

## Countering Violent Extremism Task Force

**Mission:** The mission of the Countering Violent Extremism Task Force is to manage the synchronization and integration of a whole-of-government effort to empower local partners to prevent violent extremism in the United States.

The CVE Task Force will be hosted and led by DHS for the first two years; afterwards, the Department of Justice will assume leadership. It will consist of staffing from agencies and departments such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Counterterrorism Center. The Task Force is housed at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and includes staff from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). Other federal agencies are supporting the Task Force as needed.

The Task Force is currently led by Director George Selim (DHS) and Acting Deputy Director Brette Steele (DOJ), and leadership will rotate between the two Departments every two years. The CVE Task Force will (1) synchronize and integrate whole-of-government CVE programs and activities; (2) conduct ongoing strategic planning; and (3) assess and evaluate CVE programs and activities.

The CVE Task Force will organize federal efforts into several areas, including:

- **Research and Analysis.** The Task Force will coordinate federal support for ongoing and future CVE research and establish feedback mechanisms for CVE findings, thus cultivating CVE programming that incorporates sound results.
- **Engagements and Technical Assistance.** The Task Force will synchronize Federal Government outreach to and engagement with CVE stakeholders and will coordinate technical assistance to CVE practitioners.
- **Communications and Digital Strategy.** The Task Force will manage CVE communications, including media inquiries, and leverage digital technologies to engage, empower, and connect CVE stakeholders.
- **Interventions.** The Task Force will work with CVE stakeholders to develop multidisciplinary intervention programs.

### **Key Tasks:**

- Synchronize and Integrate Whole-of-Government CVE Programs and Activities
- Conduct Ongoing Strategic Planning to Inform
- Assess and Evaluate CVE Programs and Activities.

## Office for Community Partnerships

### *Mission:*

OCP's mission is to develop and implement a full-range of partnerships to support and enhance efforts by key stakeholders to prevent radicalization and recruitment to violence by terrorist organizations.

Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson prioritized the Department of Homeland Security's countering violent extremism efforts (CVE) by establishing the Office for Community Partnerships (OCP) on September 28, 2015. Secretary Johnson stated that in order for DHS' CVE efforts to be improved, the Department's CVE efforts would have to be consolidated into one component and taken "to the next level." OCP's objective as the Department's leader in CVE is to support, improve, expand and coordinate the Department's existing community based CVE efforts by working with key stakeholders and partners at local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal levels.

### *Concept of Operations:*

- The Office will leverage the resources and relationships of the Department of Homeland Security and apply the personal leadership of the Secretary to empower leaders in both the public and private sectors to spur societal change to counter violent extremism.
- The Office vision is to be the prime source of leadership, innovation and support for the improved effectiveness of local partners, peers and various sectors in countering violent extremism. The DHS Director is a direct report to the Secretary.
- The Director for the Office for Community Partnerships leads and manages the Department's CVE program, including oversight of and partnering with Components supporting CVE efforts; coordinates with the interagency, state, local, territorial and tribal partners regarding CVE, and develops Departmental CVE plans and initiatives. In addition, DHS Component heads provide resources and expertise to support the OCP, consistent with their authorities and funding, implement policies, procedures and programs established by the OCP, and execute Component CVE programs.

### *OCP's major objectives are:*

- **Philanthropic engagement.** OCP will engage the philanthropic community to facilitate long term partnerships with communities;
- **Tech sector engagement.** OCP will engage the tech sector to empower credible voices in vulnerable communities against violent extremism;
- **Community engagement.** OCP will conduct a community engagement roadshow that engages DHS Senior Leadership with vulnerable communities;
- **Field support expansion and training.** OCP will strengthen and expand DHS field staff with training and connecting them to support local communities and front line law enforcement engaged in CVE efforts;
- **Grant support.** OCP will work with FEMA to increase access to grants that support CVE initiatives.

Key stakeholders and partners working with OCP range from local law enforcement, to the private sector, to civil society. OCP works with local, state and federal law enforcement by providing training, exercises, and technical assistance. Influential community leaders such as religious leaders, city council's and local NGO's work directly with OCP field staff in identifying issues specific to that community, conducting CVE community exercises, and voicing concerns at community roundtables.

**Workforce:**

<b>Authorized*</b>		<b>Onboard*</b>		<b>Vacancies*</b>	
Civilian	16	Civilian	9	Civilian	7
Total	16	Total	9	Total/Rate	43%