

Workplace Violence Becomes A Greater Risk In Weakening Economy, Observes Dick Sem, Security and Workplace Violence Expert

An increase in workplace violence, domestic violence, thefts and robberies due to the challenging economy is presumably precipitated by the related stresses

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TREVOR, Wis./EWorldWire/Oct. 16, 2008 --- "We are finding, from law enforcement, security manager and client sources, that the challenging economy is already having the side-effect of increased incidents of workplace and domestic threats and violence, as well as other losses from thefts, robberies and even bomb threats and sabotage," states Richard D. Sem, CPP CSC, president of Sem Security Management, (<http://www.SemSecurity.com>) an international workplace violence and security consulting firm.

"The strained economy has increased the level of stress among many people, and some may deal with their stress by making threats or committing violence. Stress triggering events such as terminations, lay-offs, downsizings and restructurings can precipitate such violence in some persons. A related threat that we are seeing is domestic violence spilling into the workplace.

"Employers should appreciate these risks and take reasonable measures to prevent and mitigate them. This is no time to cut back on security measures in the name of cost cutting. Serious workplace violence incidents have a significant and detrimental short and long-term effect on an organization's productivity, morale, profitability, reputation and value. There are three facets of a proper workplace violence program: prevention (mostly expressed through employee training and security measures), mitigation or de-escalation (in the form of a threat management process), and response, or safely dealing with the worst case attack situation."

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