

Welcome to the National Training Center (NTC) Fort Irwin California. My name is Special Agent Ned Hodges and I am from the Los Angeles Field Office for Army Counterintelligence. Today I will be providing a brief overview of OPSEC.

Operations Security (OPSEC) is the “Process used to identify, control, and protect critical information.” -DoDM 5205.02

The five Steps in the OPSEC process are:

1. Identify Critical Information (What information do we need to protect)
2. Threat Analysis (Who is targeting that information)
3. Vulnerability Analysis (How well do we protect that information)
4. Risk Assessment (What is the threat to vulnerability ratio and impact to mission)
5. Apply Countermeasures (What can you do to prevent the loss of critical information, equipment or lives)

Know what critical information about DoD activities, intentions, capabilities, or limitations that an adversary seeks in order to gain a military, economic, or technological advantage. "Know what to protect." Ex. Alpha roster, Technical manuals, equipment numbers, and type used for training and down-range.

Analyze the threat by identifying potential adversaries and their capabilities and intentions. "Who wants what I know or have access to?" "In the Los Angeles area, there are 96 different diplomatic missions and consulates... "

An OPSEC vulnerability exists when the enemy is capable of collecting critical information, analyzing it, and then acting quickly enough to impact the mission. "How easy is it for the enemy to obtain critical information about NTC?"

The Risk Assessment is the process of evaluating the threat, the vulnerabilities and the impact to mission. "How good is the enemy at getting what they want, How good are we at protecting it? "How will that affect NTC operations/personnel?"

Countermeasures:

-Proper safeguarding (control access)

-Limited distribution (confirm need to know) “Who are you talking to?” “What are you talking about?” “Where are you talking about it?”

-Properly destroy information when no longer needed.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact Mr. Richardson at (760) 380-9389 or Bldg 286 with any questions or concerns.