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Mission Spotlight

NPPD Participates in White House Efforts to Counter Violent Extremism

National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) Deputy Under Secretary Ronald Clark and Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection Caitlin Durkovich participated in the White House Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Summit on February 18, 2015, to discuss community-oriented approaches against hateful, extremist ideologies and narratives that radicalize, recruit, or incite violence.

According to a [White House fact sheet](#), violent extremist threats can come from a range of groups and individuals, including domestic terrorists and homegrown violent extremists in the United States, as well as terrorist groups like al-Qaeda and ISIL. CVE encompasses the preventative aspects of counterterrorism as well as interventions to undermine the attraction of extremist movements and ideologies that seek to promote violence. CVE efforts address the root causes of extremism through community engagement, including the following programs:

- **Building awareness**—including briefings on the drivers and indicators of radicalization and recruitment to violence;
- **Countering extremist narratives**—directly addressing and countering violent extremist recruitment narratives, such as encouraging civil, society-led counter narratives online; and
- **Emphasizing Community Led Intervention**—empowering community efforts to disrupt the radicalization process before an individual engages in criminal activity.

“We have learned through our work with communities that countering violence efforts are best pursued at the local level, customized for communities, where local officials form relationships within their communities through established policing and outreach mechanisms,” said Clark.

DHS supports this mission in a variety of ways. Efforts led by the NPPD Office of Infrastructure Protection's Office for Strategic Engagement in Los Angeles were highlighted as a national model for empowering communities to build scalable, sustainable prevention and intervention programming as part of their risk-mitigation profile.

“Because one of our greatest strengths is building public-private partnerships, NPPD will also support the Department by working across industry, non-governmental organizations, and local communities to identify, convene, and promote credible voices whose narratives counter violent propaganda,” said Durkovich.

DHS will be doing more outreach and communication to raise awareness in this mission space. To learn more about CVE activities, read the [White House press release on the CVE Summit](#) and the [National Strategy](#).

Quarterly Highlights

Request for Public Comment: Complementary Position, Navigation, and Timing Capability—Federal Register Notice

On March 23, 2015, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [Federal Register Notice](#) opening a 60-day comment period on potential plans by the government to implement a complementary capability to the Global Positioning System (GPS) using an enhanced Long Range Navigation (eLORAN) system.

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