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RISC provides unique IED (*Improvised Explosive Device*) Course to Washington Bomb Squads

Seattle, WA – February 1, 2010 – RISC Management, a Division of Magen Solutions LLC, provided the Police Bomb Squad Technicians of Washington State with their first integrated Intermediate IED Electronics course. This innovative training was designed in partnership with the Tacoma Police and Pierce County Sheriff Department in order to provide electronic analysis, X-Ray Interpretation, and Render Safe Procedures (RSP) validation during the two days of their Bomb Squad training cycle. Members of the Tacoma Police, Pierce County, Washington State Patrol, and Bellevue bomb squads learned the basics of the most common IED circuits, how to build their own training aids for further training, and most importantly, how to identify the components and circuits on the X-Ray and plan and execute safe and successful RSPs on them.

Each police bomb squad technician received a tool kit and component package that allows them to return to their unit and continue to train. Chris Travis, Chief of the Tacoma Bomb Squad said: “One of the many great features this program gave us was the ability to look at a schematic and build the device so we can train on the best way to defeat it.” “Before we didn’t have the tools or the time to progress our training to match what is developing around the world in IEDs, RISC brought in instructors with worldwide experience and perspective that allowed us to see the emerging threat, and how to train to deal with it. Most importantly they worked to our limited schedule which is important for law enforcement techs.”

On day two of the training, the mixed bomb squad teams were seen laughing or crying out with either successful or unsuccessful render of safe procedures. The instructors set up training lanes with realistic examples of IEDs containing the circuits learned the day before and a few surprises. The bomb teams X Rayed the devices, analyzed, and developed their render safe plan. A “witness box” was used by instructors to let everyone know if the render safe procedure worked (i.e. the bomb did not go off), or if the procedure was not fast enough or accurate enough to stop the bomb from exploding. A siren and lights would indicate the RSP failed. “This was very eye opening!” Said a member of the Washington State Patrol team “The little black box lets us know what would have happened in the real world would we have done that and is a great feedback tool, no more guessing or arguing.”

Based on the training many of the teams are scheduling a 40 hour full version of the course, which goes into more advanced trigger circuits and render safe techniques.

RISC Management is a veteran owned small business based in Washington State. Its trainers have worldwide experience in countering IEDs from the EOD operator, to forensics, interdiction, community awareness and safety, and medical response. RISC provides customized solutions to each departments needs but never compromises on the level of training and safety required to operate in today's threat environment. For more information about RISC Management, see the company's website at www.riscmgmt.com

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