



Community Level Assessment



Community Level Assessments (CLA) measure core capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from complex attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IED). The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) uses this systematic process to engage partners in public and private sectors, critical infrastructure, government and public safety agencies to assist them in building and sustaining counter-IED (C-IED) capabilities and mitigating significant risks.

CLA PROCESS

- The CLA process is coordinated through the CISA Protective Security Advisors (PSA). Once selected, each community's emergency management, law enforcement, fire/rescue and emergency medical services, hospitals, bomb squad and other representatives engage directly with CISA OBP in consultation with their PSA.
- An Initial Planning Meeting (IPM) is conducted to shape the CLA and accommodate the composition and concerns of the jurisdiction. Next, community representatives participate in interviews regarding core capabilities to counter IEDs. These interviews reflect the Department of Homeland Security National Preparedness Goal and enable communities to visualize opportunities for planning, training, information sharing, and response capability enhancement and sustainment.
- Consensus results from the interviews are incorporated into a tailored C-IED Action and Sustainment Plan (CASP) that includes capability analysis, activities and resources to build and sustain community-wide capabilities. CISA OBP facilitates an in-person out briefing to review CLA results, discuss community goals and outline event and resource integration to increase preparedness. CISA OBP assists in scheduling and delivery of internal and external resources, including training, job aids and other valuable assistance.
- At the end of the CLA process, the community can elect to participate in reassessment and validation activities of C-IED capabilities.



Figure 1: Graphic of the CLA Process.

BENEFITS OF THE CLA

Communities can use the CLA to:

- Implement proven C-IED preparedness practices.
- Assess current C-IED preparedness strengths, vulnerabilities and associated risks.
- Develop a C-IED preparedness plan that includes activities and resources to meet their goals.
- Inform grant requests to further enhance and sustain C-IED capabilities.
- Leverage and integrate C-IED data within their Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review Guide.
- Collaborate with OBP to obtain C-IED preparedness Technical Assistance.

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