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Counterterrorism in an Age of Complex Threats. What does it take to keep America safe and what can organizations learn from those who are at the forefront of our nation's intelligence gathering agencies? With the internet changing how extremism is fostered, how do we identify who the threats and targets actually are? John Pistole has dedicated his life to our counterterrorism and homeland security efforts. He was involved in several high-profile investigations, and he shares insider stories and behind-the-scenes insights on the many global threats our nation faces (Russia, China, North Korea, Syria, Iran). Offering a look at both the historical background of terrorism and the future of safety, he discusses what businesses need to know in order to safeguard their interests and offers audiences a debrief on the specific challenges of each – from where the threats are and what we can do with limited resources to what we can learn from and actively do about them.

Transportation and Infrastructure Security. From aviation to domestic and international cargo transportation, John Pistole lays out the historic holes in our nation's security, what we have learned from them, and how we are currently protecting soft targets like trains, planes, roads, ships, and metro lines. In a talk customized to those in the transportation or manufacturing industries, he outlines where – and who – the threats are and what organizations should do to protect their interests as he shares fascinating stories from behind-the-scenes during his time at the TSA. He also posits how these industries will change as both technology and the threats evolve and how businesses should adapt.