

**Homeland Security Advisory Council Meeting**

**12:00 pm-3:30 pm, January 9, 2012, TSA HQ, 601 South 12<sup>th</sup> St., East Bldg, Crystal City**

**LOGISTICS:**

Closed Session/Secret Level:

- 12:00 p.m. Secretary Napolitano will speak about 2012 Secretarial Initiatives
- 1:00 p.m. Working Lunch (b)(6) will speak about TSA Risk-Based Security
- 1:45 p.m. BREAK
- **2:10 p.m. You** and (b)(6) are introduced by (b)(6)
- **2:15 p.m. You** discuss your role as the CVE Coordinator at DHS and your joint efforts with the NSS, NCTC, DOJ, and the FBI to implement the SIP
- **3:30 p.m. You** depart from the meeting

You will be speaking to an in-person meeting of the HSAC and there will be time for questions following your briefing. The (b)(6) the (b)(6) (b)(6) and all of the HSAC members will be present. Additionally, there will be 25 DHS personnel attending the meeting. The HSAC meeting will be held at the secret level.

**DECISION POINTS OR ASKS:**

- Announce the newly released National CVE SIP and discuss efforts to work with the White House, interagency, and State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial partners to implement the SIP.
  - Note that DHS, NCTC, DOJ, and the FBI have formed a small working group to meet on a weekly basis to ensure the priorities in the SIP are implemented in a timely manner.
  - Mention that the SIP action items fulfill a number of the HSAC CVE Working Group Recommendations.
- Announce that DHS, in conjunction with the NSS and interagency, has implemented a number of the HSAC CVE Working Group Recommendations, including: 1) Developing CVE training for law enforcement and communities; 2) Creating best practices for law enforcement agencies and the community; 3) Working with DOJ to better incorporate community-oriented policing efforts; 4) Establishing information-driven, community-based violent crime reduction capabilities; 5) Developing common terminology; 6) Expanding CRCL engagements; and 7) Developing case studies.
- Highlight the following key CVE milestones:
  - **SAR Training:** Over 181,000 Law Enforcement officials have been trained on the DHS-DOJ led Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative.
  - **Curriculum Development:** DHS is working to pilot two curriculum efforts by the end of February, 2012: 1) FLETC's curriculum for federal officers, to be piloted in Glynco, GA in February, 2012; and 2) LAPD and the National Consortium for Advanced Policing (NCAP)'s State and Local curriculum for Academies and the 16-hour continuing education block for frontline officers, to be piloted in San Diego by the end of January.  
**Note:** The Major City Chiefs (MCC) passed a motion to adopt the new SLTT CVE Curriculum at all of their Law Enforcement Academies by the end of 2012.  
**Note:** These trainings fulfill a major HSAC CVE recommendation.
  - **S&T Reports:** Since 2009, S&T has produced over 20 reports on violent extremism.

- **CRCL Roundtables:** In 2011, CRCL doubled its engagement efforts and conducted over 72 community engagement events.
- **CVE Website:** DHS created a CVE website with best practices and CVE resources for Federal and SLTT officials. The website can be accessed at [www.dhs.gov/cve](http://www.dhs.gov/cve)
- **International CVE Coordination:** DHS has worked with several international partners (Canada, Germany, Belgium, the UK) and has launched a major information sharing initiative with Europol, and will host a delegation of Europol/EU Members in January.
- **CVE Conference:** DHS held a CVE conference for over 200 SLTT partners in Columbus, OH in August, 2011.
- **Grant Guidance:** DHS is working to incorporate CVE language into 2012 grant guidance.

### **SIP TALKING POINTS:**

- On December 8, 2011, after 5 months of planning and consultation with interagency partners, the White House released the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Administration's CVE Strategy.
- The SIP lists the current and future actions the USG will take in support of a locally-focused, community-based approach, in three broad areas:
  - **Enhancing Engagement with and support to local communities:** Our aims in engaging with communities to discuss violent extremism are to (1) share sound, meaningful, and timely information about the threat of radicalization to violence with a wide range of groups and organizations; (2) respond to concerns about government policies and actions; and (3) better understand how we can effectively support community-based solutions.
  - **Building Government and Law Enforcement Expertise:** We are building robust training programs to ensure that communities, government, and law enforcement receive accurate, intelligence-based information about the dynamics of violent extremism. Misinformation about the threat and poor training harms our security by sending stakeholders in the wrong direction and creating tensions with communities.
  - **Countering Violent Extremist Propaganda while Promoting our Ideals:** We will aggressively counter violent extremist ideologies – including on the Internet – by educating and empowering communities and promoting our ideals. In the case of our current priority, we will, through our words and deeds, rebut al-Qa'ida's lie that the United States is somehow at war with Islam.
- The SIP Approach underscores the strength of community-based problem solving, local partnerships, and community-oriented policing. We are building our efforts from existing structures, while creating capacity to fill gaps as we implement programs.

### **KEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The HSAC is an organizationally independent advisory board of highly-distinguished leaders from state and local government, first responder communities, the private sector, and academia which provide you with recommendations and strategic guidance.

In January 2011, Secretary Napolitano announced the National Terrorism Advisory System, which was informed by the HSAC's Homeland Security Advisory System Task Force. In August 2011, DHS and the White House announced the Department and Administration's

approach to Countering Violent Extremism. These documents were informed by the HSAC's Countering Violent Extremism working group that put forth recommendations in May 2010. A number of the HSAC CVE recommendations have been implemented and are also included in the SIP.

**IF ASKED:**

- **Which of the HSAC CVE Working Group Recommendations have been implemented?**
  - DHS, in conjunction with the White House, NCTC, DOJ, and the FBI, has implemented a number of priorities in the SIP, including the following: 1) Developing CVE training for law enforcement and communities; 2) Creating best practices for law enforcement agencies and the community; 3) Working with DOJ to better incorporate community-oriented policing efforts; 4) Establishing information-driven, community-based violent crime reduction capabilities; 5) Developing common terminology; 6) Expanding CRCL engagements; and 7) Developing case studies.
- **How is DHS working to implement the priorities in the SIP?**
  - DHS' Internal CVE Working Group meets weekly to ensure the priorities of the SIP are being implemented and is tracking the progress of each individual priority. DHS, NCTC, DOJ, and the FBI have also formed a small working group which meets on a weekly basis to ensure the priorities in the SIP are implemented in a timely manner. The interagency also coordinated the development of the SIP through the multiple Deputies Breakfast meetings, and will continue to advance the SIP goals through these meetings.
- **How is DHS ensuring that its training and curriculum development is coordinated with the interagency and meets the mutual standards agreed upon by the interagency?**
  - DHS created a CVE Curriculum Working Group on September 17, 2010, chaired by LAPD Deputy Chief Michael Downing, as a result of the HSAC recommendations that were issued in August, 2010, and this Curriculum Working Group was comprised of representatives from the federal government and state and local law enforcement entities. This working group discussed best practices for community policing and created a new curriculum guidance based on mutually agreed upon standards and definitions.
  - DHS is currently establishing an internal training review process that will look at all DHS provided and funded CVE trainings; it will ensure that all DHS trainings are in line with Department and Administration approach on CVE.
  - FEMA issued an informational bulletin to all grantees, state and local partners, and law enforcement outlining how training and trainers should accurate, intelligence driven, legally following civil rights and civil liberties protections, and operationally sound.
  - The guidance is based off the work of the Interagency Law Enforcement Training Working Group that is lead by DHS and continues to meet.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Draft Agenda for January 9<sup>th</sup> HSAC Meeting
- B. HSAC Member Biographies
- C. HSAC CVE Working Group Recommendations
- D. National CVE SIP

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