

**SAR Panel for the Northeast Regional Fusion Center Meeting**  
**August 26**

Approximate panel length: 1 ½ hours

**Panelists:**

- Tom O'Reilly
- [REDACTED] NYSIC
- [REDACTED] Virginia Fusion Center
- Someone from eGuardian
- It looks like [REDACTED] will be at the meeting as well, just fyi

**Materials provided to attendees:**

- SAR Checklist
- SAR Monthly Overview (July)

**Discussion Topics:**

- Purpose of this panel is to discuss how two state fusion centers developed and implemented a SAR process and participate in the NSi.
- This panel follows up on the conference call held last week regarding the development of the NSI National Rollout strategy.
- The questions in the assessment address business processes, technology, training, and statewide strategy development and today's discussion will include these topics.
- To begin the discussion, Captain [REDACTED] with the New York State Intelligence Center and [REDACTED] with the Virginia Fusion Center, as participants in the ISE-SAR Evaluation Environment, will provide a brief overview of how their centers implemented a SAR process.
  - Executive Leadership
    - Support by leadership
  - Business Process
    - Shared Spaces or eGuardian
  - Technical Process
    - Equipment needs/additions/enhancements
  - Training
  - Outreach with the public
- After their overviews, will be a discussion on implementation. Questions to include:
  - What was the most challenging aspect to your agency in participating in the evaluation environment?
    - Why?
    - Is there anything you would have done differently to make this easier?

- Do you have advice for other agencies to hopefully avoid similar issues?
- Why did you choose to use the ISE Shared Spaces concept to implement your SAR process?
- Where there any technical issues you did not expect?
  - Did the SAR Vetting Tool (SVT) help meet your needs?
    - Tom, you may want to explain the SVT
  - Was full time IT staff support needed?
- Would you like to see this concept be used as an “all crimes” approach, expanding beyond terrorism-related SARs?
  - Do you think this would overburden your center?
- Do you receive SARs from the smaller agencies in your state?
  - If so, did you conduct outreach to make them aware of what you were doing?
  - Have you seen an increase in local agency involvement in the gathering of SAR information?
- Have you seen any benefits thus far to implementing a standardized SAR process?
  - Both within the agency and with using the ISE Shared Spaces?
- Was the training effective in implementation of the SAR process?
  - Analyst training
  - Chief Executive
  - Line Officer
- Do you have any lessons learned from the development and implementation of a SAR process and incorporation into the NSI?
- Do you have any successes? Such as increased participation from local agencies, a more streamlined process, any input from the private sector?