



NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

CVE Tools and Training

NCTC Directorate for Strategic Operational Planning Domestic Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Team

Realizing the critical role of communities in preventing violent extremism, NCTC has created tools to increase awareness of radicalization and recruitment, build trust between communities and law enforcement, and empower local partners to engage with their publics. These specific tools include the Community Awareness Brief (CAB), the Community Resilience Exercise (CREX), and the CAB Train-the-Presenter Program.

Community Awareness Briefing (CAB)

The CAB is an unclassified presentation on radicalization and violent extremist recruitment designed to build awareness and to catalyze community efforts on prevention. The CAB uses a series of case studies to illustrate the radicalization and recruitment process, but more importantly to identify vulnerabilities and possible points of intervention. NCTC has presented the CAB to audiences throughout the U.S. and overseas including law enforcement officials, public safety officials, and directly to communities. In 2015 alone, NCTC presented the CAB to 1,500 people including federal, state, and local officials, educators and communities.

Completed CABs to date				
Los Angeles, CA Sacramento, CA San Francisco, CA San Diego, CA Denver, CO Washington, DC	Chicago, IL Boston, MA Webster, MA Baltimore, MD Minneapolis, MN Jackson, MS	Raleigh, NC Mt. Olive, NC Newark, NJ Las Vegas, NV Albany, NY Buffalo, NY	Philadelphia, PA Pittsburgh, PA Nashville, TN Houston, TX Austin, TX Ft. Worth, TX	Salt Lake City, UT Charlottesville, VA Leesburg, VA Manassas, VA Seattle, WA

Community Resilience Exercise (CREX)

The CREX is a half-day table top exercise that brings together law enforcement and community members to run through a scenario of an individual radicalizing toward violence. The exercise is designed to improve communication, build trust, and to share ideas on how best to build community resilience. NCTC has worked with U.S. Attorneys, FBI Field Offices, DHS, and other local partners to implement this exercise in cities across the U.S.

Completed CREXs to date				
Fresno, CA Sacramento, CA Washington, DC	Chicago, IL Minneapolis, MN	Raleigh, NC Columbus, OH	Philadelphia, PA Nashville, TN	Houston, TX Seattle, WA

Community Awareness Briefing (CAB) “Train-the-Presenter” Program

The CAB “Train-the-Presenter” Program is designed to train and empower local to present the CAB themselves to local audiences. This training includes an overview of radicalization, violent extremism, and CVE, and coaches participants on presentation and delivery of the CAB itself. The second day of training has the students present the CAB to community members to practice their delivery. The training builds CVE expertise and empowers local partners to engage with communities, furthering the objectives of the Domestic CVE Strategy.

Completed CAB “Train-the-Presenter” to date					
San Diego, CA	Sacramento, CA	Albany, NY	Raleigh, NC	Pittsburg, PA	Philadelphia, PA