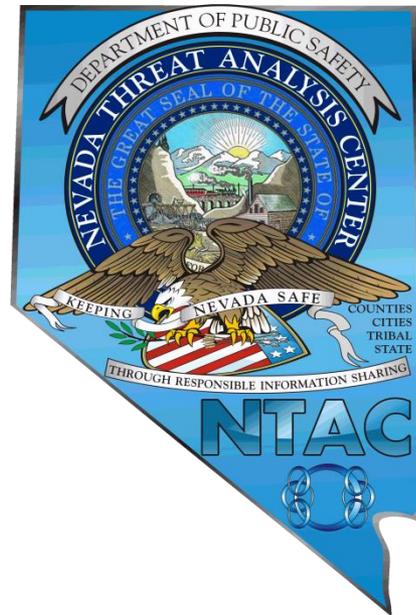


NEVADA THREAT ANALYSIS CENTER (NTAC)



WHAT IS A FUSION CENTER?

- 9/11 Commission
- “Connect the dots”
- Federal Intelligence Community consolidated under the National Director of Intelligence
- Recognized a need for state, local, tribal and private sector information sharing, which ultimately resulted in the creation of Fusion Centers

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- Fusion Centers are part of a national effort aimed at improving information sharing between federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector entities
- 78 federally recognized fusion centers in the United States/Territories

NEVADA FUSION CENTERS

- 2 federally recognized fusion centers in Nevada
- Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC)
- Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC)

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- The NTAC has an area of responsibility encompassing 16 of the 17 counties in state (excluding Clark County), all state entities (regardless of county), and all tribal nations in the state
- The SNCTC has an area of responsibility encompassing Clark County
- In Washoe County, the NTAC receives adjunct support from the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC)

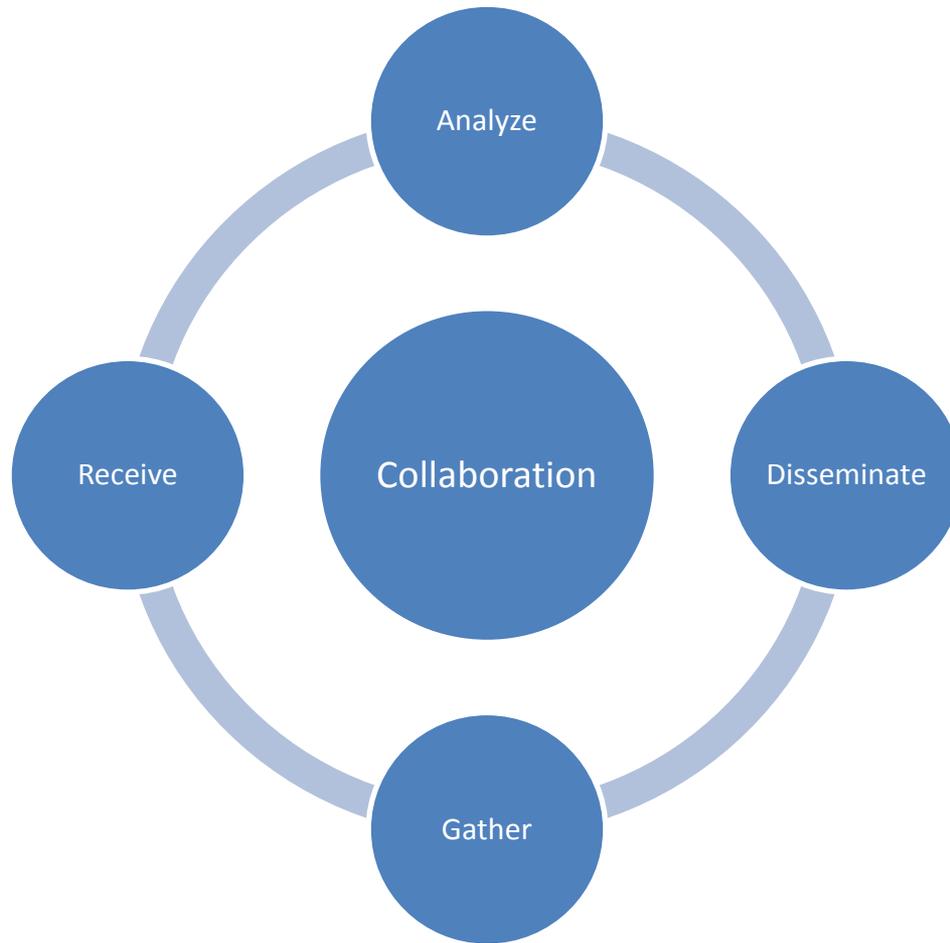
WHAT DO FUSION CENTERS DO?

- Critical Operating Capabilities (COC's) - Receive, Analyze, Disseminate, Gather
- Receive – the NTAC receives classified and unclassified information from federal partners.
- Analyze - The NTAC analyzes federal threat information for local implications, which includes fusing this information with any local threat information it has received.

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- DISSEMINATE – The NTAC disseminates analyzed threat information that has local implications to its partners.
- GATHER – The NTAC gathers threat information from state, local, tribal, and private sector partners to support the analysis and dissemination process.

INTELLIGENCE CYCLE



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS (SAR)

- Support the Fusion Center Intelligence Cycle
- SAR - An uncorroborated report or information alleging some form of terrorism or other criminal activity.
- Identifying behavior and indicators that, when viewed in the totality of circumstances, may indicate terrorism or other criminal activity.

NATIONAL SAR INITIATIVE (NSI)

- Establishes a standardized process whereby information can be shared with LE agencies to help detect and protect against terrorism.
- Analyzed information that is determined to have reasonable nexus to terrorism is shared with FBI and local LE for investigation.
- Analyzed information that is determined to have a reasonable nexus to non-terrorism criminal activity is shared with local LE for investigation.

Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

- 28 CFR Part 23
- We have an obligation to protect individual privacy rights, civil rights, and civil liberties guaranteed under the United States Constitution.
- The Fusion Center cannot collect and maintain information that does not have a criminal nexus or criminal predicate.
- Criminal nexus – (mere suspicion) 1 year – Temporary File

Privacy Cont.

- Criminal predicate (reasonable suspicion) – up to 5 years. Can be extended if revalidated – Intelligence File
- We do not collect, analyze, or disseminate information that is constitutionally protected activity.
- We do not disseminate collected information unless there is a right to know, and a need to know
- Information Categories (Classified, Unclassified, LES, FOUO.)

NTAC PRODUCTS

- Biweekly Bulletin – Situational Awareness
- Advisory / Topical Bulletin – Topics of Interest – Strategic Analysis
- Request for Information – Information disseminated to LE based upon request.
- Alert / BOLO – To provide timely situational awareness on threats, officer safety issues, significant events.
- Special Events / Threat Vulnerability Assessments – Identifying and/or evaluating entities, actions, events, and/or occurrences.

CASE SUPPORT

- Case support – not investigative services
- Administrative subpoenas
- Database checks – NSI, CLEAR, ACCURINT, TLOxp, DICE, Fusion 360, HSI, DHS, etc.
- Alerts / BOLO's

TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER (TLO) PROGRAM

- Network of sworn and non-sworn individual representing many different disciplines who act as a conduit for information sharing and SAR reporting, both individually and for their agencies (dissemination, gather)
- Act a Subject Matter Experts (SME's) for the fusion center
- 8 Hour TLO Course (DHS approved)
- Terrorism overview, identifying suspicious activity, how to report, privacy considerations, fusion 101, Terrorist Watch List / KST Hits, etc.
- Supports Federal Bureau of Investigation – JTTF

2008-2013 TLO STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Trained: 4,249
- Total Training Classes: 123 Classes
- Formal Presentations: 20
- TLO Basic and related training conducted in Fallon, Mesquite, Carlin, Reno, Incline Village, Elko, Sparks, Minden, Carson City, Ely, Tonopah, S. Lake Tahoe, Winnemucca, Las Vegas, Pahrump, Eureka, Fernley, Lovelock, Hawthorne, Gardnerville and Panaca
- 119 agencies and or companies engaged in TLO Program

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEY RESOURCES (CI/KR) PROGRAM

- Identify, catalogue, prioritize, and protect CI/KR within the area of responsibility
- Part of a statewide program known as Silver Shield
- Special Events Assessments / Threat Vulnerability Assessments
- Active Shooter Training / Emergency Response Plans
- Participate in TLO Training

DHS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

DHS Intelligence Officers are deployed across the nation to apply their intelligence skills at the local level, in collaboration with state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector partners and the DHS Intelligence Enterprise , to promote information sharing and assist the implementation and execution of the intelligence cycle.

- Intelligence Officers provide national-level intelligence support to the National Network of Fusion Centers and other appropriate federal and SLTT partners.
- Facilitate the management and implementation of the intelligence cycle.
- Support fusion center efforts to develop, implement, and execute Critical Operational Capabilities and enabling capabilities necessary to effectively execute the intelligence cycle.
- Assist fusion centers and SLTT partners in sharing intelligence and information to develop a comprehensive threat picture.
- Facilitate fusion center access to training, technical assistance, and exercises to regularly assess capabilities.

DHS REPORTS OFFICER

DHS I&A Reports Officers are based in State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers to gather and report potential homeland security related information provided by state, local, tribal & territorial (SLTT) organizations.

- Gather and report information with a nexus to Homeland Security to address information gaps/needs of the Intelligence Community, DHS-Intelligence Enterprise, Federal partners, and SLTT partners.
- Information is disseminated through Intelligence Information Reports (IIR); reports may be unclassified or classified – they do not contain analysis.
- Reports are often incident or event based; recent examples include narcotics and weapons trafficking with a cross border nexus.
- Reporting is conducted in compliance with applicable executive, legislative, and regulatory guidance; the program protects sources, methods, and sensitive investigative matters.

FUSION CENTERS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS

- Fusion Centers share information across all levels of government (State, Federal, Local, Tribal) and private partners to support prevention, protection, and response efforts.
- Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) provide information and support to incident management and response/recovery coordination efforts.

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- Fusion Centers support ongoing prevention activities and maintain situational awareness.
- EOC's generally coordinate activities related to specific incidents.
- Collaboration and Coordination between the two are critical to improving public safety
- Fusion Centers may obtain information on a threat that the EOC could use to better prepare for response efforts
- EOC information may appear insignificant; however, may be part of a larger pattern recognized through fusion center analysis

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- Fusion Center can provide EOC's with:
 - Situational awareness on emerging and/or potential threats
 - Information to support incident management and response activities
 - Information to support operational and resource decisions – (Example: ArcGIS mapping)
 - Extensive gather and dissemination network (wide network) – TLO Program

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- Information sharing databases / platforms – HSIN, LEO, RISS, etc.
- Risk / Special Events Assessments, actionable intelligence, open source reporting, and other specialized products
- Event or incident specific information for planning, response and recovery purposes
- Secure communications (Classified/Unclassified)

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- EOC can provide Fusion Center with:
 - Situational awareness and warnings to support prevention / protection efforts
 - Operational Emergency Management information and SME's

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- Examples:
 - Washoe Fire, Smith Valley Fire, Washoe Lake Fire, Carter Springs Fire, Lyon Fire
 - ArcGIS mapping of CR/KR that could be impacted by the fire provided to State EOC or DEM
 - Hurricane Sandy – ROIC
 - Detailed situation reports regarding shelter locations, road closures, the status of public transportation vehicles, and overall state of disaster
 - Provided updated LE information, maps, and other general public safety information
 - Collected information regarding the condition of government buildings and infrastructure – shared with FEMA and US Army Corps of Engineers to prioritize recovery efforts

QUESTIONS?