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~~SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION~~



TSA Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT)

The SPOT Program is a behavior observation and analysis program designed to provide TSA Behavior Detection Officers (BDOs) with a non-intrusive means of identifying potentially high-risk individuals who are exhibiting behaviors indicative of high levels of stress, fear and/or deception possibly indicative of terrorism and / or criminal activity. TSA's evaluation of the SPOT Program has found that SPOT activity provides the following benefits:

- SPOT is an added risk-mitigation measure providing another layer of transportation security;
- SPOT has significant potential to detect and deter activities by potential terrorists at high-risk locations;
- SPOT is an effective method to address threats at relatively low cost;
- SPOT remains the only screening process that addresses passenger behavior directly rather than relying on the discovery of prohibited items they may be carrying; and
- SPOT is an effective additional passenger screening process with minimal customer inconvenience;

OVERVIEW

BDOs screen travelers for observable behaviors that may indicate that the individual or individuals may be a risk to the aircraft or airport. They are trained to detect involuntary physical and physiological reactions that people who fear being discovered exhibit when trying to dissipate the mental stress associated with the fear of discovery; those physical and physiological reactions typically present as recognizable signs of stress or fear and / or deception.

CURRENT STATUS

SPOT is currently deployed at 42 airports with 785 certified Behavior Detection Officers

- As of June 2007, the SPOT deployment was complete and operational at 42 airports on the Cities/Airport Threat Assessment (CATA) List
 - Category X 27
 - Category I 13
 - Category II 2

CHALLENGES

Human Capital being able to keep up with the FY08 rollout schedule hiring process

NEXT STEPS

The FY 2008 BDO deployment schedule is as follows:

- Phase II (through January 2008) – 45 airports (additional 3 airports) to 1,100 BDOs
- Phase III (through February 2008) – 58 airports (additional 13 airports) to 1,301 BDOs
- Phase IV (through September 30, 2008) – 158 airports to 1,744 BDOs

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SPOT SitRep Dashboard

As of 11/05/07: 756 BDOs at 42 airports
 FY08 Target: 1744 BDOs at 158 airports

Report for: ALL Airports (6/1/2004 - 11/5/2007)

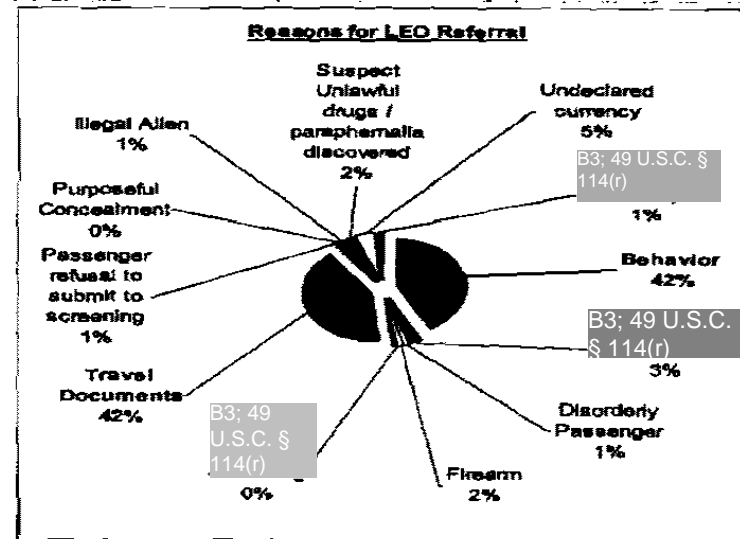
Description	Qty
Total Number of Referrals	68,681
Resolved by TSA at selectee screening	62,310
Resolved by TSA through casual conversation	746
Total Number of LEO Referrals	5,526
Denied boarding by carrier	93
Illegal Alien	1,044
Self Departing	759

Reasons for LEO Referral:	
Description	Qty
Behaviors totaling (from Sections 1-3)	2,308
B3; 49 U.S.C. § 114(u)	11
	151
Disorderly passenger or passenger interfering with screening	66
Firearm, dangerous weapon, hazardous material, or explosive discovered	86
Illegal Alien	166
No LEO referral	14,281
Passenger refusal to submit to screening	36
Purposeful concealment of any prohibited item	14
B3; 49 U.S.C. § 114(r)	51
Suspect Unlawful drugs / paraphernalia discovered	130
Suspicious activity	13
Travel documents	2,314
Undeclared currency	253

LEO Disposition:	
Description	Qty
Arrested by LEO	391
LEO did not respond	256
LEO responded/did not question	356
Questioned and released by LEO	3,784
Referred for investigation by LEO	739

Reasons for Arrest:	
Description	Qty
Fraudulent documents	70
Illegal alien	154
Other	71
Outstanding warrants	66
Suspect documents	4
Suspected drugs	41
Undeclared currency	5

Prohibited Items	
Description	Qty
TOTAL	9,424



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