

Most airport and airline security measures today focus on the means of terrorism, not on the terrorist himself. They are therefore limited to technology-dependent detection systems or indiscriminate regulations that inconvenience innocent customers. Terrorists, in turn, are constantly evolving methods to overcome developing technologies and to bypass overt preventative measures.

Taking a step beyond this cycle, Athena GS<sub>3</sub> has developed the Pre-Determined Indicator™ (PDI) Awareness Program for airport and airline staff. PDI training focuses primarily on the human element - on the terrorist himself - teaching personnel at all levels to detect hostile intent long before a threat is actualized.

### **The Problem: Complacency and Limited Vision**

If we are not careful, modern technology-rich airline and airport security measures can lead to a dangerous dependency, leaving airport staff complacent and ignorant of all but the most narrowly defined security threats. As effective as they may be in analyzing specific given data, such solutions are passive and depend on the skills of a limited security staff and technicians.

Even preventative steps - such as all-encompassing bans on certain items that could be used as weapons - generally focus on the means of attack and not on the attacker. In recent years, these measures have more often than not been implemented in reaction to foiled terrorist plots or actual attacks. And so, airports and airlines can appear to the public to be "fighting the previous war," and enforcing indiscriminate, cumbersome regulations that are irrelevant as soon as they are issued. After all, terrorists also read about the new rules - and adapt themselves accordingly.

Both the technological and regulatory aspects of modern airline security suffer from the same limitation: they focus on finding the weapon, rather than on identifying the attacker.

### **The Solution: Pre-Determined Indicator™ (PDI) Awareness**

PDI training teaches airport and airline personnel to identify behaviors and objective factors that indicate hostile intent, which increases threat awareness and focuses countermeasures. Based on a methodology developed by the Israeli Secret Service, PDI training refines human intuition for a proactive and encompassing approach to security - independent of specific technological solutions.

Due to its versatility, PDI training is adaptable for air crews, ground crews, check-in and gate agents, and airport security personnel. PDI awareness at multiple levels effectively turns the entire airport and airline staff into counterterrorism agents, making life very unpredictable for hostile elements.

In the fight against terror in the sky, Athena GS<sub>3</sub>'s Pre-Determined Indicator™ (PDI) Awareness Program leverages the most important security tool we've got - our minds.