

## ■ Security Alert

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**Due to the events in the UK on Friday and Saturday, all churches should examine their procedures and practices, insuring that all security and guest services volunteers are keenly aware and vigilant. I have been in contact with law enforcement sources that believe that at this point these attacks are directed at the UK and don't appear to be precursors to attacks in the U.S. BUT, remember the investigations are still in the early stages and circumstances could change very quickly. Please encourage all volunteers and officers at your church to be on guard and alert to suspicious person.**

**Remember from past terrorist attacks, they tend to inspire other fanatical groups and individuals. A quote from a terrorist specialist, "The summer months are full of significant anniversaries that terrorists around the world use as motivation for additional attacks, so continued vigilance and proactive interaction with people as they arrive continue to be our best methods."**

This morning's Dallas Morning News reported on the Glasgow Airport attack and highlighted a security measure that helped limit that damage and certainly prevent mass casualties:

### **2 men in flaming SUV ram Glasgow Airport terminal building...**

The incident also comes exactly one week before the second anniversary of the July 7 bombings that killed 52 people. Leeson said

bollards – security posts outside the entrance – stopped the driver from barreling into the bustling terminal at Glasgow's airport. "He's trying to get through the main door frame but the bollards have stopped him from going through. If he'd got through, he'd have killed hundreds, obviously," he said. Leeson said only the nose of the vehicle made it inside the building. Richard Grey told the BBC that the vehicle was lodged into the center of the terminal's main entrance. "The jeep is completely on fire and it exploded not long after. It exploded at the entrance to the terminal," witness Stephen Clarkson told the BBC. "It may have been an explosion of petrol in the tank because it was not a massive explosion." Two men – one of them engulfed in flames – were in the SUV, witnesses told BBC News executive Helen Boaden, who was at the airport at time. She described the men as South Asian. Clarkson described him as a large South Asian man. "His whole body was on fire.... He was just talking gibberish," he told the BBC.

If you are not familiar with bollards, they are normally concrete or steel structures, placed at entrance points, to prevent vehicles from being driven into buildings. They were placed in front of most federal buildings after the Oklahoma City bombing. See example below:

