# Federal Bureau of Investigation Baltimore Weapons of Mass Destruction and Bio Security



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#### **Dual Missions**

#### Investigative

- Uphold and enforce U.S. criminal laws
- Provide leadership and assist federal, state, local, and international LE partners

#### Intelligence

 Protect and defend the United States against national security threats, including terrorism and foreign intelligence

## FBI Responsibilities

- Assist federal, state and local agencies
- Intelligence gathering and dissemination
- Threat assessments
- Identify, detect, deter and disrupt terrorist operations before they occur
- Lead Federal Agency (LFA) for investigation of a Terrorist incident

## **JTTF History**

- Baltimore JTTF established Spring 2002.
- Outreach Squad established March 2003.
  - Identified and Establish Liaison with Critical Outreach/Key Assets.
    - ■Approximately 5,000 contacts.
- Threat/Outreach Merged December 2004.
  - Investigate Suspicious Activity Complaints.

#### **Joint Terrorism Task Force**

- It is a compilation of Federal, State and Local agencies assembled under the auspices of the FBI, at the direction at the U.S. Attorney General.
- It combines the investigative efforts of the participating agencies to proactively detect, deter, and defeat persons or organizations planning or carrying out terrorist acts occurring in or affecting the United States.

#### **BALTIMORE DIVISION**



- ■Covers Maryland and Delaware
- ■Baltimore is Headquarters
- 7 Resident Agencies

## **Threat/Outreach Squad Participating Agencies**

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- #Howard County Police Department
- Federal Air Marshal Service
- United States Secret Service
- Baltimore City Police Department
- Anne Arundel County Police Department
- Maryland State Police
- Maryland Transportation Authority Police
- \*Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS)
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)

## Threat/Outreach Squad Responsibilities...

- Review, Process, Assign, and Investigate all terrorism related leads for the State of Maryland and Delaware.
- Liaison with identified Key Assets / Critical Infrastructures designated by the Department of Homeland Security within Maryland and Delaware to establish working relationships.
- Coordinate the sharing of information and attempt to eliminate duplication of these initiatives by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies via the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC).

#### **Baltimore JTTF Members**

#### **Federal Agencies**

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- © Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- National Security Agency (NSA)
- Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF)
- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Defense Criminal Inv. Ser. (DCIS)
- Naval Criminal Inv. Ser. (NCIS)
- © Coast Guard Inv. Ser. (CGIS)
- Dept. of Army Military Intel. (902<sup>nd</sup>)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- U.S. Secret Service (USSS)
- U.S. Marshal Service (USMS)
- Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS)

#### State & Local

- MD State Police (MSP)
- Delaware State Police (DSP)
- MD Transportation Authority Police (MDTAP)
- Montgomery County Police (MCPD)
- Prince Georges County Police (PGPD)
- Howard County Police (HCPD)
- Anne Arundel County Police (AACPD)
- Baltimore County Police (BCPD)
- Baltimore City Police (BPD)
- Charles County Sheriffs Office (CCSO)

# What is the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC)?

- Statewide Terrorism Watch Center
- Centralized Collection facility for intelligence gathered throughout Maryland
- Staffed by Analysts and Law Enforcement Personnel 24x7
- Disseminates bulletins and threat advisories to law enforcement, private sector and critical infrastructures
- Not ONLY used for "Terrorism-related" tips, but "Criminal Activity" as well

## WMD Threat/Incident Response

- WMD/BIO threat received (local/state/federal)
- FBI initial response
  - WMD Coordinator is KEY
- WMDC notifies WMDOU from scene
- WMDOU assembles assessment team
  - Available 24/7, within minutes
  - Initial threat assessment provided to FO via conference call
  - HMRU, BDC, BAU primary
- Immediate benefits:
  - Safety/investigative concerns addressed
  - WMDOU feeds management
  - Access to federal WMD assets

#### **Credible Threat**

- Do they have the *education*?
- Do they have the *raw materials*?
- Do they have *production equipment*?
- Do they have the *ability to distribute*?
- Do they have the *motivation*?

#### Role in a Bio Security Incident

- Incident: Call 911 local first responders
- FBI is notified through MCAC contacts
- Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC)
  - JTTF Call Center
- JTTF will respond
  - Work investigation with first responders
  - No duplication of efforts
  - Determine criminality and the lead in investigation

#### Role in a Bio Security Incident

#### Misconceptions of FBI/JTTF

- We're in charge now.
- We will do everything.
- We will come into the picture days after incident.
- · We involve ourselves in everything.

#### **Bottom Line**

- Federal mandate to investigate theft / criminal loss of radiological material
- Assist and work with first responders and local / state agencies to manage incident
- JTTF allows connectivity of relevant agencies to the investigation

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