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Faith-Based Partnerships

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Partnerships Agenda

- Building Partnerships
- Sharing Information
- Managing Risk
- Preparedness

Protective Security Advisors

Link to DHS infrastructure protection resources for State, local, tribal, and private sector

- Coordinate vulnerability assessments, training, and other products and services
- Provide a vital link for information sharing in steady state and incident response
- Assist facility owners with emergency planning and preparedness activities



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Critical Essentials for Church Security

- Aggressive Friendliness
- Emergency Action Plan
- Triage Teams
- Emergency Response Team (ERT) Kits
- Communications

<http://www.fellowshipone.com/assets/activefaith+digital+assets/pdfs+and+infographics/7+critical+essentials+for+church+security.pdf>



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Church Security Insights

- If an assailant sees a well-trained staff, they may not attack.
- Build a strong relationship with the local authorities, fire and police, and ask for training on how to handle certain situations.
- Utilize the expertise of law enforcement officials who may attend your church.
- Treat ushering as a ministry that is more than passing out bulletins and taking the offering.
- Try to lock all the church doors except ones used for the function. Use a central entrance for people, and if multiple entrances are needed don't leave them unattended.



Church Security Insights

- Try not to have a function that is not properly staffed. Utilize ushers or hosts for all events.
- Organize natural barriers to channel people, which would assist in keeping people away from certain areas.
- Properly train your leadership on how to react to visitors and obviously mentally ill people.
- Have a plan! Know what to do! The best defense is a strong offense. We shouldn't be afraid; we should be proactive.
- Involve your church in outreach ministry and answer the felt needs of your community.



Partnership Mission

- Information sharing between faith-based groups promotes collaboration and quality of life for communities
- Importance of partnerships
 - Engaging the entire community in emergency preparedness makes country more resilient
 - Faith-based organizations have resources to shelter victims during a disaster
 - Encourages preparedness frameworks at all levels of Government covering prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery
- PSAs can coordinate formalized active shooter training for the community



Information Sharing

- Natural, Human Caused, & Technological Hazards
- Counterterrorism & Criminal Interdiction
- Public & Officer Safety
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Threat & Special Event Assessments
- Cyber
- Infrastructure Prioritization
- Protective Measure Options for Consideration



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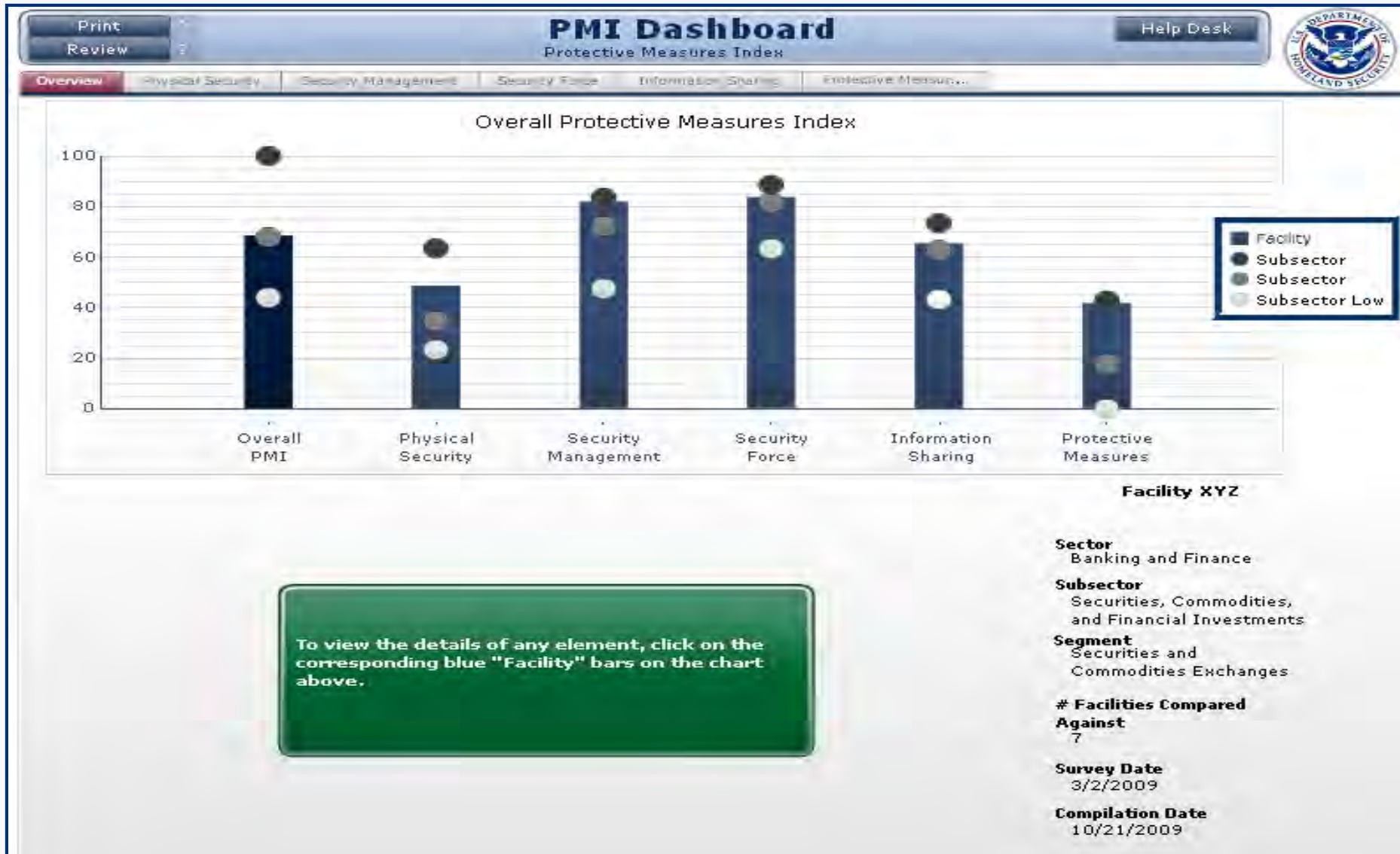
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Vulnerability Assessment Programs

- Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST)



Infrastructure Visualization Platform (IVP)

Blends technical site assessment data and structural schematics with 360° video of facilities, surrounding areas, routes, and other areas of interest to create an interactive visual guide of any location.



Security Training

- Surveillance Detection Course
- Community Awareness Program
- Active Shooter Workshop
- Cyber and Online Safety



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For more information, visit:
www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure

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