

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM TRAINING

Dept/Agency	Objective 1: Enhancing Federal Engagement with and Support to Local Communities that May be Targeted by Violent Extremists (Training on how to foster engagement, cultural awareness, community resilience, community partnerships)	Objective 2: Building Government and Law Enforcement Expertise for Preventing Violent Extremism (Training for government/law enforcement on the process of violent extremism/radicalization to violence)	Objective 3: Countering violent extremist propaganda while promoting our ideals (Training on increasing community capacity to counter violent narratives)
Department of Homeland Security			
Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL)	<p>Summary: CRCL had integrated presentations on the SIP into various round table discussions around the country. The roundtables themselves are not solely aimed at CVE objectives, rather they are focused on developing better partnerships with state and local partners regarding a multitude of issues that affect communities as well as grievances.</p> <p>Topics: What the Strategic Implementation plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the US means and how it applies locally, defining what CVE is and the Department's approach, and sharing best practices that can be used in regards to building partnerships and sustainable engagement.</p>	<p>Summary: On-site four hour training for state and local law enforcement and intelligence officials. Three modules: 1) Understanding Radicalization to Violence; 2) cultural demystification; and 3) community engagement. This training is has been incorporated into the Department's overall training initiative; CRCL is also developing further cultural demystification modules for various communities.</p> <p>Topics: an unclassified threat briefing, misconceptions and stereotypes of Islam and Muslims, a how-to guide for community interaction, effective policing without the use of ethnic profiling, and US Government approach to engagement and outreach.</p>	

<p>DHS Intelligence & Analysis (I&A)</p>		<p>Summary: Basic Intelligence Threat Analysis Course (BITAC), a classified DHS Intelligence Enterprise (IE) course for intelligence professionals and law enforcement and first responder/first responder personnel, provides introduction to DHS, Intelligence Enterprise, and the Intelligence Community (IC). 4 hr block on Domestic Extremism and a 2 hour block on Radicalization. Also creating another training for fusion centers, as part of the ODNI directed action plan on Countering Violent Extremism, where I&A will share knowledge and case study results. I&A has also developed over 75 products on violent extremism related topics that have been briefed around the country to state and local law enforcement as well as fusion centers. Case studies and reference guides have also been developed on violent sovereign citizens, violent anarchists, violent skinheads, violent eco-terrorists, and a joint case study with Europol on the attacks by Anders Breivik have been developed.</p> <p>Topics: The DHS mission, intelligence-related skills and concepts, the Homeland Security Intelligence framework, and likely threats against</p>		
<p>FEMA</p>	<p>Summary: FEMA and the DHS Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships consistently engages with communities on preparedness, resiliency, and how to engage with government. While these are not CVE specific, they do help facilitate bolstering existing partnerships between communities and government.</p>	<p>Summary: FEMA is currently developing a training for management in the rural correctional environment in collaboration with North Carolina Central University (“Planning and Intervention for Gangs, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons Course, (MGT 401)”).</p> <p>Topics: Increasing awareness on violent extremism among management and correctional officers, how to report behaviors and indicators of violent extremism, and differentiating between potential legitimate criminal behavior and constitutionally protected cultural, societal, and religious behavior.</p>		

<p>The DHS CVE Working Group (Office of the Secretary)</p>		<p>Summary and Topics: State and Local Training: DHS is working with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), and the National Consortium for Advance Policing (NCAP) to finalize a 24 hour continuing education CVE curriculum for State and Local law enforcement—The Department has held numerous workshops and pilots to inform the developement of the curriculum. The first pilot was held in Columbus, OH in August 2-3, 2011 and over 170 Major City Intelligence Commanders and Fusion Center Directors from across the country were trained. The second pilot was held on Jan. 26, 2012 in San Diego, CA and about 45 State and Local law enforcement from nine local agencies from the San Diego and Los Angeles region were trained. The next pilot was heald in Minneapolis, MN on August 13-14, 2012 and approximately 60 law enforcement from the Minneapolis/St. Paul region were trained. DHS also hosted a CVE Workshop for 160 law enforcement in the National Capital Region (NCR) on July 11-12, 2012 that included this curriculum and we are actively working to enhance it based on the feedback from that workshop. The Major Cities Chiefs Association also passed a motion to adopt and implement the DHS CVE curriculum in their training academies.</p> <p>Police Academy Training Block: DHS is working</p>		
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<p>The DHS CVE Working Group (Office of the Secretary)</p>		<p>Summary: DHS in partnership with FBI, NCTC and collaboration with DOJ has developed a CVE Training Resources Portal for CVE Law Enforcement training practitioners. The portal provides resources for law enforcement training practitioners and developers to create CVE curricula and lesson plans. The portal officially launched on August 31, 2012 to a limited universe of state, local, and federal training practitioners to be beta tested. A wider launch will be done at the end of September 2012.</p> <p>Topics: Understanding violent extremism through various case studies, information products, and research; cultural demystifications; engagement and community policing best practices; state and local best practices; training curricula frameworks for continuing education, the academy setting, correctional environment, and management.</p>	
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<p>Homeland Security Advisory Council/DHS CVE Working Group</p>	<p>Summary: The HSAC Faith Based Advisory Committee developed recommendations for the Secretary on how the Department can better share information and communicate with law enforcement and faith based communities; this would include sharing threat information, best practices on engagement, developing training to bolster partnerships and understanding of faith communities among state and local law enforcement/government, and facilitating information sharing and community based information driven solutions to crime, violent crime, violent crime that may be ideologically motivated, and overall public safety among an inter-faith network. These recommendations are not CVE specific, however they are being integrated into the Department's CVE training and training resources, and the Faith Based Advisory Committee is being leveraged as subject matter expert resource for state and local law enforcement to engage with. NOTE: the formation of the Faith Based Advisory Committee was an original recommendation from the HSAC CVE Working Group. Topics: cultural demystification, engagement best practices, and information sharing. Further training related to these recommendations will be developed.</p>			
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<p>Science and Technology Directorate</p>	<p>Summary: S&T sponsored the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) to conduct a study on factors that may contribute to or prevent radicalization to violence among youth in the Minneapolis-St Paul Somali Diaspora community. This study is being incorporated into the Department's overall CVE training efforts. Topics: Understanding risk and protective factors related to radicalization to violence; developing preventative efforts at the individual, family, community, and government levels.</p>	<p>Summary: S&T is currently sponsoring focus groups with state and local law enforcement agencies and fusion centers on their information and training needs related to countering violent extremism. Other S&T initiatives that are being leveraged for CVE training include the development of an open-source database on terrorism and extremist violence in the United States (TEVUS) and a survey on public attitudes toward violent extremism and CVE efforts. S&T has also organized multiple events at which research efforts and findings are briefed including a half-day event for DHS and interagency intelligence analysts focused on an S&T-funded project on county-level analyses of violent extremism (AQ- and non-AQ-related).</p>		
<p>Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)</p>		<p>Summary: The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) has finalized a CVE curriculum for federal law enforcement that has been integrated into their existing training for new recruits. On February 16, 2012, DHS/FLETC hosted a full day symposium on this CVE curriculum and it is now incorporated in FLETC's training curriculum. As of July, 2012, 192 FLETC basic students have received the current CVE training materials. Topics: Understanding the threat of violent extremism, recognizing local partnerships, reporting suspicious activity, cultural demystification, best practices in engagements, and understanding behaviors and indicators of potential criminal behavior versus behavior that is constitutionally protected</p>		
<p>Department of Justice</p>				

<p>Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</p>	<p>Summary: Provides Training regarding Arabic Culture and Islam for Law Enforcement through the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT), funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Topics: the five pillars of Islam, Islamic holidays, Islamic religious customs, significant Islamic names, how to use cultural knowledge in interviewing and interrogating, Muslim/Arabic name analysis, clothing, vocabulary.</p> <p>Summary: Trains Law Enforcement through State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT), funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Topics: Communities Against Terrorism</p>	<p>Summary: Trains law enforcement on radicalization through the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT), funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. On-site, customized pre-incident training to an audience of over 10,000 participants each year. Topics: how to combat terrorism and extremist criminal activity, intelligence and information sharing, terrorism financing, terrorism indicators and officer safety, 28 CFR Part 23, Privacy 101, Criminal Intelligence for the Chief Executive, Intelligence Commander's Course. More topics and online training at https://www.slatt.org. Calendar can be found at http://mastercalendar.ncirc.gov/.</p>		
<p>Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)</p>	<p>Summary: Provides some support to the BCOT initiative through funding on an additional project Building Relationships of Trust Topics: focus is not on cve but rather an all crimes approach to building stronger relationships and partnerships with the community Summary: Provides limited funding to the Vera Institute for exploring disengaged communities and law enforcement's efforts to contiune building partnerships Topics: Working collaboratively with three pilot sites for the development of a best practices guidebook</p>	<p>Summary: Provides funding for regional community policing institutes across the country, which in turn work to develop curricula on a variety of topics. Topics: radicalization or related matters.</p>		

<p>Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI)</p>	<p>Under the leadership of the NSI, the Building Communities of Trust (BCOT) initiative has expanded, with several more deliveries held in 2011 - 2012, and a new publication, <i>Building Communities of Trust: A Guidance for Community Leaders</i>, released in 2012. DOJ and DHS are working to schedule future deliveries. Topics: The Building Communities of Trust (BCOT) initiative focuses on developing relationships of trust between police departments, fusion centers, and the communities they serve—particularly immigrant and minority communities—to prevent terrorist-related crime and to help keep our communities safe.</p>	<p>Summary: Trains Law Enforcement in identifying, reporting, evaluating, and sharing pre-incident terrorism indicators to prevent acts of terrorism. Topics: Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative: Executive Briefing, Analytic Training, Line-Officer Training; Hometown Security Partner SAR Awareness Trainings (fire / EMS service, probation / parole / corrections, 9-1-1 call takers / dispatchers, emergency management, and private sector security officers).</p>		
<p>Community Relations Service (CRS)</p>	<p>Summary: CRS provides government and law enforcement officials with cultural competency training on Arab, Muslim, and Sikh culture. CRS also conducts Train-the-Trainer programs, often in conjunction with the AMS Cultural Awareness Program, to train volunteers from the Arab, Muslim, and Sikh communities.</p> <p>Topics: CRS's Arab Muslim and Sikh (AMS) Cultural Awareness Program has been provided to more than 500 law enforcement departments and agencies across the country.</p> <p>Summary: CRS provides training to strengthen communities.</p> <p>Topics: Managing School Multicultural Conflict, tips for law enforcement and schools to prevent/respond to hate crimes, tips for planning safe marches, information for communities on being</p>			
<p>Federal Bureau of Investigation</p>				

<p>JTTF</p>	<p>Summary: During the JTTF TFO Orientation and Operations Course, CTC West Point delivers a four hour block of instruction on CVE. Topics: radicalization to violence, Islamic naming conventions, and Islamic culture.</p>	<p>Summary: FBI offers 4 blocks of training for Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) agents and Task Force Officers (TFO). Topics: 1. JTTF TFO Orientation and Operations Course. This four day course for TFOs assigned to JTTFs in the field focuses on JTTF operations, including counter terrorism and violent extremism. 2. The NJJTF is creating a Radicalization Virtual Academy Course for JTTF members, which is in the development process of identifying subject matter experts to create content. 3. CTC West Point offers 10 regional counterterrorism courses for JTTF members nationwide. 4. CTC West Point provides radicalization training to new agents in the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.</p>		
<p>CVE Unit/Training Division</p>	<p>Summary: Currently the CVE Unit, in conjunction with CTD, is developing a CVE training module for Special Agents. This module will be included in Stage II Counterterrorism Investigations and Operations (CTIOPS) training which is a mandatory two-week course for FBI agents who have less than 5 years working Counterterrorism or Domestic Terrorism matters. This training serves as a base line for agents working CT or DT matters. The projected completion time for this training module is December 2012. Topics: CVE, engaging communities, working cases</p>			
<p>National Counterterrorism Center</p>				

Countering Violent
Extremism Group (CVE)

Summary: NCTC CVE Group has developed a Community Awareness Briefing to convey the nature of the threat and empower concerned members of the public – including Muslim Americans – to counter al-Qa'ida and allied group (AQAG) recruitment.
Topics: the threat presented by violent extremists and their efforts to foster radicalization within the U.S., violent extremist use of the Internet, specific examples of terrorist recruiting videos, websites, and use of social networking tools and other media, what measures communities and government can take – together and individually – to counter violent extremism.

ITACG		<p>Summary: 8-hour training course providing correctional, probation and parole officials with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully, understand and recognize VRE activity among various groups and ideologies, report to proper authorities (using NSI guidelines), understand the dangers associated with violent extremism and radicalization to violence in the correctional environment</p> <p>Topics: Introduction to the Violent Extremist Radicalization Process; Introduction to Violent Ideological Extremism in the Correctional Environment; Violent Extremism and Recruitment to Violence in the Correctional Environment; Inmate Radicalization to Violence and Recruitment Indicators; Collaboration and Information Sharing</p>		
Radicalization and Extremist Messages Group (REM)		<p>Summary: Provides a classified threat briefing for Intelligence Analysts & Law Enforcement assigned to the JTTF. This group developed training for federal, state, and local officials on radicalization. They work with FBI JTTFs to supplement their current training on radicalization, as well as with DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis. An unclassified version of their primer is available on NCTC's website</p> <p>Topics: radicalization, threat information, case studies.</p>		
Department of State				

<p>Special Representative to Muslim Communities</p>	<p>Summary: Provides regular guest lectures at FSI to train Foreign Service Officers on strategies to engage Muslim communities around the world, with an emphasis on using social media to engage with young people. Also educates FSO's on how SRMC can be of help in local engagement efforts. Topics: radicalization, social media, engagement</p>	<p>Summary: Helps craft social media strategies with the inter-agency in order to confront online extremism, drawing on SRMC expertise in using online media to empower Muslim youth to push back against messages of hate and extremism. Topics: social media, blogging, journalism</p>	<p>Summary: Provides regular training seminars (online & real world) to Muslim youth populations around the world (e.g. Somalia, Sudan, Indonesia, etc.) in order to help empower youth to create positive counter-narratives and alternative narratives. Done in conjunction with CSCC and SRMC's Generation Change and Viral Peace programs. Topics: social media, blogging, journalism, counter-narratives, alternate narratives</p>	
<p>Foreign Service Institute (FSI)</p>	<p>Summary: FSI provides training primarily for State Department personnel, including Foreign Service Officers, but also for personnel for other agencies, on a tuition basis. Topics: CVE, engagement, radicalization and regional/area-specific CVE modules to selected area studies courses at FSI. A pilot course for CVE Engagement Training was offered in May 2011, and may be developed into a regular a regular FSI course in the future. The CounterTerrorism Bureau has also begun preliminary discussions with FSI about a possible Distance Learning course on CVE issues.</p>	<p>Summary: FSI provides training primarily for State Department personnel, including Foreign Service Officers, but also for personnel for other agencies, on a tuition basis. Topics: FSI updated the biannual "International Terrorism" course to include a module on CVE issues</p>	<p>Summary: FSI provides training primarily for State Department personnel, including Foreign Service Officers, but also for personnel for other agencies, on a tuition basis. Topics: FSI updated the biannual "International Terrorism" course to include a module on CVE issues. including countering extremist propoganda.</p>	

Foreign Service Institute (FSI)	<p>Summary: FSI provides training primarily for State Department personnel, including Foreign Service Officers, but also for personnel for other agencies, on a tuition basis.</p> <p>Topics: CVE, engagement and radicalization modules are included in nearly every Public Diplomacy (PD) Tradecraft course, in the PD Strategic Planning course, and in courses on social media use and media outreach.</p>		<p>Summary: FSI provides training primarily for State Department personnel., including Foreign Service Officers, but also for personnel from other agencies, on a tuition basis.</p> <p>Topics: CVE is addressed in nearly every Public Diplomacy (PD) Tradecraft course, in the PD Strategic Planning course, and in courses on social media use and media outreach. R/CSCC representatives regularly brief the Public Affairs Officer Tradecraft course. DoD MISO representatives often brief the PAO Tradecraft and Information Officer Tradecraft courses on their CVE-related programs.</p>	
Department of Defense				
West Point Combating Terrorism Center (West Point CTC)	<p>Summary: Provides training for law enforcement on topics such as Islamic history, culture and terrorist recruitment strategies</p> <p>Topics: Cultural and Regional Familiarization: Islam in America, Arabic Name Formation, Islam and the Community, Islamization in North America, Islam in Europe, Understanding Somalia, etc. West Point CTC also offers a course on The Engagement Spectrum: Partnerships within the Cultural Context of the American Muslim Community</p>	<p>Summary: Provides training for law enforcement on Counter-Terrorism theory and practice.</p> <p>Topics: Evolution of Extremism, Case Studies (Portoand 7, London Bombers, etc.) Suicide Terrorism, Radicalization, Terrorist Use of the Internet, Combating Terrorist Financing, etc.</p>		
Department of Education				

Office of Safe and Healthy Students		ED is sponsoring a Forum that will bring approximately 100-150 experts, practitioners, school officials [K-12 and higher ed] and government officials together to discuss a number of issues related to violent extremism that are of concern to ED and the USG. The goal of the forum is to provide the education community and those working with educators (at all levels) with a better understanding of: the nature and extent of violent extremism and how it affects schools and school-aged persons; why it is important that this issue be addressed by the education community; and what schools and institutions of higher education are doing or can do to prevent students from engaging in this behavior.		
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