Regional Terrorism Training & Reporting

San Diego Unified Disaster Council

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The Terrorism Liaison Mission

The Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Program serves as the conduit between members of the public safety community, the public and private sector, the citizenry, and the United States government in the fight against terrorism.

Centralization of Terrorism Training

- California fusion centers are the designated reporting & vetting institutions for terrorism tips & leads for the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- Regional terrorism training is intended to support the generation of tips and leads from San Diego and Imperial County Terrorism Liaison Officers.
- Terrorism related training should be centralized in the fusion centers as stated in the *UASI Grant Program Guidance-San Diego Region* and in compliance with the *Statewide Training Coordination Group*.
- Centralization of terrorism training in the fusion center will result in a reduction in agency and student confusion & mixed messaging.

Current TLO Program Architecture

- Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies designate TLOs
- TLO programs statewide are coordinated by fusion centers which dissemination threat information and terrorism focused training
- All six California fusion centers terrorism focused training is *vetted and coordinated* by the Statewide Training Coordination Group.
- Statewide Training Coordination Group membership includes <u>STAS, Cal-OES, POST, DHS, and the FBI.</u>

SD-LECC TLO Snapshot

- 791 Active TLOs in San Diego and Imperial Counties
- 1647 Information Distribution Recipients
- Local, State and Federal Public Safety Agency Participants
  - Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement
  - Fire Service
  - Emergency Medical / Public Health
  - Military

San Diego TLO Program Guidance

- UASI Grant Program Guidance-San Diego Region: “Support the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program training administered by the SD-LECC to improve regional preparedness and security through greater awareness of terrorist tactics, techniques, and practices.”

- Terrorism training coordinated by the SD-LECC TLO Program year to date:
  - 61 training courses / seminars
  - 2087 participants / 518 training hours

Coordinated Training Efforts

Centralization of terrorism training in the fusion center will result in a reduction in agency/student confusion & mixed messaging in training related to the reporting of tips & leads.

- Training
  - Terrorism education consistency
  - Elimination training redundancy
- Fiscal responsibility
  - Cost per student trained
  - Regional student-base & class size
- Local Agency connectivity
  - When you see something, who do you say something to?
  - Increased TLOs relationship with their fusion center

Recommendation for Streamlining Efforts

The San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center and the San Diego Office of Homeland Security share responsibility in the training of public safety personnel in the San Diego Region.

- Recommendation: In concurrence with UASI Grant Program Guidance-San Diego Region, all future training related to the "*Awareness of terrorist tactics, techniques and practices*" be coordinated by the SD-LECC inline with statewide standards.

Questions & Council Direction

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