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object protection - protection for objects of value, such as cash, bonds, jewelry, art work, files, and safes that could be removed from a protected area.

objective - overall goal, consistent with the policy that an organization sets itself to achieve. [ISO 14001:2004]
[ASIS SPC.1-2009]

oblique lighting - a technique of projecting light across a surface at an angle to observe and photograph hard-to-see evidence traces such as fingerprints, toolmarks or inks.

obliterated identification markings - markings that can be restored.

observer informant - a person nearby or close to criminal activity who can report what he or she sees.

obstruction of justice - impeding or retarding the progress of those who seek justice. A deliberate impediment to the administration of justice. Interference by act or omission with the proper performance of a judicial act. Examples include destroying records and giving false information. Also called perversion of justice.

obstructing a peace officer - willfully standing in the way of the execution of lawful duties by a law enforcement officer.

oddtity file - records of physical peculiarities, such as scars, tattoos, and deformities, of suspects and wanted persons.

odontology - a branch of dentistry which analyzes dental evidence, such as teeth, jaw bones, and oral tissues, for the purpose of identifying persons or suspects.

offenses against family and children - a category to record and report arrests for offenses on desertion, abandonment, nonsupport, neglect or abuse of spouse or child, nonpayment of alimony, and similar acts

offenses against public authority - crimes affecting public authority and government.

offenses against public peace - crimes affecting social order.

off-line reader -

offset - the distance on the ground surface, measured from either the transmitter or the receiver in the direction of the line of sight, in which an intruder can crawl, undetected, under the beam of a microwave sensor.

off-site - the area outside of a facility's land boundaries.

on-site - the area within the facility's land boundaries. Also spelled **onsite**.

ohm - the practical unit of electric resistance. One ohm is the resistance which allows one ampere of current to flow through a conductor at one volt potential.

oleoresin capsicum - a naturally occurring substance found in the oily resin of cayenne and other varieties of peppers. It is used in **pepper spray** to incapacitate violent or threatening individuals.

omission - failure to act that constitutes a crime when it involves nonperformance of an action the person is under a duty to perform as required by the law.

one-way password encryption - a computer system security feature which ensures that no-one, including the system manager, can determine a user's password. If the user forgets his password, the system manager can assign a temporary and automatically expiring password to allow the user to log in. After logging in, the user is able to select a new password.

on-line - a term relating to a peripheral device or piece of equipment that is part of a functioning access control system, or a device connected to, and interacting with the system.

open bomb - bomb in which all of the component parts are visible to the naked eye. Also called a **straight bomb**.

“open” buildings – access is typically unrestricted at the building entry level. Tenants, building employees and visitors proceed directly to their destination floor, via building elevators, where the occupier of that space determines the level of entry control and security. Open buildings may provide a concierge or security desk at the street-level to provide directions and deter access by “undesirables” (if they are easily identifiable as such) and to implement security procedures for messengers and delivery persons, and contractors. See also **“closed” buildings** and **“hybrid” buildings**.

open circuit alarm - an alarm signal produced by opening or breaking an electrical circuit. Also called a **break alarm**.

open head sprinkler - a fire sprinkler that activates upon the operation of a valve. It does not have a fusible link or other device that maintains the head in a closed position.

open till pilferage - in retail operations, a type of theft where a dishonest cashier keeps the cash register drawer open, accepts payments for sales without ringing up the transactions, and steals the cash in excess of the registered ring-ups.

opening index - the index or mark to which a combination is dialed in order to effect an opening.

[ASIS PSPSG 2007]

opening signal - a signal transmitted from a protected premises to a central station or other monitoring location informing that the alarm system has been disarmed by an authorized person.

operating expense budget - the acquisition of routine expenses of an enterprise, such as utilities, rent and office supplies. Operating expense items are consumable within the normal conduct of business and as such have useful lives of less than one year.

operating shear line - any shear line which allows normal operation of a cylinder or lock.

[ASIS PSPSG 2007]

operational audit - an examination of a unit or phase of operations of the enterprise to assure that the activities being performed are consistent with expressed policy and generally recognized good practice.

operational control - the plan of organization and the procedures and records that are concerned with the decision process leading to management's authorization of transactions. Such authorization is a management function directly associated with the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the organization and is the starting point for establishing accounting control of transactions.

operational intelligence - the intelligence acquired for planning and executing operations in accord with a coherent strategy

operational reports - a general class of reports which originate at the operational level and relate to routine matters. The operational report communicates information laterally for coordinative and tactical purposes, and vertically to management for control and administrative purposes.

operative - a person who assumes a false identity for the purpose of obtaining information, usually concerning a criminal activity that cannot be discovered through conventional law enforcement methods.

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opportunity reduction - a concept which holds that three ingredients must be present for a crime to be committed: (1) there must be a desire or motivation on the part of the criminal to commit the crime, (2) the criminal must possess the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to commit the crime, and (3) there must be an opportunity for the criminal to act. The first two ingredients are difficult to affect in any meaningful preventive way. The third ingredient, however, can be impacted through a variety of preventive actions.

optical card - a type of access card containing rows of spots of varying transparency. The relative passage of light through the pattern of spots forms a readable code.

optical fibers - glass or plastic threads used to transmit light energy.

optical character recognition - the scanning of input data with an optical device that translates visual information into electronic impulses.

optical turnstile - a turnstile used in conjunction with a badge or card reader and a CCTV camera. The turnstile has two upright columns with a beam passing between them. After an authorized person has been cleared for entry by the reader, the person passes through the turnstile and breaks the beam. The breaking of the beam can activate another device such as a CCTV camera that alerts a security officer as to the entry.

organic organization - a form of organizational structure suitable for operating under unstable, changing conditions. It is characterized by (1) constant reassessment of tasks, assignments, and the use of organizational expertise, (2) authority, control and communications are frequently exercised on an ad hoc basis depending upon specific commitments and tasks, (3) communications and interactions between members are both very open and extensive, (4) leadership that stresses consultation and group decisional processes, and (5) greater commitment to the organization's tasks and goals than to traditional hierarchical loyalty.

organization - a group of people and facilities with an arrangement of responsibilities, authorities, and relationships. [ISO/PAS 22399:2007] Note: An organization can be a government or public entity, company, corporation, firm, enterprise, institution, charity, sole trade or association, or parts or combinations thereof.

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organizational resilience (OR) management - systematic and coordinated activities and practices through which an organization manages its operational risks, and the associated potential threats and impacts therein.

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organizational resilience (OR) management program - an ongoing management and governance process supported by top management; resourced to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to identify the impact of potential losses; maintain viable recovery strategies and plans; and ensure continuity of functions/products/services through exercising, rehearsal, testing, training, maintenance, and assurance.

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organized crime - criminal activity of persons who engage in crime as a primary source of income and who cooperate and coordinate illegal activity with one another. Organized crime often involves the production, distribution, delivery, and sale of illegal goods and services such as drugs, prostitution and gambling.

orientation exercise - low stress training to familiarize teams with their expected roles. It is usually provided in a partial briefing format. It provides an overview of the critical incident response plan.

oscillator - an electrical circuit that produces an audio tone or a radio carrier frequency.

outrigger - the angled metal extension at the top of a fence.

outside issue - in polygraphy, a circumstance unrelated to the primary issue being tested which poses a greater threat to the immediate well-being of the examinee than does the primary issue.

outside perimeter - a line of protection, such as a fence, surrounding but not immediately adjacent to the structure or area under protection.

outsider - a person who does not have official business with a facility; someone who has not been granted access to a site or facility, or to a computer program or operation; a person without authorization to enter protected areas.

outsourcing - the transfer of non-critical in-house support work to external vendors. Outsourcing is almost entirely driven by economic imperatives, e.g., reducing labor costs by replacing higher-paid regular employees with lower-paid temporary and contract employees. The replaced employees often provide support services that are useful but not critical to core operations.

outtasking - a reduced form of outsourcing in which specific, well-defined tasks are transferred to an outside vendor. The chief incentives are often convenience and efficiency as opposed to cost reduction.

over and short record - a log or other written record of overages or shortages pertaining to a particular cashier. The record is used to track individual performance by persons who regularly handle cash.

over-deflected - a condition of a tire in which the pressure on the road is greater at the edges of the tread than at the middle; an overloaded or under-inflated tire condition.

overdose - the administration of a quantity of drug larger than that normally or safely taken at one time, or to which the system has acquired tolerance.

overhead stop - a door stop which contacts the door near the top.
[ASIS PSPSG 2007]

overreaction - a driver's excessive reaction to a hazardous situation that produces another or an additional hazard. Overreaction is usually a matter of too much steering at a high speed.

over-steering - a characteristic of a motor vehicle that results in a tendency to swerve toward the inside of a curve, especially at high speed. A motor vehicle with more weight on the rear wheels than on the front and with too little pressure in the rear tires is likely to over-steer.

overt - an action that is open, obvious, and not concealed.

overt surveillance - the observation in plain sight of the public or of a specific surveillance target by the police. This tactic is usually applied in high crime areas as a means for discouraging criminal behavior.

over-the-counter (OTC) drugs - drugs that may be purchased without prescription. There are an estimated 350,000 OTC products, many of which are subject to abuse, particularly certain cough remedies that contain potent analgesic/euphoric or hallucinogenic substances.

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