



Surety International

Integrity, Intelligence, Inclusiveness

Case Study

Compound Security - Afghanistan

Overview

A leading global consultancy was conducting several interconnected projects within the US State Department funded reconstruction of Afghanistan.

The Challenge

With an isolated compound in Kabul and over 15 senior expatriates living in and operating from this site, the security of staff and emergency procedures were paramount to their peace of mind.

Many of the staff had not worked in an area of conflict before, so a careful and appropriate communication's plan was required to both explain need and to reassure all associated.

The Process

Surety developed a detailed and robust Crisis and Evacuation plan. This entailed understanding the current situation and building an intelligent and workable plan which was briefed and tested.

The Emergency Plan included;

- Communications schedules and plans.
- Locations of safe house which had been pre-arranged
- Various simply coded routes for isolated staff to gain access to safe house, base or military establishment

- A practical staged response with clear triggers which gave sequential build up to provide prior warning
- Preparedness states for all equipment including charging of batteries, vehicle readiness

Surety designed, wrote and implemented several other supporting policies for the compound. These included;

- Guard Orders and QA check off to maintain a standard for the armed and unarmed Afghan guard force
- Physical security for weapons
- Point of Contact for trauma equipment
- Risk Assessments for all travel outside of Kabul

The Result

The Consultants experienced a relaxed environment in which they could safely go about the high level reconstruction and legal work across the country, as well as live in a comfortable compound.