effective onsite tactical operations

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## Why the RRTT Concept is Necessary

- More effective law enforcement response
- Maximizes law enforcement's limited resources
- Accelerates tactical response time lines
- Addresses DHS Comprehensive Review issues
- Prevent or mitigate a radiological release
- Goal: Protect public health and safety

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## RRTT Locations

- D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant  
– Berrien County, Michigan
- Palisades Nuclear Plant  
– Van Buren County, Michigan



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## RRTT Involvement

- D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant
- Palisades Nuclear Plant
- County Sheriffs' Departments
- Michigan State Police
- Medic One Ambulance Service
- Township Police Departments
- City Police Departments
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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## Challenges / Possible Solutions

- Funding
- Jurisdiction issues
- Command and control
- Private security integrating with law enforcement
- Disconnect between security and emergency management
- Training
- Time

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## RRTT Roll-Out

- Concept introduction during DHS Comprehensive Reviews at both sites
- Post Comprehensive Review "Roll-Out"
- Time line establishment
- Meetings, Meetings, Meetings
  - Sub-Committees
    - Executive
    - Command and control
    - Equipment and communications
    - Training and response procedures

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## Progress to Date

- Onsite training
- Limited funding
- Communications improvements
- Staging areas identified
- Grants pending
- "3D" imaging
- Ongoing concept development

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## Keys to Success

- Maintaining liaison with plant security
- A plant-specific RRTT response plan
- MOUs among law enforcement agencies with tactical assets / concurrent jurisdiction
- Conducting tabletop and practical exercises
- Comprehensive Review process
- Ongoing meetings
- Dedicated people
- Mutual trust

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