OPSEC AWARENESS SERIES

OPSEC and Countering the Threat
What is “Threat”? 

- Adversary with intent and capability to act against friendly interests.
  - Other countries
  - Economic competitors
  - Criminals
  - Terrorists
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Understand the Adversary
What does this mean to you?

- Understanding the adversary
- Understanding what information to protect
- Understanding what to do
Understand the Adversary

- Understand their objectives
- Understand their tactics
- Deny them information
Collecting Information

- Open Sources!!!
  - Television news
  - Newsletters
  - Internet
  - Trash/Recycle
Understand the Adversary

• They have the time
• They are patient
• They have the resources
• They have the desire
Change Your Mindset

- Use STU III/STEs
- Shred, shred, shred
- Use email cautiously
- Get trained
- Share on “Need to Know” Basis
- Use voice communication protocols
Summary

• Adversary threat
  – Different culture
  – Different behaviors
  – Different political goals

• Understand them, realize their potential
  – Consider the threat at work and home!
  – The threat is 24/7/365!