

CICTE/OAS hold crisis management courses

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The Organisation of American States (OAS), Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) Secretariat and the in collaboration with the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will be conducting an Aviation Crisis Management course on 24 Jan.

The five-day course, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, will furnish some 18 or more participants of government officials, with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement sound crisis management procedures.



According to Superintendent Ivor Blake, "the training is highly interactive and performance based. Case studies, inter alia, will be used to illustrate effective crisis management concepts and principles and participants will be evaluated on their performance during the exercises."

Blake stated that the basic course may be supplemented with a two-day seminar for selected personnel on the conduct of crisis management exercises.

"The first day is expected to focus on exercise development and scenario writing," he said, "while on the second day, participants will be engaged in a crisis management exercise designed specifically to test the adequacy of their crisis management plan and reviewing of results, to improve any deficiencies."

Upon completion of the training course, trainees must be able to describe the essential components of a crisis management team; describe the essential facilities necessary in support of a planned response to crises and ensure the currency in crisis management plans.

Minister of National Security G.A. Dwyer Astaphan has said that this is just another instalment in his ministry's construction of national infrastructure, "which," he states, "obviously includes aviation security."