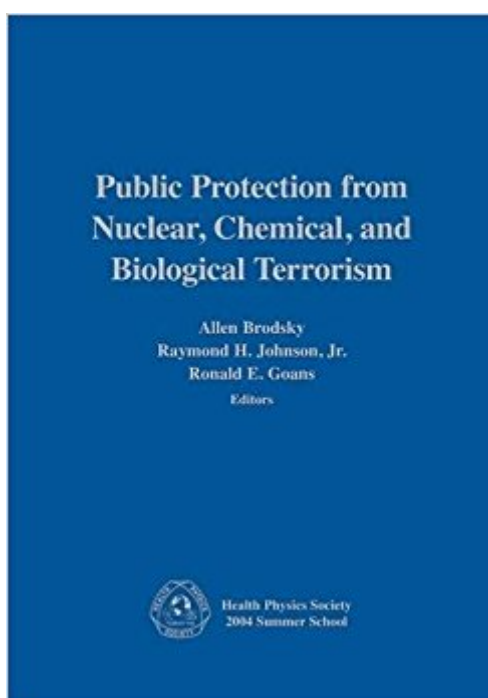


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"This book is a compilation of papers written by prominent health physicists and scientists on the subject of public protection from nuclear, chemical and biological terrorism. The book covers nuclear terrorism in more detail than the other threats."Terrorism and terrorist activities are not new, but they are becoming more sophisticated in their methods and global applications. What used to be a declared or undeclared war between nations has changed into small groups of people from one society going against another society to cause financial, psychological, and physical damage as a statement of their point of view or belief. The book starts with an introduction to terrorism and its social and psychological effects on the general public. Since September 11, 2001 these threats are more real, and the opportunities for terrorism are significant when we consider the modern modes of goods and public transportation in the world and their various vulnerabilities to attack by terrorists.

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This book is still available from Medical Physics Publishing, 4513 Vernon Blvd., Madison, WI 53705, 1-800-442-5778. It provides chapters by about 40 scientific experts and practitioners throughout the USA with the most experience in measuring and assessing risks of weapons of mass destruction, or other releases of toxic agents. It was sponsored by, and used as a text for, a one-week Health Physics Society course in 2004, in "Public Protection from Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Terrorism," the title of the book. Unfortunately, in official government publications, much of the unique information in this book has been overlooked. Thus, it is still of vital importance that those involved in homeland security programs read the chapters in this book. The Foreword in this book, written by a Past President of the Health Physics Society, George Anastas, includes, "...The content of this textbook is unique in its breadth and depth of content, and also for the extensive rules of thumb and data needed for the rapid actions to save life and prevent panic in the aftermath of a radiological or nuclear attack, or in the recovery period..."

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