



# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



HSIN supports partners in emergency management, public health, law enforcement, cybersecurity, intelligence, and other critical areas where interagency and public-private sector collaboration make key contributions to the nation's safety and security. Throughout 2021, HSIN supported a wide array of partners as they performed daily operations such as COVID-19 vaccine distribution, responded to incidents including the violent breach of the U.S. Capitol building, and supported security at key events such as the NFL Super Bowl. With HSIN, federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, international, and private sector partners can work together as a cohesive team in support of DHS mission success.

## JANUARY

- **Violent Breach of U.S. Capitol Building**  
 More than 50 agencies and over 500 mission critical operators used HSIN to share information during the civil unrest and subsequent violent breach of the U.S. Capitol building during certification of the Electoral College results in a joint session of Congress held on January 6.
- **Presidential Inauguration**  
 The National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium and other public safety partners used HSIN to share information on operations in the Washington, DC metro area to support safety and security during the Presidential Inauguration on January 20.

## FEBRUARY

- **NFL Super Bowl, Tampa, FL**  
 On February 7, HSIN was used as the primary information sharing platform among partners assigned to the Tampa Bay Regional Intelligence Center, Intelligence Operations Center, Joint Operations Center, Emergency Operations Center, and two local Real Time Crime Centers for the NFL Super Bowl between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

## MARCH

- **NCAA Men's Basketball March Madness Tournament**  
 The Marion County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement partners used HSIN to support public safety operations during the NCAA Men's Basketball March Madness Tournament, which was held March 18–April 5 at multiple venues including Indianapolis, Indiana.

## APRIL

- **Migration to New HSIN Platform Complete**  
 On April 13, the HSIN Program completed the migration of all HSIN Communities of Interest (COIs)—291 COIs comprising 1,746 sites/subsites—to the new HSIN Secure Collaboration Platform, which simplifies data management and access, accelerates processes, and delivers improved performance in areas such as data search capabilities.
- **Joint Session of Congress**  
 U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (NCR) deployed HSIN to support maritime security operations for the Joint Session of Congress held on April 28. HSIN was used to establish a common operating picture for all USCG and other federal, state, and local partners supporting the

enforcement of maritime security zones in and around the NCR.

## MAY

- **Kentucky Derby**  
 The Louisville Metro Police Department, Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center, and DHS' Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency used HSIN Connect rooms on May 1 to share real-time information with public safety partners for the Kentucky Derby horse race and related events.
- **Chicago Memorial Day Weekend**  
 The Chicago Police Department and Crime Prevention and Information Center used HSIN May 29–31 to support public safety operations for Memorial Day weekend activities in downtown Chicago, which marked the official reopening of the city since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Indianapolis 500**  
 On May 30, the Speedway Police Department (PD), Indianapolis Metro PD, Marion County Sheriff's Office, and Indiana State Police used HSIN to monitor law enforcement operations and emergency services at the event, which attracted approximately 135,000 attendees.





## JUNE

- Virginia Democratic Primary Election**  
 The Virginia Fusion Center used HSIN Connect to support law enforcement and intelligence information sharing during the state's Democratic Primary Election held on June 8.

## JULY

- Chicago Independence Day Celebrations**  
 The Chicago Police Department and other local, state, and federal partners used HSIN to support operations July 3–5 during the city's Independence Day festivities.
- NASCAR Cup Series Race, Elkhart Lake, WI**  
 Wisconsin's two fusion centers, the Southeastern Wisconsin Threat Analysis Center and the Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center, used HSIN to support safety and security throughout the July 3–5 weekend, which included a NASCAR Cup Series auto race and Independence Day events.
- Hurricane Elsa**  
 Public safety partners across the southeastern U.S. used HSIN to monitor and respond to Hurricane and Tropical Storm Elsa as it made landfall on July 7.

- MLB All-Star Game**  
 The Colorado Information Analysis Center facilitated the use of HSIN Exchange to support Denver, Colorado's hosting of the 2021 Major League Baseball All-Star Game and associated events, which were held July 9–13.

- Cyber Shield 2021**  
 HSIN supported more than 800 participants in the Cyber Shield 2021 exercise held July 10–24. The event is the nation's largest unclassified cyber defense training exercise and is held annually by state National Guards, the National Guard Bureau, and U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM).

- U.S. Coast Guard District 5 Hurricane Exercise**  
 U.S. Coast Guard District 5 used HSIN for their annual hurricane preparedness exercise held July 12–15. Multiple USCG commands throughout the District 5 area of responsibility (from New Jersey to North Carolina) participated in the exercise.

- Bruler Wildfire, Oregon**  
 Marion County Emergency Management used HSIN Connect to support situational awareness and information sharing throughout the Bruler Fire, which was detected on July 12 and was located approximately 50 miles south of Portland, Oregon.

## AUGUST

- HSIN Hurricane Response Template Released**  
 A HSIN Connect Hurricane Common Operating Picture (COP) template, based on U.S. Coast Guard District 7's Hurricane Situational Awareness Room, was released in August to assist in preparedness and response operations. The COP template is a "quick start" resource that allows users to rapidly set up a HSIN Connect room with key information pods, camera feeds, and local and national weather feeds.

- CISA Virtual Industry Day**  
 DHS' Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) used HSIN Connect to host a virtual industry day on August 5, which attracted 940 participants. The event offered vendors insight into areas including supply chain, public/private partnership efforts on 5G security and resiliency, and next-generation network priority services.

- Hurricanes Henri and Ida**  
 The American Red Cross of Greater New York, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Energy were among the many partners who used HSIN during Hurricanes Henri and Ida. HSIN supported preparedness and response for Henri August 20–23 and Ida August 28–September 3.

- Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Exercise, Franklin County, OH**  
 The Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security agency used HSIN Connect throughout the week of August 16–20 and on August 28 to support their full-scale Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack exercise.

- U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River Maritime Security Exercise**  
 U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River deployed HSIN Connect to facilitate an Area Maritime Security Training and Exercise Program held August 24–26.

## SEPTEMBER

- Ryder Cup International Golf Tournament**  
 Federal, state, and local partners relied on HSIN and the Geospatial Management Office (GMO) to support multiagency collaboration during the Ryder Cup international golf tournament, which was held September 24–26.

- Tropical Storm Nicholas**  
 U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston, the Texas Emergency Operations Center, and Texas Task Force One based in Austin used HSIN Connect on September 13 to support urban search and rescue operations related to Tropical Storm Nicholas.

## OCTOBER

- Detroit Free Press Marathon**  
 The Detroit and Southeast Michigan Information and Intelligence Center and other law enforcement and private-sector partners used HSIN to support public safety operations during the Detroit Free Press Marathon, held between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, on October 17.

## NOVEMBER

- Waukesha Christmas Parade Attack**  
 The Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center, Waukesha Police Department, and approximately 30 public safety partners used HSIN to collaborate during their response to the Waukesha Christmas Parade attack on November 21, which resulted in six deaths and dozens of people injured.


- Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade**  
 The Michigan State Police and local law enforcement partners used HSIN to support safety and security during America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit held on November 25.

## DECEMBER

- World Petroleum Congress**  
 The Houston Regional Intelligence Service Center used HSIN to support safety and security during the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Petroleum Congress, which was held December 5–9 and drew more than 5,000 industry participants from over 70 countries.

These are just some of our mission support and programmatic accomplishments in 2021. To learn how HSIN can support your mission, contact the HSIN Outreach team at [HSIN@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSIN@hq.dhs.gov).

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