

Office of Partnership & Engagement

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Unity of Effort Initiative

- The Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE) was established in 2016. OPE consolidated seven stakeholder engagement offices/programs led by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The Blue Campaign will officially join OPE in 2017, making it eight offices that will comprise OPE. The establishment of OPE streamlines messaging and creates unified outreach efforts to both internal and external partners.



Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

- The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) promotes an integrated national approach to homeland security by coordinating and advancing federal interaction with state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments IGA fosters an open dialogue on DHS issues with SLTT partners, along with the national associations that represent them



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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

- Over 500,000 stakeholders
Non-Federal elected and appointed officials, and associations
Governors, county judges/mayors, county/city commissioners, homeland security advisors
566 Federally-recognized Indian and Native Alaskan tribes
Recent examples of IGA in action
Hurricane Sandy
Boston Marathon Bombing
Influx of Unaccompanied Minors in TX and AZ
Orlando Club Shooting



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Office for State & Local Law Enforcement

- Created on the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission in 2007
- Serve as the liaison between DHS and SLTT law enforcement agencies across the country
- Mission: To lead the coordination of DHS-wide policies related to SLTT law enforcement's role in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters within the United States



Office for State & Local Law Enforcement

- OSLE in action: DHS State and Local Law Enforcement Resource Catalog Highlights resources available from across DHS Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Work with FEMA to ensure that law enforcement and terrorism-focused grants are appropriately focused on terrorism prevention activities Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition Working Group OSLE works to identify actions to improve Federal support for the appropriate use, acquisition, and transfer of controlled equipment



Private Sector Office

- Responsible for building and maintaining relationships that help the Department consider, develop, and implement policies specific to industry partners
Provides strategic guidance on issues that are of greatest, most urgent interest to the Department's stakeholders
Promote innovation within the Department by drawing on private sector expertise and developing creative solutions



Private Sector Office

- PSO portfolio includes, but is not limited to: Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace Mission, Cybersecurity and Technology Portfolio, Securing and Managing our Borders Mission, Travel and Tourism Portfolio, International Trade Portfolio, Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security Mission, Counter-terrorism and Illicit Trade Portfolio, Countering Violent Extremism



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Office of Academic Engagement

- Coordinates DHS academic policy, facilitates inter- and intra-agency coordination on academic affairs, promotes resources, and collaboration with students, faculty, and staff at academic institutions
Serve as the Department's point of contact for academic affairs
Mission: To improve DHS's capabilities and efficiencies by building, improving, and leveraging relationships with the academic community



Office of Academic Engagement

- OAE in action: Manage the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (HSAAC) Coordinated the implementation of the HSAAC's 123 recommendations, with 78% being partially or fully implemented Oversee the Campus Resilience Program Run the National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education (NTTX) Facilitated the FY14/15 NTTX with more than 380 participants representing colleges and universities across the nation Executed 5 MOUs with higher education associations representing more than 1,500 colleges and universities



*If You See Something, Say Something*TM

- The “If You See Something, Say SomethingTM” anti-terrorism public awareness campaign was first started by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (NY MTA) following the attacks of 9/11. In July 2010, the Department – with a license from the NY MTA – in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (NSI) launched the campaign nationwide.



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If You See Something, Say Something ™

- The NSI is a joint collaborative effort, which includes: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and SLTT law enforcement. Together, they gather, document, process, analyze and share suspicious activity reporting to the National Network of Fusion Centers.



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Homeland Security Advisory Council

- HSAC provides organizationally independent strategic advice and recommendations to the Secretary and leadershipHSAC is comprised of 40 members representative of various sectors and disciplines, including law enforcement, SLTT governments, national policy making, academia and research, the private industry, and public health



Homeland Security Advisory Council

- HSAC in action: CBP Integrity Advisory Panel Final Report
Establishing a CBP-wide method to receive, track and respond to public complaints
DHS Grant Review Task Force
Analysis of \$40 billion in grant funding provided by DHS
Countering Violent Extremism Subcommittee Interim Report
Study on the spread of violent extremist ideology and the recruitment of American youth
Cybersecurity Subcommittee Final Report
Offers recommendations to meet a poorly understood but absolutely vital challenge for U.S. cybersecurity



Committee Management Office

- Oversee and manage the Department's advisory committees
 - 25 FACA active committees
 - Over 900 committee members
 - More than 100 meetings per calendar year
 - To-date, roughly 30,000 recommendations have been issued by these committees



Committee Management Office

- What is FACA? Federal Advisory Committee Act is the statute that governs the management and operation of committees established by a Federal agency to obtain advice from non-Federal individuals or entities Why is this important? FACA committees provide specific, timely and actionable advice to support homeland security efforts A committee as a whole may advise DHS on taskings issued from leadership, legislation, or recommend legislative action Ensure the public is afforded an opportunity to weigh into key government decisions before finalization



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