TOP TEN LIST
Water Supply Emergency Preparedness and Security for Law Enforcement

Balancing public health protection, evidence preservation, public alerts, multi-agency coordination, and the safety of first responders will be a difficult task. These are ten ideas to help you achieve that balance:

10. **Know the water systems in your jurisdiction**
   including the location and function of each water supply source and facility.

9. **Conduct walk through familiarization exercises**
   regularly with water supply personnel. Discuss areas of system vulnerability.

8. **Know the chemicals**,
   at each facility. Be familiar with emergency response procedures and routine chemical delivery procedures and schedules.

7. **Meet water supply personnel** face to face. Know official vehicles and identification badge or card type.

6. **Work with established community watch groups**.
   Be sure to include a feedback mechanism for future support.

5. **Respond, investigate and report** each and every incident involving water supply facilities using the appropriate reporting form. Contact the water supplier about any incident if they are not already present.

4. **Participate in public notification strategies** in context with local emergency response plans. Know the clearly established communications responsibilities.

3. **Exercise vigilance** during patrols for suspicious activity including those of vehicle movement, fire hydrant incidents or any other unusual incidents near water supply facilities.

2. **Know the Homeland Security Advisory System**
   response steps for law enforcement personnel.

1. **Water supply security...for the community and for your safety!**
   All law enforcement personnel must be cognizant that both individual and collective efforts for increased water supply security will enhance community and officer safety.