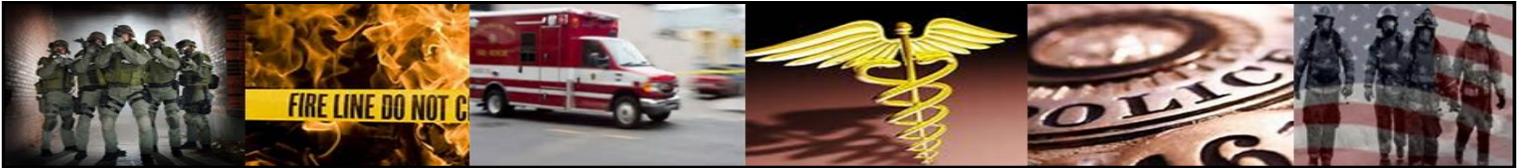


Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT)



The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) newsletter is a summary of the activities of the JCAT. This monthly publication contains items of interest to Federal, State, Local and Tribal, and Territorial first responders to promote awareness. The inclusion of an item in this newsletter does not imply NCTC's official view or endorsement. The JCAT can be reached at 571-280-1307 or via email at: jcat@nctc.gov. We welcome your feedback and comments on this newsletter.

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Director's Note

The JCAT operational tempo remains very high. Our joint NCTC/FBI/DHS team has been working on several initiatives to address SLTT customer counterterrorism-related intelligence requirements that will provide information, tools, and resources to law enforcement officials and first responders to help them protect our citizens, our communities, and our critical infrastructure from international terrorist threats.

In coordination with NCTC Weapons and Tactics analysts, DHS and FBI, JCAT is in the process of designing an armed assault-related reference aid that will be the next in a series of posters designed as training aids on terrorist tactics for first responders. We also are finalizing an interactive IED graphic that will cover many aspects of the devices, including targeting first responders. Finally, we are exploring the value of developing an unclassified, monthly product line that would be a derivative of the SECRET-level NCTC Terrorism Summary.

JCAT continued its engagement with the Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series (JCTAWS) by participating in the Seattle Workshop. This was the first workshop where a JCAT Pub-

lic Health representative was used to augment scenario development, actively engage with state and local medical planners and responders and provide a post-event report focusing on medical response capabilities. The addition of the Health and Medical Day of the JCTAWS, as well as participation by a JCAT member, exemplifies JCTAWS commitment to continual improvement of the series with each event. JCAT is expanding its partnership with NCTC, DHS and FBI by supporting the law enforcement, fire service and health department aspects of the JCTAWS as we prepare for the next workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NCTC will soon be onboarding its own SLTT members as part of our new Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) program to support JCAT. This is a significant milestone and brings JCAT one step closer to achieving "Full Operational Capability." The NCTC IPA program will be similar to the DHS and FBI JCAT Fellowship Programs: NCTC will cover housing, per diem and rental car expenses, while the SLTT member's home agency will fund salary and benefits. For those qualified SLTT first responders and public safety professionals interested in a JCAT

assignment, visit the JCAT website for details on how to apply.

Finally, DNI Clapper approved twelve members of the former ITACG for a National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation. The "Fire Service and Analytic Support Team" will be recognized at a formal ceremony on July 25th for creating a fire safety-centric situational awareness product (Fire Line), collaborating with the National Fire Academy to develop fire service analyst training, and serving as a model for interagency outreach collaboration. Together, these achievements further advanced our collective effectiveness in facilitating the production and dissemination of federal counterterrorism and homeland security intelligence sharing for SLTT first responders. Congratulations to the ITACG team for their contribution and receipt of this prestigious community award.

Please look for our next newsletter in October as we shift to quarterly updates.



The Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series (JCTAWS), sponsored by the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is a collaborative effort among federal, state, local and private-sector entities that allows cities to test their response to an organized, coordinated and multi-site terrorist attack.

The JCTAWS uses a whole-of-community approach that allows cities to discover gaps in capabilities, training and resources and learn of existing resources that can close those gaps.

Each workshop is designed to focus on testing a region's informa-

tion sharing enterprise and tactical operational response, employing an incident scenario more commonly seen on the battlefield than in an urban setting. As workgroup members and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), the JCAT contributes state and local perspectives by participating in scenario design, offering context to existing response plans, identifying potential gaps in plans and participating in on-site exercise facilitation. This hands-on approach allows JCAT and the SLTT/private sector participants identify gaps in information sharing and response capabilities. Following the workshop, a summary report is delivered to the city which offers potential solutions and frames issues requiring operational and policy deci-

sions.

The JCTAWS is in its third year with 11 exercises conducted in major cities across the nation and has matured into a two-day exercise. Based on past feedback from workshop participants, the second day is dedicated to medical capabilities, both pre-hospital and hospital emergency medical response.

Based on their familiarity with public safety plans, resources, and capability gaps across the nation, JCAT participants bring a valuable perspective to each JCTAWS. JCAT will continue to participate to ensure that best response and recovery practices are shared across the nation.

A JCAT Farewell from our FDNY Fellow

The process for firefighters to gain acceptance, build respect, earn trust, and eventually be sought out for advice and consultation can be years in evolution. In the fire service this process usually requires acts and deeds by which you are tested and proven.

In the Intelligence Community (IC) the noble acts may be less glamorous and not broadcast repeatedly on the cable news networks, but are no less significant. Offering perspective and insight, playing the devil's advocate to drive discussion and debate, to produce products that influence decision makers, where debate skills and tenacity are often required to move a product forward, is the quiet work known only to a few. Providing the current, relevant, actionable information to those re-

sponsible for our security is an equivalent process. I had a year to learn that process.

Through the transition from ITACG to JCAT, I was able to see how counterterrorism and homeland security efforts come together to keep our country safe, all from a front row seat. In my year I saw the mission and lines of effort become more focused and an organization emerge to further embrace the state and local perspective.

Everyone who comes into an organization wants to leave it better than when they arrived, and I believe I have. Less from my ability to develop products and provide information that can be useful to the state and local consumer but from my ability to continue the dialogue with the greater IC on the needs of first responders. I feel that effort

will have a lasting impact.

I will be returning to an assignment where I can hopefully continue to support the information sharing network with the understanding gained from my year in DC. I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during my detail and if you need something, "you got a guy."



The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is where public safety professionals—law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health officials—are making a difference in the Counterterrorism Community.

JCAT members are state, local, tribal, and territorial First Responders and Public Safety Professionals from around the country, working side-by-side with federal intelligence analysts from the National Counterterrorism Center, Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence for you.

So, what's the return on investment to send people on a one-year fellowship?

After their Fellowship, Fellows return home to their agencies and departments with:

- Deep Insights into US efforts to counter violent extremism impacting communities nationwide
- Enhanced understanding of the federal counterterrorism landscape—roles, missions, capabilities, and current initiatives—that can be leveraged to support local CT efforts
- Knowledge of current and emerging threat streams drawn

from NCTC's access and role as the nation's primary organization for integrating and analyzing counterterrorism information and strategic operational planning

- Strong understanding of the intelligence cycle and how terrorist targets, tactics, and trends might impact officer safety, tactics development, training requirements, equipment purchases, staffing, and resource decisions in your agency
- Network of recognized counterterrorism experts drawn from professional interactions with NCTC, the IC, and across multiple federal agencies; access to SLTT alumni nationwide
- Critical thinking, tradecraft, and analytic skills developed through participation in IC training courses, on-the-job training, and analytic mentoring programs that pair JCAT participants with federal level analysts

So, what are the qualifications to participate?

- Applicants must be a current employee from a state, local, tribal, or territorial agency and possess a working knowledge of the terrorism and homeland security information needs of SLTT partners.
- Applicant should have at least five years experience at the state, local, tribal, or territorial level in

one or more of the following areas: law enforcement, fire service, multi-agency task forces, long-term investigations, public safety, public health, intelligence, critical infrastructure, or information sharing/homeland security. First responder experience is highly desirable.

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- Conducting research and analysis to produce intelligence assessments for the SLTT community; interpreting investigative information and extrapolating data for analysis, evaluation, and dissemination to appropriate officials; and identifying trends and knowledge gaps relating to terrorist plans, intentions, and capabilities for the SLTT community. Fusion Center experience highly desirable.

So how can my candidate apply?

For my more information on sending your candidate, contact us at JCAT@nctc.gov





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Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team - Mission

The mission of the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team is to improve information sharing and enhance public safety. In coordination with FBI and DHS, JCAT collaborates with other members of the Intelligence Community to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence products for federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies and the private sector and advocates for the counterterrorism intelligence requirements and needs of these partners throughout the Intelligence Community.



Lines of Effort

Intelligence Review and Collaborative Production

- Roll Call Release
- Fire Line
- Terrorism Summary
- Tear Line Advocacy
- NCTC Current Dissemination
- Guides, Handbooks, and Recruiting Aids

Partner Liaison and Outreach

- DNI Domestic Representatives
- NCTC Domestic Representatives
- DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A)
- FBI Directorate of Intelligence
- I&A State and Local Program Office (SLPO)
- I&A SLPO Regional Directors and Intelligence Officers
- FBI Joint Regional Intelligence Groups (Planned)
- Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshops (JCTAWS)

IC Education

- Analyst Liaison and Collaborative Production
- Formal Course Participation
- Guest Speaker Engagement



JCAT Plans to Participate in the Following Conferences and JCTAWS

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Chicago, IL August 13-17

JCTAWS - Minneapolis, MN August 27-28

National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA) Las Vegas, NV Sept 17-19

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Philadelphia, PA October 19-23



Alumni and Current SLTTs

- Abington Police Department, PA
- Albuquerque Police Department, NM
- Aurora Police Department, CO
- Arlington Police Department, TX
- Boston Police Department, MA
- City of Phoenix Fire Dept, AZ
- *** Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, VA**
- *** Fire Department City of New York**
- Florida Department of Health, FL
- Florida Highway Patrol, FL
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, MN
- Houston Fire Department, TX
- Illinois State Police, IL
- Indiana State Police, IN
- Las Vegas Metro Police Department, NV
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, MI
- *** Maricopa County Department of Public Health, AZ**
- Nebraska Health and Human Services, NE
- New Jersey State Police, NJ
- Oakland County Sheriff's Office, MI
- Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center, OH
- Oneida Indian Nation Police, NY
- Orange County Sheriff's Office, CA
- *** Philadelphia Police Department, PA**
- Phoenix Police Department, AZ
- Seattle Fire Department, WA
- Washington State Police, WA
- Washington D.C. Fire & EMS Department
- Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department

* Current JCAT Participating Agencies

