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Who:	ABC affiliate in Atlanta
What:	Story on fire hydrants and water security
When:	This week

Water utilities should be aware of a television news story focusing on fire hydrants as possible targets for contaminating community water supplies. The story, first reported by the ABC affiliate in Atlanta, Ga., may be running in multiple markets.

The story promo from Channel 2 WSB-TV states:

“Since 9/11 we all worry about the possibility of terrorism. Terror training manuals found in Afghanistan showed plans to contaminate America's water supply, so protecting it is vital. While local experts tell us people in the water community are hesitant to talk about a threat, action is being taken in Georgia to protect our water.”

The story can be viewed at:

<http://www.wsbtv.com/video/13237410/detail.html>

Water utilities should be prepared for questions related to water security that may result if this segment airs on their local stations.

AWWA provides water security information for consumers at <http://www.drinktap.org/consumerdnn/Home/WaterInformation/WaterSecurity/tabid/77/Default.aspx>. Utilities interested in running AWWA's "Working Together" water security radio PSA can find it at <http://www.awwa.org/Advocacy/dww/Toolkit/PSA.cfm>

Additional resources on the topic of water security are available at http://www.awwa.org/Advocacy/govtaff/issues/Issue07_Security.cfm
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