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## **Presentation / Talk Overview**

**I hope the following will provide you with enough information to have a reasonable understanding of the focus of my presentation / talk.**

**The overall objective of the presentation is to provide a better understanding of the necessary commitment and leadership required in order to be successful, especially when operating in a difficult, adverse, and less than perfect condition. Many key values associated with leadership will be highlighted and referenced throughout the presentation. A real world event from October 3-4, 1993, in Mogadishu, Somalia will be used to relate the commitment and leadership so valuable to success. Also, a linkage between an event like October 3-4, 1993, and current day actions in the Homeland Security arena will be highlighted.**

## **Some Talking Points**

- **Doing the right thing - hard right versus easy wrong; if it feels right, then do it.**
- **Leadership values - Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage.**
- **Commitment**
- **Professionalism**
- **Responsibility--Privilege--Trust**
- **Accountability / Ownership for your actions**
- **Teamwork**
- **Lead by example, lead from the front.**
- **Decision making**

**Examples of commitment and leadership from October 3-4, 1993, as well as recent examples, will make the talking points above come together in achieving the stated overall objective.**