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Salam Haroon,

We received the following questions to answer from the GAO, have you seen this before? Do you have any input? I expect a call from their office to discuss and trying to get as much info as possible.

Thanks

Mike

General Questions

1. Since 9/11, efforts to counter violent extremism (CVE), have become a staple of state and municipal law enforcement operations. What challenges have MCC member cities faced to integrate these efforts into their law enforcement agendas?

- a. What is the MCC's perspective on the potential threat and prevalence of "home grown" violent extremists?
- b. Is the threat of "home grown terrorists" perceived as a major emerging issue for any of the MCC's member cities?
- c. The White house recently released its strategy to counter violent extremism which includes:
  - i. enhancing federal engagement with and support to local communities that may be targeted for violent extremists,
  - ii. building government and law enforcement expertise for preventing violent extremism, and
  - iii. countering violent extremist propaganda while promoting ideals.

Are you familiar with this strategy? Does the MCC have any views on this approach?

2. Are there any specific CVE strategies or models that are generally supported by the MCC or the law enforcement community as a whole?

- a. With what domestic efforts for combating violent extremism or homegrown terrorism has the MCC played a direct role (e.g., programs, grants, initiatives)?
- b. Please describe these efforts and the extent to which you or your organization is involved with them.
- c. To what extent are these efforts federally funded or supported (e.g., through grants)?
- d. To what extent do these efforts focus specifically on countering violent extremism?

Training-related Questions

3. To what extent, if at all, does the MCC provide, facilitate, or otherwise participate in training for state and local law enforcement concerning violent extremism?
  - a. What is the focus of each curriculum and by whom and to whom is it provided?
  - b. What qualifications are generally required of the instructors?
  - c. What steps, if any, does the MCC take to ensure the quality of its training?
  
4. If applicable, how does the MCC develop curriculum and determine course content?
  - a. Are there any specific training models or teaching strategies to which the MCC subscribes?
  - b. How does the MCC determine what constitutes appropriate and effective content for a training program intended to educate state and local partners about violent extremism?
  - c. To what extent is the federal government involved in developing the content and curriculum of training courses related to violent extremism that are supported by federal funds?
  - d. What steps, if any, does the federal government take action to ensure the quality of this training?
  - e. Could you provide us with examples or copies of select courses?
  - f. Can you identify any specific training programs or courses offered by the MCC or any other entity that you think are particularly effective or ineffective? Why?
  
5. To what extent have your members received CVE training directly from the federal government?
  - a. Which federal agencies have provided this training and in what format and mode of delivery?
  - b. Are you aware if your members have used federal grant funds to pay for CVE training, and if so, which grant programs?
  - c. Could you provide us with specific Sheriffs' departments that have had federally-provided or federally-funded CVE training?
  
6. There have been media reports and allegations that some of the individuals who provide training to law enforcement agencies have characterized all Muslims as terrorists and equated our war against terrorism as a war against Islam. To what extent, if at all, are you aware of any complaints about the content or administration of training programs related to countering violent extremism?
  
7. What challenges, if any, exist in providing training related to countering violent extremism?
  
8. What actions do you think federal, state, or local law enforcement should take to ensure that efforts to counter violent extremism are appropriate and effective?

Other Questions

9. Is there anything we have not asked about that you think is important we know?

Can you recommend any specific state and local law enforcement entities or training providers for us to consult for our review?

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