

Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer learns of counter-terrorism measures in Israel

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Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer returned to Fresno on Wednesday after a 10-day trip to Israel, where he conferred with Israeli officials on counter-terrorism issues.

Dyer was in Jerusalem on Tuesday when two Palestinians attacked a nearby synagogue, killing five people. Police officers killed both assailants.

The trip, Dyer said, “helped me to understand how complicated the issues are in the Middle East and in Israel.”

Dyer and 10 other U.S. law enforcement officials received briefings and presentations from Israeli security experts. Dyer said he spoke with an imprisoned terrorist who felt no remorse.

“He said he didn’t feel he was a criminal or a murderer,” Dyer said. “He felt he was a freedom fighter.”

Dyer said what he learned will be put to good use in Fresno. He said the terrorism plaguing many parts of the world most likely “will spill over into the United States.” He said terrorist attacks can occur in any American city.

The trip was sponsored and funded by The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs’ Law Enforcement Exchange Program.

City of Fresno Communications Director Mark Standriff said City Manager Bruce Rudd approved the trip.

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