

DHS CVE Subcommittee Data Sources for Report

Graph I: Millennials in America by State

Please see the attached spreadsheet. This utilizes 2014 state population information from the US Census Bureau ([data source](#)).

- Millennial is defined as someone between the ages of 15 and 34 years old.

Graph II: CVE Cities

DHS CVE Pilot Cities: Great Boston, Greater Los Angeles, Twin Cities (Minneapolis, St Paul).

Graph III: Male Millennials and under 30

Please see the attached spreadsheet. This utilizes the 2014 state population information from the US Census Bureau ([data source](#)). Each state has a listed population for males under 30 years old and male millennials (15-34 years old).

Graph IV: Social Media Use for Those Under 30 (or Millennial)

Harvard University's Institute of Politics runs a bi-annual survey on "Millennials" (18-34 year olds). In their spring 2016, survey they have surveyed Millennials on which social media platforms they utilize.

- [Topline](#) (see page 12-13)
- [Report](#) (see slide 17)
- Chris Graves has more data?

Graph V: CVE Programs in US

[Lauren to ask INA and OCP for data]

- USG funded/run
- Organic/grassroots
- Typology of types of programs (are these in funding guidelines from DHS OCP?)

Graph VI: Foreign Fighter in US

As of the fall of 2015, 242 individuals have traveled or attempted to travel to Syria/Iraq ([GWU: ISIS in America](#), [START: PRIUS](#)).

242 individuals as left, attempted to leave or expressed an interest in leaving ([START](#), Other [START](#))

US House Homeland Security Committee ([report](#))

- As of April 2016, 85 persons have been charged with ISIS related activities. ([GWU](#))
- The average age of those charged is 26 years old. ([GWU](#))
- 87% of those charged are males. ([GWU](#))
- New data via [WaPo](#)

Other Graph Ideas

Funding from USG

- FY15 <http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2015/09/28/fema-announces-grant-awards-fiscal-year-2015-homeland-security-national> (actual programs)
- DHS FY16
https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/FY_2016_DHS_Budget_in_Brief.pdf

- DHS FY17 https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/FY2017_BIB-MASTER.pdf
- NIJ Info?

Funding from non-USG

- ?
- Case study of successful organic program? To show this is the type of program that we are looking for? [MCM, Minneapolis/Twin Cities community organizations]

Muslim Millennials

- Data from Pew ([Millennial Religious Affiliation](#))
- Religion Census (<http://www.rcms2010.org/>)

Communications and Tech Sector

- Extremist output of content (SNA network, other?)
- Is the DoS CSCC report public yet? Maybe info in there about effectiveness of USG supported programs/comms.
- START data on how many of the 250 or is it 85 were influenced via the internet?

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Hi (b)(6)

During the CVE subcommittee meeting last week we distributed a time table for the members to reference as all of you are preparing portions for the upcoming report. Please let us know if there is any assistance we can provide as you are drafting the section for your focus area. I know Lauren reached out to follow up with you and we are happy to help with whatever you need. Thanks again for all you are doing and feel free to reach out any time.

Erin

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Sarah,

Just wanted to mention that Jeff Miller mentioned that if a CVE Subcommittee is stood up, he would be interested in sitting on that subcommittee.. Just an FYI.

Thanks,

Jay V.

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All-

Please take a moment to look at the new CVE test

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This page is not live yet on the DHS site, so please keep it internal to this group at this time. If you have any feedback on major substantive issues related to the page, please send your comments to Greg Michaelidis (cc'd) by COB Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons

Director of Special Projects

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All-

Following up on the tasking in last week's CVE meeting to have (b)(6) (FEMA) and (b)(6) (FLETC) co-chair a CVE training working group, we will be holding the first meeting of this working group on June 19th at 2 PM. (I will set up a conference call number as well for those who cannot attend in person). At a minimum, we would like the following Components to be involved in this working group: I&A, PLCY, CRCL, FEMA, FLETC, OLA, OGC, PRIV, and IGA, but additional Components are certainly welcome as well. As a reminder, below is an overview of the three main goals of the CVE training working group:

(b)(6) FEMA) and (b)(6) (FLETC) will co-chair a CVE training working group that will develop a framework, within 30 days, that provides options for accomplishing the following 3 goals: 1) to ensure Federal training provided by Components meets DHS and the USG's CVE standards; 2) to ensure that grantees and State and Locals using DHS funds for training

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Has anyone asked for travel assistance for the CVE meeting on the 19th? We need everything in the system today for approval.

Thanks,
Erin

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All – There are quite a few updates on the CVE front, upcoming important dates, and update on deliverables. There was a recent call (last Friday) with NSS on coordinating CVE efforts among DHS, DOJ, NCTC, and FBI. Here is a brief read-out with further deliverables:

Important Dates

- The next CVE Deputies Meeting is scheduled for February 12th
- The next IPC is scheduled for February 11th
- The next sub-IPC on CVE training is tentatively scheduled for February 10th
- NCTC and NSS are scheduling a number of meetings for the acting Director of UK PREVENT and RICU to meet with the interagency on February 6th
- The rescheduled NCTC hosted CVE policy/analytic roundtable is set for February 5th

IPC Deliverables

- NSS has given an extension on the deliverables, that being said we still need to move smart and fast to meet the deadline of this FRIDAY.
- Cities and Model: NSS has asked agencies for in

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All,

There have been a number of recent developments related to our overall CVE efforts, so I wanted to quickly touch base and ensure that everyone is updated on what has transpired.

- As mentioned at past CVEWG meetings, we have discussed the establishment and institutionalization of the DHS Office of the CVE Coordinator. A draft management directive for the CVE Coordinator will be circulated to the CVEWG office and component leads. Leads will be receiving the draft from MGMT to review and provide feedback. Please be on the lookout for it.
- The Five Country Ministerial (US, UK, CAN, AUS, NZ) will be taking place in London from February 5-6 and CVE is on the agenda. Since last year's ministerial meeting there has been progress on CVE analytical exchanges, the formation of a Five Country Ministerial CVE Practitioners Working Group, and sharing of operational best practices. At the February ministerial, DHS will propose CVE deliverables on prevention and intervention efforts, development of intervention training, and enhancement of research efforts. I will be attending the ministerial and look forward to working with the CVEWG to prepare the Secretary for the event.
- To coincide with the establishment of an Office of the CVE Coordinator, I want to ensure that the department's CVE goals and methods are captured in a new strategy document. To complement our ongoing strategic CVE activities and CVE support activities, we currently have a number of new key initiatives in place such as the support and continued expansion of prevention and intervention frameworks around the country, increasing community awareness and vigilance, countering and challenging violent extremist use of the Internet, enhancing research and analysis efforts, and training development. In discussing these activities with the Deputy he has suggested that we construct a strategy that helps the Department have programmatic success in CVE. I want to hold a discussion with the CVEWG on my strategy vision and how components and offices can support by leveraging their capabilities. I plan to start this conversation at an upcoming CVE WG.
- The Information Coordination Cell (ICC), housed in the State Department's Center for Strategic Counter-terrorism Communications (CSCC), has requested that select agencies (to include DHS) provide a part-time detailee to ICC. We are currently working to try and accommodate that request while operating within a limited staffing capacity. If you have any interest in potentially participating in this effort or know someone who may serve this role, please let me know offline.

- Concerning the upcoming White House CVE summit, we are still waiting for further details from the White House on how the summit and any follow up events will flesh out. As of now, the summit will likely include a focus on both domestic and international CVE efforts as well as the role of social media within the realm of CVE efforts.
- Finally, I promised to keep you all better informed about the Deputies CVE Breakfast. Please see the attached SOC produced by NCTC and let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to discussing these and other issues further at next week's CVEWG meeting. Please let me know if you have any specific issues or topics that should be included on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Thanks and have a great holiday weekend,

David

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Deputies Breakfast

January 8, 2015

08:00 – 09:30

DHS – Ronald Reagan Building, Commissioner's Conference Room

Attendees

Deputy Attorney General Jim Cole, DOJ
Deputy Director Mark Giuliano, FBI
Deputy Secretary Ali Mayorkas, DHS
Director Nick Rasmussen, NCTC
U.S. Attorney Sally Yates, DOJ
LTG Bennet Sacolick, NCTC DSOP
Larry Seals, NCTC DSOP
Austin Branch, NCTC DSOP
Jenny Presswalla, NCTC DSOP
Lee Wilkinson, NCTC DSOP
General Frank Taylor, DHS Under Secretary

David Gersten, DHS CVE Coordinator
Irfan Saeed, DHS CRCL
Timothy Curry, DHS Policy
Nate Snyder, DHS
Pat Barry, DHS
DAD Doug Purdue, FBI
Greg Ehrie, FBI CVEO
Brette Steele, DOJ ODAG
Tashina Gauhar, DOJ ODAG
George Selim, NSC Staff

Summary of Discussion:

The Deputies discussed:

- Long-term funding options to include pursuing line-item funding for CVE. The options need to address specific money amounts for specific projects. Additionally, Deputies need to pursue a tighter timeframe to ensure changes are made for FY17 funding planning.
- The Group of Four request that the White House CVE Summit set a date in the late-February/early-March timeframe to maintain momentum. Deputies also suggested the possibility of hosting a smaller venue focused on the three cities in early February. DOJ expects that the strategies for the three cities will be submitted to DOJ by the first week of February.
- Deputies would like to all sign the response to the NGO letter—either they'll co-sign or submit as separate letters. Per NSC direction, the DHS Secretary will sign and submit the Group of Four response to Chairman McCaul.
- Deputies will support the Countering ISIL Strategy through our existing CVE efforts and coordinate with the ICC.
- NCTC and DHS discussed current outreach efforts in Denver. Denver would like to utilize the three cities' models to institute a similar approach there.

- DOJ's Guidance on Online Engagement is complete. DOJ is working with US Attorneys to guide its implementation. DHS suggested joint community outreach between CRCL and US Attorneys to familiarize their communities with the guidance.
- NCTC presented the ISIL Community Awareness Briefing. Deputies agree that it is a valuable tool to share more broadly with law enforcement and communities to make them aware of ISIL's recruiting efforts.

Summary of Agreements

- The Group of Four staff will produce a long-term funding options proposal paper that includes an opportunity analysis of pursuing line-item funding for CVE programming. The options need to address specific money amounts for specific projects. This proposal paper is due to the deputies by January 22, 2015 and will be followed by a meeting to discuss.
- Deputies will sign the NGO response letter as the Group of Four and submit to the NSC for final submission back to the NGOs.
- The Group of Four staff will continue to support the CVE White House Summit.

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WORKING DOCUMENT

Homeland Security Advisory Council Combating Violent Extremism Working Group Spring 2010

Secretary's Tasking of HSAC

"Today, I am hereby directing HSAC to work with state and local law enforcement as well as relevant community groups to develop and provide to me recommendations regarding how the Department can better support community-based efforts to combat violent extremism domestically--focusing in particular on the issues of training, information sharing, and the adoption of community oriented law enforcement approaches to this issue." (Secretary Napolitano, February 3, 2010 HSAC Meeting)

Timeline

Working Group Sub Groups

- 9 Members of HSAC
- 8 Members from community/faith-based groups
- 8 members from the state and local law enforcement community

Establishing the Working Group

February 18, 2010	HSAC CVE Working Group invite calls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss purpose, ask/Message, participant's role, timeline Full HSAC briefing on bi-weekly administrative call
February 19, 2010	HSAC/SLLE meeting
February 24, 2010	Call with CVE Working Group to discuss tasking progress
February 25, 2010	Call with community leaders to address Secretary's tasking to HSAC
March 3, 2010	Finalize the HSAC WG membership list

Working Group Meetings (Convene on 5 occasions)

March 10, 2010	Initial HSAC CVE Working Group Conference Call with all participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of SLLE, Community Groups, and HSAC sub groups
March 16, 2010	HSAC Working Group Meeting in Washington, DC (All-Day)
March 24, 2010	HSAC Working Group Conference Call
March 30, 2010	HSAC Working Group Conference Call
April 7, 2010	Final HSAC Working Group Meeting in Washington, DC (All-Day) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize the recommendations

WORKING DOCUMENT

*April 9, 2010
public conference call*

Deadline to send in Federal Register Notice for HSAC meeting via

April 23, 2010

HSAC Deliberations on Public Conference Call

- HSAC WG Chair briefs the HSAC on the recommendations
- HSAC deliberates and votes on the recommendations
- HSAC provides additional next steps for further focus from the Secretary

April 24, 2010

Recommendations submitted to Secretary Napolitano

April 30, 2010

HSAC/SLLE Announcement

Proposed Membership

HSAC

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Will invite HSAC Chair Judge Webster to attend all meetings and conference calls.

- William "Bill" Webster (HSAC Chair), Retired Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP

8 members State, Local, Tribal Law Enforcement sub-group: (Proposed Vice Chair Chuck Wexler)

8 members of community groups sub-group: Vice Chair named with input from CRCL

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(b)(6) of SCN, Mary Marr of Christian Emergency Network?)

Overview of (b)(6) Calls with HSAC Members

Purpose: Ask member to participate in the working group and provide a better understanding of the tasking for the membership.

Ask: Over the next 45 days, provide recommendations on the Secretary's tasking on combating violent extremism.

Outline a specific role for that member from which to gather input from their constituency:

- Academia/Emergency Response – Ellen Gordon;
- Government/Electeds – Governor O'Malley;
- Homeland Security– Dick Canas;
- National Security– Fran Townsend;
- SLLE – Chuck Wexler; Government/Academia – Senator Hart;
- Cybersecurity – Jeff Moss;
- Academia/Student Outreach – Skip Williams.

Timeline: The working group will hold the following meetings in order to put forth quality recommendations on combating violent extremism to the Secretary within 45 days:

- March 10 conference calls;
- March 16: in-person meetings in Washington, DC;
- March 24 conference calls;
- March 30 conference calls;
- April 7: in-person meetings in Washington, DC.

The membership of the working group will consist of 9 HSAC members, 8 members from state/local law enforcement and 8 members from community and faith-based organizations.

Background: On February 3, 2010, Secretary Napolitano tasked the HSAC with working “with state and local law enforcement as well as relevant community groups to develop and provide to me recommendations regarding how the Department can better support community-based efforts to combat violent extremism domestically--focusing in particular on the issues of training, information sharing, and the adoption of community oriented law enforcement approaches to this issue.”

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Please see the attached documents, which we will discuss at tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks

Irfan

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(b)(6) you are cleared to attend per Irfan. Mike

Hello all,

Please join us for the next CVE WG meeting, with guest speaker Peter Neumann.

Dr. Peter Neumann is Professor of Security Studies at the Department of War Studies, King's College London, and serves as Director of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalization, which he founded in early 2008. Dr. Neumann and the ICSR offers the most comprehensive and richly resourced account of the Syrian foreign fighter phenomenon from open sources. Based on more than 1,500 sources, the ICSR estimates that up to 11,000 individuals from 74 nations have become opposition fighters in Syria. Among Western Europeans, the number has more than tripled. Dr. Neumann will speak to recruitment narratives, travel patterns, and ideas for counter recruitment as it relates to foreign fighters.

When: Wednesday July 23, 2014
1pm-2pm

Where: DHS Headquarters
Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC)
Building 1- Large Conference Room (01-044)
3801 Nebraska Ave, NW
Washington DC

Please RSVP to me directly.

Also, please share with interested colleagues, but please ensure they RSVP to me.

Thanks

Irfan

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All,

As a follow up to the last CVE Working Group meeting, please see the attached CVE Engagements and Training tracker. Please send Nate and I any upcoming trainings, briefings, and engagements that are being conducted or funded by DHS or your Component in the next 3 months. Please send your additions in the attached spreadsheet by COB Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Thanks,

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From: (b)(6)
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Subject: CVE Working Group Meeting Notes - May 23, 2012

All,

Thanks for your participation in the CVE Working Group Meeting on Wednesday. Attached is the Summary of Conclusions and taskings from the meeting.

Thanks,

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Couldn't make it this morning. let me know if there's anything I need to know/do.

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All-

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 11:00 AM in NAC-5107 (Note: Call-in information was provided in the calendar invite for non-NAC participants). Also, as promised, attached are the draft OPA-cleared CVE talking points for internal purposes (on an if asked only basis and not for distribution). We will continue to work with OPA to update these TPs as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Nate Snyder at (b)(6) or Caroline Simmons at (b)(6)

Thank you.

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All-

Please see the attached draft agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 11:00 AM in NAC 5107. We will send out a final agenda first thing tomorrow. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-657-3568 or Nate Snyder at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

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All-

Thanks for your participation in the first CVE Working Group meeting yesterday. For your reference, attached are the following materials:

- CVE Working Group Report (Oct 20) – this includes an overview of the 1st meeting and taskers for next week's meeting
- DHS CVE Fact Sheet
- Overview of CVE Working Group
- CVE Working Group Contact List – please review and let us know if you have edits
- CVE Tracker (1st tab) and Dashboard (2nd tab)
- FEMA Informational Bulletin

· FEMA Training Guidance

Note: We will provide the updated OPA-cleared CVE Talking Points first thing next week.

The next CVE Working Group meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at 11:00 AM in NAC-5107 (a calendar invite will be sent out shortly). After that, we will work to set up a recurring meeting time.

Thank you.

Caroline Simmons

Director of Special Projects

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Location:	1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, suite 901 conference room (OCP Office)
Attendees:	CVE Working Group; Curry, Timothy; Furst, Hala; Arikat, Hafiza; Presswalla, Jenny; Manley, Andrew; Hernandez, Jessie; Morgenthau, Sarah; Macdonald, Jennifer; Shora, Nawar; Scannelli, Vincent; Roddini, Martin; Allen, Kim; Dinneen, James; Deloughery, Kathleen; Johnson Jr, Willie

Agenda attached-

Note: This meeting will be held at OCP's new office location in Metro Center.

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CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 1:00PM-2:00PM
DIAL-IN: (b)(6) / PIN: (b)(6)
1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 901 Conference Room (OCP Office)

1. Welcome
2. Upcoming S1 Events
3. FATE Briefing
4. CVEWG Charter Update
5. P2P Update
6. Update on HSAC CVE Subcommittee Report
7. Updates from Participants
 - CIS
 - CRCL
 - CT Coordinator
 - FEMA
 - FLETC
 - I&A
 - NPPD
 - OGC
 - OLA
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 - OPE/HSAC
 - OPA
 - OPS
 - PLCY
 - Privacy
 - S&T
 - TSA
 - GEC Rep
 - NCTC Rep



Countering Violent Extremism (1 of 2)

Actions/Milestones	Date	Status
COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Components: OCP, MGMT, S&T, FLETC, CRCL, FEMA, HSAC Sr. Staff: Rob Silvers		
1) Implementation of Office for Community Partnerships (OCP) Action Plan		
• CVE Grant Program Plan – FEMA	10/15	✓
• White House Strategic Implementation Plan Report – OCP	10/15	✓
• Finalize DHS CVE Action Plan – OCP	10/15	✓
• OCP Management Directive and Delegation of Authority– USM	10/15	✓
• Philanthropic Engagement Plan – OCP	11/15	✓
• Proposal of community roundtables, briefings and exercises in specific communities – CRCL	11/15	✓
• Field Support Expansion and Training (FY16)	11/15	
• Law Enforcement Training Plans – FLETC and FEMA	11/15	✓
• First CVE Research and Analysis Integrated Product Team – S&T and OCP	TBD (11/15)	

1 See Memorandum from Secretary Johnson, "Building Community Partnerships to Counter Violent Extremism," dated September 28, 20152 See DHS Delegation of Authority 0108, "Delegation of Authority to the Director of the Office for Community Partnerships," dated October 29, 20153 See DHS Management Directive "Building Community Partnerships to Counter Violent Extremism," dated October 30, 20154 See Department of Homeland Security Countering Violent Extremism Action Plan, dated October 20, 20155 See "Vision and Action for Secretary Johnson, Office of Community Partnerships Presentation," dated October 20, 2015

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Countering Violent Extremism (2 of 2)

Actions/Milestones	Date	Status
COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Components: OCP, MGMT, S&T, FLETC, CRCL, FEMA, HSAC Sr. Staff: Rob Silvers		
1) Implementation of Office for Community Partnerships (OCP) Action Plan (cont.)		
• Digital Strategy – OCP	12/15	
• Hire Chief Digital Officer	5/16	
• Facebook/Community Summit	9/16	
• Expand Peer-2-Peer program	Ongoing	
• First HSAC CVE-focus subcommittee meeting – HSAC	12/15	
• Research Strategy - S&T	4/16 (12/15)	
• OCP integrates national level Community Resilience Exercise into National Capstone Exercise	3/16	
• OCP partners with Police Athletic League to address violent extremism	1/16	
• Promote formation of Middle Eastern Law Enforcement Associations	Ongoing	

¹ See Memorandum from Secretary Johnson, "Building Community Partnerships to Counter Violent Extremism," dated September 28, 20152 See DHS Delegation of Authority 0108, "Delegation of Authority to the Director of the Office for Community Partnerships," dated October 29, 20153 See DHS Management Directive 045-02, "Building Community Partnerships to Counter Violent Extremism," dated October 30, 20154 See Department of Homeland Security Countering Violent Extremism Action Plan, dated October 20, 20155 See "Vision and Action for Secretary Johnson, Office of Community Partnerships Presentation," dated October 20, 2015

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Subject: CVE Working Group Meeting

1. Confirming, the CVE Working Group meeting for Wed, 28 Dec is CANCELLED. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CVE Working Group will be held on Wednesday, 4 Jan 2012. Mr. Robert Tuohy, HSI, is scheduled to provide a briefing to the group. Thank you, regret any confusion.

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: NAC 04 Room 01-101

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting
Date:	2015/03/23 14:16:25
Start Date:	2015/03/25 14:00:00
End Date:	2015/03/25 15:30:00
Type:	Appointment
Location:	Bldg 17 room 126A
Attendees:	CVE Working Group; Buckner, Carla D; Olson, Laura; Johnson, Staci M; Barbari, Nabeela; Hoffman, Andrew B; Redlinger, Steven; Arthur, Jonathan (CTR); Hall, Eric; Heller, Jacob; Roberts, Samuel; Morgenthau, Sarah; Roderick, Arthur D; Curry, Timothy; Allen, Kim; Bokor, Donald; Zaffar, Ehsan; Harrigan, Georgia; UNANGST, ERIKA G; Diatta, Jamie J; Lovett, Edward; Vigil, Larry; Legault, Richard; Lyons, John; Fendrick, Alec; Arikat, Hafiza; Scott, Joseph; Reifer, Chad; Roddini, Martin; Mathews, Scott; Johnson Jr, Willie; Ranger, Jennifer C; Shora, Nawar; Smith, Sherrod; Bogosian, Vicky; Shora, Kareem; Snyder, Nathaniel; Shah, Huma

UPDATE: Call-in, Agenda and Presentation

Dial: (b)(6) Conference Pin: (b)(6)

Hello all,

Please join us for the next CVE WG Meeting, to ensure we stay plugged in on CVE programs and initiatives.

When: Wednesday March 25th, 2015
2:00pm-3:30pm

Where: DHS Nebraska Avenue Complex
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington DC

Although we prefer in person attendance, we will get a conference call line for those who can't join us.

Thanks

David

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CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 2:00PM-3:30PM
DIAL-IN: (b)(6)
BLDG 17; Room 01-126-A

1. Updates from Participants
2. HSIN LE Presentation
3. Hill Briefings
4. IACP Training Update
5. Update on Boston Regional Engagement Position
6. CVE Strategies

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Location:	1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, suite 901 conference room (OCP Office)
Attendees:	CVE Working Group; Hernandez, Jessie; Allen, Kim; Macdonald, Jennifer; Logan, Christopher; Arikat, Hafiza; Morgenthau, Sarah; Woods, Daniel; Curry, Timothy; Roddini, Martin; Deloughery, Kathleen; Snyder, Nathaniel; Lougee, Peter; Reifer, Chad; Colsky, Andrew; Manley, Andrew; Harrigan, Georgia; Shora, Nawar; Priest, Suzanne

Agenda and materials attached

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CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 2:00PM-3:00PM

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1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 901 Conference Room (OCP Office)

1. Welcome
2. Updates from Participants
 - CIS
 - CRCL
 - CT Coordinator
 - FEMA
 - FLETC
 - I&A
 - NPPD
 - OGC
 - OLA
 - OPE
 - OPE/PSO
 - OPE/OSLLE
 - OPE/HSAC
 - OPA
 - OPS
 - PLCY
 - Privacy
 - S&T
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3. Action Plan Progress
4. SIP/White House Sub-IPC Update
5. CVEWG Charter Update
6. Philadelphia Event Readout

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End Date:	2015/12/17 16:00:00
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Location:	NAC Bldg 17, Room 126 A&B
Attendees:	CVE Working Group

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UPDATE: Call-in and agenda

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Hello all,

Please join us for the next CVE WG Meeting, to ensure we stay plugged in on CVE programs and initiatives.

When: Wednesday June 17th, 2015
2:00pm-3:30pm

Where: DHS Nebraska Avenue Complex
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington DC

Although we prefer in person attendance, we will get a conference call line for those who can't join us.

Thanks

David

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All-

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM in NAC 4/01-101. If you are unable to attend in person, please use the following call-in number: (b)(6)

Also attached are the OPA-cleared internal CVE Talking Points, which can be used as a reference for public engagements (please do not distribute outside of DHS). In addition, we have attached the DHS-Europol CVE Workplan and the new CVE SIP Tracker, which we will go over in the meeting tomorrow.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting today at 10 AM in NAC-04 01-101. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (b)(6)

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Thanks,
Caroline

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All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10 AM. This meeting will be UNCLASSIFIED and will take place in NAC18/02-223. If you are unable to attend in person, please see the following new call-in information: (b)(6) PIN: (b)(6) If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (b)(6)

Thanks,
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All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10 AM in NAC-04 01-101. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at

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Thanks,

-Nate

Nate Snyder

US Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Secretary

Special Advisor for Community Partnership &

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Thanks,
Caroline

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Thanks,
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Date:	2012/01/24 11:48:51
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All-

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10 AM. This meeting will be UNCLASSIFIED and will take place in NAC04/01-101 (4123). If you are unable to attend in person, please use the following call-in number: (b)(6) PIN: (b)(6) If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - March 7, 2012
Date:	2012/03/06 12:33:54
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All-

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM in NAC 4-124. If you are unable to attend in person, please use the following call-in number: (b)(6) PIN: (b)(6) If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

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To:	"CVE Working Group (b)(6)" (b)(6) "CT Staff </O=DHS C
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - May 16, 2012
Date:	2012/05/16 13:56:09
Type:	Note.EnterpriseVault.Shortcut

All,

Attached are the meeting notes from today's CVE Working Group Meeting, as well as the U.S.- Canada draft agenda.

-Ashleigh

From: Simmons, Caroline
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 7:21 PM
To: CVE Working Group
Cc: CT Staff
Subject: CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - May 16, 2012

All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM in NAC 4-101. Please also take note of the following two requests related to CVE engagements:

1. Summary of May-June, 2012 CVE Engagements: Please review the attached Draft CVE Engagements Overview for May-June, 2012 and add upcoming engagements you have to this list. Note: This is not a final or comprehensive list of engagements, and is only representative of updates that were provided in last week's CVE meeting. Please take a moment to update the document with your Component/Office's upcoming engagements.
2. NCTC Community Engagement Online Resourc

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CC:	"CT Staff <(b)(6)>
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - May 16, 2012
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All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM in NAC 4-101. Please also take note of the following two requests related to CVE engagements:

1. Summary of May-June, 2012 CVE Engagements: Please review the attached Draft CVE Engagements Overview for May-June, 2012 and add upcoming engagements you have to this list. Note: This is not a final or comprehensive list of engagements, and is only representative of updates that were provided in last week's CVE meeting. Please take a moment to update the document with your Component/Office's upcoming engagements.
2. NCTC Community Engagement Online Resource Center: NCTC has developed a Community Engagement Online Resource Center with a calendar highlighting all interagency engagements on CVE. We want to ensure that all DHS engagements are updated on this online calendar. As such, if you do not yet have access to this online resource center, please send a request d

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To:	"CVE Working Group" (b)(6)
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - May 9, 2012
Date:	2012/05/09 00:02:56
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All - please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting for Wednesday May 9th at 10AM.

If there are any additional items you would like included please let either me or Caroline know.

Thanks and talk to you all soon.

-Nate

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CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - November 28, 2012
Date:	2012/11/27 16:07:27
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All,

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE meeting tomorrow at 10 AM in NAC 5107. If you are unable to attend in person, please use the following number: Dial: (b)(6) Pin: (b)(6)

Thank you,

Caroline

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - November 9, 2011
Date:	2011/11/09 08:42:58
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Good Morning All-

Please see the attached agenda for the CVE Working Group Meeting today at 10:00 AM in NAC4-01-101 (4123). If you are unable to attend in person, please use the following call-in number:

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Thanks,
Caroline

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To:	"CVE Working Group <(b)(6)> (b)(6)
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, November 2
Date:	2011/11/02 10:05:47
Type:	Note.EnterpriseVault.Shortcut

All,

Please see the attached final agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting today at 11:00 AM in NAC 5107. For non-NAC participants, call-in number is as follows:

Dial: (b)(6) Conference Pin: (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

From: Simmons, Caroline
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 6:07 PM
To: CVE Working Group
Subject: CVE Working Group Draft Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, November 2

All-

Please see the attached draft agenda for the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow at 11:00 AM in NAC 5107. We will send out a final agenda first thing tomorrow. If you have any questions, please contact me at (b)(6) or Nate Snyder at (b)(6)

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda 10/24 Room: NAC5-107
Date:	2012/10/23 14:28:03
Type:	Note.EnterpriseVault.Shortcut

All,

Please see attached agenda for tomorrow's CVE Working Group Meeting. If you have agenda items or topics to be raised please let us know. Also, the meeting will be in the Secretary's large conference room beginning at 10:00AM.

Thank you,

Ashleigh Scott

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Date:	2013/03/26 18:57:53	
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All,

Please see the attached agenda and read ahead for the CVE working group meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,
Caroline

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Date:	2011/12/15 09:27:58
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Good Morning All,

Following up on the CVE Working Group meeting yesterday, please see the following three taskings below:

1. Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) Tracker: Attached is a draft spreadsheet tracking each of DHS' lead action items outlined in the SIP (we have over 52!) Please take a moment to review the tracker and 1) provide a status update on any items you are the lead for; and 2) if you are not listed as a lead for a specific item, but you are involved and/or have equities, please add your Component and an update on your related activities. This will be an ongoing process so we don't expect there to be an update for every item right now, but please do the best you can to populate the spreadsheet with any information you currently have.

2. CVE Engagements Calendar: We have created a shared calendar through Microsoft Office entitled "CVE Working Group Calendar" with all of DHS' upcoming CVE engagements. To access it, go to your outlook ca

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting in 5107
Date:	2012/08/07 16:23:37
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All-

The CVE Working Group meeting has been moved to room 5107 for tomorrow.

Thanks,
Caroline

From: Simmons, Caroline
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 4:10 PM
To: CVE Working Group
Cc: CT Staff
Subject: RE: CVE Meeting Agenda - August 8, 2012

All-

In advance of the CVE Working Group meeting tomorrow, please see the following updates and attachments:

1. Minneapolis CVE Training Workshop: Attached is the latest draft agenda for the CVE Training Workshop taking place in Minneapolis, MN on August 13-14, 2012.
2. GAO Statement of Facts: Attached is an updated version of the main section of the Statement of Facts which the GAO revised. Password to follow. Please send any additional input or edits you have to caroline.simmons@hq.dhs.gov by COB Wednesday, August 8, 2012.
3. CVE Training Modules: Thank you to Privacy, CRCL, FEMA, OGC, and S&T for your input. If you have not provided input yet, please send your edits/comment

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Notes from 6/27/2012
Date:	2012/06/29 11:38:52
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All,

Attached are the notes from the CVE Working Group meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Also attached are the following documents for your visibility and review:

- CVE Training Working Group Draft Framework – please review and provide comments to Barry Lane and Caroline Simmons by COB Monday, July 2nd.
- Draft Agenda for the NCR Workshop on July 11-12, 2012 – if you have any edits, please send them to Nate Snyder and Caroline Simmons by COB Monday, July 2nd.
- Draft Table of Contents for Norwegian Commission Request – if you have any input, please send to Caroline Simmons by COB Monday, July 2nd.
- John Cohen's CVE Testimony for the Record – FYI only.
- The presentation on the Sovereign Citizen's Movement by the Vermont State Police – FYI only.

Sincerely,

Ellen Aldin

Intern, CVE Working Group

US Department of Homeland Security

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Read Out - November 13 2013
Date:	2013/11/18 14:18:10
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All-

Attached please find the read out from the last meeting. Thanks,

Lauren

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CVE Working Group Meeting Read Out
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 10:00AM-11:00AM

I. Briefings

- **Update on DoS/DHS/NCTC European trip on FF/CVE**
 - The trip entailed discussions with the EU, Sweden, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium. The meetings included discussion concerning each country's approach to and perception of the FF issue and broader CVE efforts writ large, as well as the Department's CVE efforts and work on developing non-ideological indicators of mass casualty attacks. A comprehensive trip report is forthcoming and will be disseminated.
 - There will be two upcoming international conferences - one will feature mayors from at risk cities, the other will be a high-level CVE conference in April.
 - *Due Out: OIA will work with the CTWG and CRCL to define and distribute due outs from the trip.*
 - *Due Out: The talking points shared during the trip (concerning DHS work on developing non-ideological indicators of mass casualty attacks) will be shared with the CVEWG.*
- **Deputies Breakfast Recap**
 - Discussion concerning the need to maintain focus on preventing violent acts as opposed to radical thought or speech.
 - *Due Out: I&A will host a meeting with analysts and those involved in law enforcement and engagement efforts so that analysts will have better insight and knowledge into the operating environment that their analysis is supporting.*

II. Logistics/Updates

- **Legislative Updates (OLA)**
- **International Updates (OIA)**
- **State and Local Update (OSLLE)**

III. Round Robin

From:	Simmons, Caroline <(b)(6)>
To:	"CVE Working Group" <(b)(6)>
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Report - November 9, 2011
Date:	2011/11/14 19:20:37
Type:	Note.EnterpriseVault.Shortcut

All,

Please see the attached report from the CVE Working Group meeting on November 9, 2011. The next meeting will take place this Wednesday, November 16 at 10 AM in NAC-04 01-101.

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Report - November 16, 2011
Date:	2011/11/18 16:38:33
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All,

Please see the attached CVE Working Group report summarizing Wednesday's meeting and next steps. If you have any questions, please contact me or Nate Snyder.

Thanks,

Caroline

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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Summaries
Date:	2012/08/15 18:54:46
Type:	Note.EnterpriseVault.Shortcut

All,

Thanks for your participation in the CVE WG meeting today. Attached are summaries of the previous two CVE WG meetings.

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Summary of Conclusions
Date:	2016/04/19 14:06:49
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

All,

Apologies for the delay, attached please find the summary of conclusions from last week's CVEWG meeting.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks,

Lauren

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CVE Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 1:00PM-2:00PM

Summary of Conclusions

The CVE Working Group agreed that:

1. Action Plan

- OCP will reach out to specific CVEWG members for their DHS CVE Action Plan – Activity Performance Report(s) and any relevant attachments (**Action: OCP**)
- OCP will provide the CVEWG with regular updates on an ongoing basis (**Action: OCP, ongoing**)

2. CVEWG Charter

- All input on the charter is due by COB 4/15 (**Action: CVEWG members**)

3. IPT Follow Up

- OCP will synch up with S&T to discuss the 366 chart and the CVE IPT (**Action: OCP and S&T, by 4/27**)

4. FLETC Leadership Conference

- OCP will work with FLETC to set up the CVE portion of the conference (**Action: OCP and FLETC, by the next CVEWG meeting**)

5. CRCL Schedule

- CRCL will continue to share its quarterly events schedule and will work with David Gersten to share current CAB and CREX materials by 4/29 (**Action: CRCL, ongoing**)

CVE Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 2:00PM-3:00PM

Summary of Conclusions

The CVE Working Group agreed that:

1. Action Plan

- OCP will reach out to specific CVE-WG members for their DHS CVE Action Plan – Activity Performance Report(s) and any relevant attachments, including CVE-related performance data (**Action: OCP, weekly**)
- OCP will provide the CVE-WG with regular updates on an ongoing basis (**Action: OCP, ongoing**)

2. CVE-WG Charter

- OCP to complete revised charter review and package for FO signature (**Action: OCP, by May 20th**)

3. UM Storyboards

- OCP previously sent out the storyboards to the CVE-WG on May 12th, and expects to receive feedback on them from CVE-WG members by COB May 17th (**Action: CVE-WG, by May 17th**)

4. CVE Input

- As OCP continues to formulate CVE success stories, we ask that all CVE-WG members provide two anecdotes or examples of CVE-related programmatic successes to OCP (an example would be the Secretary's recent engagement event in Philadelphia). (**Action: CVE-WG, by May 17th**)

5. SIP Update

- OCP will ensure that OLA, OPA and OPE are looped into any SIP rollout plans (**Action: OCP by May 20th**)

From:	Snyder, Nathaniel (b)(6)	
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Subject:	CVE Working Group Meeting Tomorrow (WED) 10AM NAC 4-01-101	
Date:	2013/11/12 15:32:45	
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All – please see the attached agenda for the meeting tomorrow at 10AM in NAC 4-01-101.

Call-in information:

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Thanks and talk to everyone soon.

-Nate

Nate Snyder

US Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Secretary

Liaison for Community Partnership &

Strategic Engagement

Counterterrorism Working Group

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Date:	2015/11/05 10:18:36
Start Date:	2015/11/06 14:00:00
End Date:	2015/11/06 15:30:00
Type:	Appointment
Location:	NAC 17, Room 126 A&B
Attendees:	CVE Working Group; Hoffman, Andrew B; Clark, Alaina; Morgenthau, Sarah; Diatta, Jamie J; Arthur, Jonathan (CTR); Lougee, Peter; Bokor, Donald; Harrigan, Georgia; Farah, Abdirizak; Vigil, Larry; Macdonald, Jennifer; Redlinger, Steven; Martin, Annelise; Curry, Timothy; King, Chas; Woodhams, Katrina; Isacco, Michael; McCarroll, Edward; Selim, George (George_Selim@nsc.eop.gov); Selim, George; Groot-Begnaud, Jeni A; Crawley, Ayn

UPDATE: Call-in, agenda and attachments

Dial (b)(6) Conference Pin: 3 (b)(6)

Hello all,

Please join us for the next CVE WG Meeting, to ensure we stay plugged in on CVE programs and initiatives.

When: Friday November 6th, 2015
2:00pm-3:30pm

Where: DHS Nebraska Avenue Complex
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington DC

Although we prefer in person attendance, we will get a conference call line for those who can't join us.

Thanks

David

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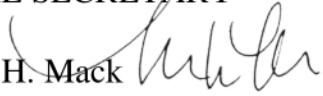


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November 2, 2015

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Megan H. Mack 
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

SUBJECT: **DHS CRCL Community Engagement Activities Impacting
Countering Violent Extremism**

Purpose: In your October 20, 2015 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Action Plan to Counter Violent Extremism (“DHS CVE Action Plan”), you requested by November 1, 2015 that CRCL provide a plan describing the foundational activities undertaken by the office “to enhance community understanding of the threat and effective measures to counter violent extremism.” These foundational activities were to include the community-based programs that CRCL leads, which serve to counter violent extremism by raising community awareness of the violent extremist threat, connect community groups with federal, state, and local partners to facilitate joint action against threats, and provide information and resources to community partners.

Context and equities: In response to your request, CRCL is providing its FY2016 Community Engagement Section Work Plan (attached), which provides in detail CRCL’s engagement and CVE-related activities for the upcoming year, including its plan to realign its work to fulfill the requirements of the DHS CVE Action Plan. CRCL is providing the entire work plan because, while CRCL’s primary engagement mission is to engage with diverse communities in order to address civil rights and civil liberties related issues, a majority of our work directly or indirectly impacts efforts to counter violent extremism. While an estimated 10% to 25% of CRCL’s engagement activities and programs contribute directly to the Department’s CVE efforts, 100% of our work indirectly benefits the CVE mission by building the community partnerships that make effective CVE programming possible. CRCL’s engagement activities that have the greatest impact on CVE include the following foundational activities (as described in the DHS CVE Action Plan):

Community Engagement Events: CRCL's community engagement program is designed to respond to community concerns and to provide information about DHS policies and programs, including those related to countering violent extremism. CRCL currently holds regular community engagement meetings in 16 metropolitan areas and leads or plays a significant role in regularly held roundtable meetings in 14 cities across the country. The majority of CRCL's engagement efforts consist of coordinating and leading regular roundtable meetings with diverse community leaders and federal, state, and local government officials. In addition to roundtables, CRCL also reaches out to a broad range of communities on a regular basis through secondary events, such as town halls, stand-alone meetings, and other engagement events based on community concerns, or at the request of government partners.

As required by the DHS CVE Action Plan, in FY2016, resources permitting, CRCL plans to expand our community engagement work by adding two additional quarterly roundtables for an annual total of approximately 76 roundtables, 92 secondary events, two youth summits, a women's summit, and four campus/youth engagement town halls.

Community Awareness Briefing (CAB): The CAB is designed to share unclassified information with community stakeholders and law enforcement partners regarding the threat of radicalization to violence across the United States. The CAB empowers local communities to address the threat of recruitment of young adults and others by terrorist actors, while helping to develop trusted networks of law enforcement and community stakeholders to collaborate on CVE projects.

In FY2016, CRCL plans to deliver between 5-11 CABS in cities where we hold roundtables, and deliver CABS as needed to young adults as part of CRCL's various engagement plans, including the Campus/Youth Engagement Program, the Syria Outreach Plan, and the Somali American Community Strategic Engagement Plan. CRCL will also facilitate delivery of the CAB with other government partners including OCP and the National Counterterrorism Center.

Community Resilience Exercise (CREX): The CREX is a tabletop exercise that brings together law enforcement and community representatives to interactively assess common fact patterns related to violent extremism. The CREX uses two unfolding scenarios of possible violent extremism activities, with one track focused on law enforcement reactions, and the other track focused on proactive steps appropriate within community spheres. The CREX is designed to improve communication between law enforcement and the communities they serve, and concludes with the formulation of a local plan of action on how communities may leverage local resources to mitigate the threat of violent extremism.

In FY2016, CRCL expects to conduct four CREXs at locations which will be determined by community and local government concerns and feedback received at community engagement events, as well as intelligence based information.

Engagement Events for Department Senior Leadership: CRCL has regularly facilitated high-level engagement for Department senior leadership. In FY2015, you participated in seven CRCL engagement events related to CVE. The Deputy Secretary and other DHS senior leadership, including component heads, attended more than a dozen additional engagement events throughout the year. As part of the DHS CVE Action Plan, CRCL proposes the following community engagement and CVE activities for you, and for other DHS senior leaders, to take place within the next 90 days:

- *Engagement focus group at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.* The focus group will explore how DHS CVE strategies can best address the threat of domestic terrorism. While we understand you are unavailable to participate in the Charleston event on December 1 or 2, your participation in an event focused on domestic terrorism would send a clear message to diverse communities that the Department is concerned about finding solutions to all forms of violent extremism.
- *CVE-focused community engagement event in Washington D.C. on U.S.-based Violent Extremism (domestic terrorism).* CRCL recommends that you host a community engagement listening session for two hours at the NAC with subject matter experts on domestic terrorism, in early to mid-December 2015. The listening session would convene DHS partners in non-governmental organizations and local law enforcement who monitor and expose the activities of violent extremists in the U.S., to explore how DHS CVE strategies can best address current threats. Participants would discuss how DHS can facilitate information-sharing and building awareness of tools, as well as good practices for communities to respond to the threat of domestic terrorist groups. The event would be a capstone to CRCL's ongoing follow up work in the wake of the shooting at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, including the engagement focus group planned for early December.
- *CVE-focused community engagement roundtable and events in Denver, Colorado.* Since 2014, when three teenage girls from Denver travelled overseas with the intent of joining ISIL, CRCL has worked closely with the U.S. Attorney, FBI, community members, and local law enforcement in conducting CVE engagement events to raise awareness and develop local plans of action. Your participation in a Denver engagement roundtable would solidify the role of DHS in addressing violent extremism as a partner in any program moving forward.
- *CVE-focused community engagement roundtable and events in Phoenix, Arizona.* Phoenix has been the site of multiple incidents related to violent extremism, including when two men from Phoenix opened fire at an event in Dallas, Texas

featuring cartoon drawings of the Prophet Muhammad. Phoenix has also been the site of multiple anti-Muslim protests in 2015. Your participation in Phoenix would solidify DHS partnerships with local communities and build trust to more effectively address violent extremism.

- *CVE-focused community engagement roundtable and youth engagement event in Detroit/Dearborn, Michigan.* The Detroit roundtable formally began in September 2014 and features participation by diverse communities as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement. CRCL recommends that you participate in a CVE-focused roundtable to be hosted by the Dearborn Police Department, and a youth-focused engagement on CVE to be hosted by the HYPE Recreation Center. The youth event would be an opportunity for you to hear specific, concrete ideas and plans to counter violent extremism from American Muslims and Muslim youth.
- *Capstone CVE-focused engagement events in Washington, D.C.* You have conducted CVE-focused engagement events in 10 metropolitan areas across the country. CRCL suggests that you host a series of meetings in Washington D.C. including Group 4 leaders (DHS, NCTC, DOJ, and FBI) to capture the lessons learned at CVE-related engagement events across the country. These events would include a Community Awareness Briefing, a basic exercise focused on next steps, and a meeting with community groups, philanthropic foundations, local civic leaders, and law enforcement to discuss joint short-term and long-term plans to address violent extremism at the local level. CRCL expects these capstone events would have a culminating effect and create a new trajectory for CVE-related engagement, which we expect would also assist the newly formed Office for Community Partnerships in effectively launching its mission.

In implementing these CVE-related engagement activities, CRCL will work closely with the newly formed Office for Community Partnerships (OCP), Policy, NPPD, I&A, S&T, and other DHS partners. As required by the DHS CVE Action Plan, CRCL will also provide quarterly updates detailing our progress, lessons learned, and upcoming milestones and targets.

Attachment: Fiscal Year 2016 CRCL Community Engagement Section Workplan.

**CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Friday November 6th, 2015 2:00PM-3:30PM**

DIAL-IN: (b)(6)

BLDG 17; Room 01-126 A&B

1. Updates from Participants
2. Standing up OCP
3. Interagency Review Update
4. LE Training Plan
5. Engagement Plan
6. Recent and Upcoming Events




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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: George Selim
Director, Office for Community Partnerships

David Gersten
Deputy Director, Office for Community Partnerships

SUBJECT: **Countering Violent Extremism Law Enforcement Training
Action Plans**

Purpose: The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide you with a coordinated response by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) on how they will support countering violent extremism (CVE) trainings efforts for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement.

Context and equities: On September, 28 2015, you issued a memorandum to Department leadership establishing the Office for Community Partnerships (OCP) and tasked FLETC and FEMA to provide action plans to support federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement. OCP received individual plans from FEMA, FLETC, and input from CRCL. Though not tasked to do so in your memorandum, CRCL is partnering with FLETC to develop training curricula for frontline law enforcement to deliver CVE threat awareness briefings among their peers. This memo is a topline summary informed by these individually submitted plans along with proposals from OCP. These plans and actions to support CVE training for law enforcement form a foundation that sets efforts in the right direction while providing for new opportunities. OCP will work with these offices and components to further develop and execute new initiatives to support our partners in federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement.

Update CVE Related Components of Training Programs

FLETC provides basic law enforcement training for the majority of federal law enforcement agencies. Depending on their agency's mission and jurisdiction, students are required to attend one of four basic training programs containing modules to specifically address CVE and terrorism. FLETC will leverage its Curriculum Review Conferences that include 96 federal partner organizations and other stakeholders to update and modify these

CVE modules and curricula. The basic training programs undergo this review process every three years and three of the programs will be reviewed in 2016.

Besides its formal Curriculum Review Conferences, FLETC will take additional steps to review, validate, and update its CVE curricula contained in its basic federal law enforcement training programs. FLETC will solicit feedback from the DHS CVE Working Group and the Office for Community Partnerships to identify new information that will enhance current curricula. This more informal review process will start immediately and conclude in July 2016. Further, FLETC will validate its CVE curricula against the final report from its National Summit on Empowering Communities to Prevent Violent Extremism held in 2014, and work with partner organization through the FLETC Curriculum Advisory Council to refresh basic training programs.

In addition, FEMA will ensure its funding of external CVE training development for state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement is consistent with DHS CVE training guidance issued by CRCL in 2011 and the White House CVE strategy.

Provide Training to Additional Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement

In August 2015, CRCL received FY 2015 reprogramming funds for the purpose of joint CVE training development. With these funds, FLETC in joint-partnership with CRCL will develop a CVE train-the-trainer program focused on law enforcement threat awareness briefing delivery for state, local, tribal, and territorial frontline law enforcement. As a critical step, FLETC will coordinate a Curriculum Development Conference with CRCL and OCP. FLETC partner organizations, non-governmental organizations, law enforcement, and other CVE stakeholders from across the country will participate. FLETC and CRCL anticipate developing and piloting this program by the conclusion of FY 2016.

In addition, FLETC will incorporate CRCL's Community Awareness Briefing into the annual Homeland Security Leadership Academy. The Homeland Security Leadership Academy is a two week program for state and local law enforcement leaders; FLETC partnered with the National Sheriff's Association to pilot program in September 2015.

Providing Funding Support and Resources for Current and Future Training Development

FEMA, through its Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) and Continuing Training Grants (CTG) program has funded training for state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement since FY 2013. Each grant and cooperative agreement has a three-year period of performance and includes rollout and use of the training in the coming years. As such, these awards can all be considered part of the plan for supporting CVE training:

- In FY 2013 HSNTP/CTG awarded \$700,000 to the International Association of Chiefs of Police to develop and deliver online CVE training for executive and frontline law enforcement.

- In FY 2014, HSNTF/CTG awarded \$799,966 to the University of Maryland and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism to develop a four-day suite of CVE training for state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement and fusion centers.
- In FY 2015 HSNTF/CTG awarded \$1,701,595 to the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation to develop and deliver a national training program designed to enhance community CVE efforts by integrating community policing principles into their efforts.
- In FY 2015 HSNTF/CTG awarded \$1,319,405 to the University of Maryland and their National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism to develop a suite of five specialized CVE training courses for community and government audiences.

Office for Community Partnerships Proposed Initiatives

OCP will work with FLETC, FEMA, CRCL, and other offices and components to advance the Department's growth in enhancing existing programs and resources to support CVE training for law enforcement. More importantly, OCP will encourage them to work together to develop new opportunities and supportive efforts. In the coming year, OCP plans to explore and develop initiatives that utilize existing Departmental technology platforms, take advantage of existing training exercises to introduce and franchise new content, use research to develop new tools, and develop new partnerships to support law enforcement CVE training efforts.

- The DHS CVE Training Resources and Active Shooter Webportal will be revamped to increase law enforcement and community access to training; the webportal currently has 4,871 active users.
- OCP will partner with FEMA to utilize existing platforms focused on building trust and partnerships to reach community and law enforcement audiences in order to introduce and franchise the Community Resilience Exercise; the creation of new and/or expansion of existing funding opportunities will also be explored.
- OCP will work with the DHS CVE Working Group to develop and execute roll-out plans for the upcoming release of previously mentioned DHS funded law enforcement trainings.
- OCP is seeking to partner with the Police Athletic League to take advantage of its established national reach and credibility in communities to protect at-risk youth from violent extremism; ideally this will result in a national campaign.

cc: FLETC Director Patrick
FEMA Administrator Fugate
CRCL Officer Mack

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

I. Purpose

This delegation vests the authorities described herein in the Department's Director of the Office for Community Partnerships (OCP Director). The OCP Director reports directly to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and directs the countering violent extremism (CVE) activities for the Department to support community-based efforts to counter violent extremism.

II. Delegation

Subject to my oversight, direction, and guidance, and pursuant to Title 6 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 112, I delegate to the OCP Director the authority to:

- A. Serve as the principal CVE official for DHS, serve as the principal adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, and advise DHS senior leaders and Component Heads on CVE matters.
- B. Serve as the principal CVE official for DHS to direct departmental domestic and international efforts to counter violent extremism - both international and domestic in origin - with interagency and international partners and Administration and National Security Council staffs.
- C. In collaboration with Components and interagency partners, ensure that Department CVE efforts are appropriately developed, coordinated, integrated, aligned, and implemented, including through the issuance of taskings and requests for information in support of departmental CVE efforts.
- D. Nothing in this delegation, as a matter of law, impedes, inhibits, or diminishes the authority granted by statute or executive order to the Components to perform the Components' assigned missions and functions.

III. Re-Delegation

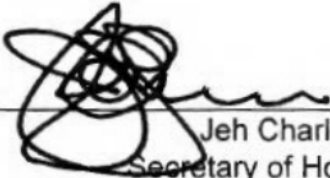
The authorities delegated herein may be re-delegated in writing to any other appropriate subordinate official.

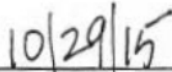
IV. Authority

Title 6, U.S.C., Section 112, "Secretary; functions"

V. Office of Primary Interest

The Office for Community Partnerships is the office of primary interest for this Delegation.



Jeh Charles Johnson
Secretary of Homeland Security

Date

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Given that a number of people will not be able to attend the CVE meeting tomorrow because of the impending Holiday, we will postpone this meeting until January 4, 2011.

Two quick reminders: 1) if you have not responded to the attached CVE training data call tasking, please send your responses to (b)(6) and (b)(6) by COB Thursday, December 22; and 2) please send any feedback you have received from your stakeholders on the SIP to Nathaniel.snyder (b)(6) and (b)(6) gov by 3:30 PM today if possible.

Thanks, and have a great Holiday!

Best regards,

Caroline

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All – sorry for the delay, here are the notes from the last CVE Working Group meeting.

Please let me or Caroline know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

-Nate

Nate Snyder

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All,

Attached is the read out from last week's CVEWG meeting. Agenda for tomorrow (Mar. 6) will be forthcoming.

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Intern, US Department of Homeland Security

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Counterterrorism Working Group

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Attached is the CVE Report and list of Action Items from our Working Group meeting on November 2, 2011. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM in NAC4/01-101 (4123). Note: We sent out a recurring meeting invite for all future CVE Working Group meetings to take place on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in NAC4/01-101 (4123).

Thanks,
Caroline

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All,

Per our discussion in the CVE Working Group Meeting on Wednesday, please see the attached data call requesting information on all direct and indirect CVE trainings that your Component/office is currently conducting or plans to conduct in the future. Note: We have included definitions for what constitutes a "direct" or "indirect" training, but if you have any questions or need more clarification, feel free to contact me at (b)(6). Please provide your input on this tasking to (b)(6) by COB Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

Thanks,
Caroline

Caroline Simmons
Director of Special Projects
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All-

Please see the following updates:

1. Minneapolis CVE Training Workshop: Attached is the draft agenda for the CVE Training Workshop taking place in Minneapolis, MN on August 13-14, 2012.
2. GAO Statement of Facts: Attached is the draft Statement of Facts on CVE that was sent by the GAO on Friday for our review. If you haven't already, please take a moment to review to ensure that the GAO's analyses and findings on your Component's equities are current, correct, and complete and send any comments/input you have in the attached "Technical Comments Template" to (b)(6) gov by COB Thursday, August 2, 2012.
3. CVE Training Modules: If you have not provided input yet, please send your edits/comments to Peter Hause at (b)(6)

The CVE Working Group meeting this week has been postponed; the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 8th. If you have any pertinent updates for this week, please feel

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Hi-George asked that we include an update on the HSAC report in the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Are you ok with that? Do you want to briefly discuss it or should I?

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K, can I please get a list of everyone on the CVE subcommittee to add to the list of subs I have on my board. Thank you.

Sarah E. Morgenthau

Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Subject:	CVEWG Meeting 8-14-2013 Read Out
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All – please see the attached read out from the last meeting.

Thanks,

-Lauren Wenger

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- **2 Cities**

- Columbus, OH trip from 8/19-8/21.
- Los Angeles will be the second city, tentatively scheduled for the first week in October

Round Robin

- S&T: Forthcoming report on Disengagement; currently in process of presenting research to S&T leadership.
- HSAC: Scheduling final faith-based planning meeting for the Dearborn event; working on New Jersey TTX event.
- SLLE: Had representation at the FOP conference; discussion of upcoming Natl Native American law enforcement event in September in Las Vegas.
- Policy: Australia CVE bilat planned for 5-6 of September; GCTF plenary session in NY - A/S Heyman is planning to attend, August 27th-28th.
- CRCL: Upcoming August events in Columbus, Detroit, Denver and Boston; Chicago TTX being planned with community leaders and law enforcement.
- NPPD: Need to move forward with an outline and frame of action/deliverables on CVEWG role.
- FEMA: 7/24 funding announcement closed on 8/16 (was posted on grants.gov) - CVE was one of 5 focus areas.

From:	Wenger, Lauren ((b)(6))	
To:	((b)(6))	
Subject:	CVEWG Meeting Agenda for July 10 2013	
Date:	2013/07/09 16:13:24	
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All – please see the attached agenda for tomorrow’s meeting.

For those who are able to make it to the NAC, we will be meeting in BLDG 4; 01-101 (Across from Elevator);

The dial-in information is on the agenda.

Thanks,

Lauren Wenger

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CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:00AM-11:00AM
Dial: (b)(6) Pin: (b)(6)
BLDG 4; 01-101 (Across from Elevator)

I. Briefings

- 5CM update
- Update on Two Cities effort
- Belgium CVE update
- FEMA Grants
- OIA CVE engagement coordination

II. Logistics/Updates

- Legislative Updates (OLA)
- International Updates (OIA)
- State and Local Update (OSLLE)

III. Round Robin

From:	Snyder, Nathaniel (b)(6)	
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Subject:	CVEWG Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2013	
Date:	2013/06/04 19:03:13	
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All – please see the attached agenda for tomorrow’s meeting.

For those who are able to make it to the NAC, we will be meeting in NAC 5107 (The Secretary’s large conference room).

The dial-in information is on the agenda.

Thanks,

-Nate

Nate Snyder

US Department of Homeland Security

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CVE Working Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 10:00AM-11:00AM

Dial: (b)(6) **Pin:** (b)(6)

NAC 5107 Secretary's Large Conference Room

I. Briefings

- **Webportal and DVD Progress (Active Shooter, Violent White Supremacist)**
- **Recap: CVE Deputies Breakfast (CTWG)**
- **Webportal Improvements and Outreach (CTWG)**
- **Recap: Partnering with the IACP on Training Development (CTWG)**
- **Recap: CVE HSGAC Briefing (CTWG/OLA)**
- **Update from the Field (Haroon)**

II. Logistics/Updates

- **Legislative Updates (OLA)**
- **International Updates (PLCY/OIA)**
- **State and Local Update (OSLLE)**

III. Round Robin

From:	Wenger, Lauren (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	CVEWG Meeting Agenda
Date:	2014/05/06 16:36:42
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All,

Attached please find an agenda for tomorrow's CVEWG meeting, which will be held at 10:00am in Building 4; room 01-124.

In addition, since we have included it as an update item on the agenda, attached you will also find a draft strawman paper crafted by the NSCS to reflect what a process and approach to assist state and locals develop their own frameworks might look like (using Columbus, OH as an example). This strawman paper would then be used to develop frameworks in the 3 cities previously selected by the NSCS (Boston, Minneapolis/St Paul, and Los Angeles).

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information in advance of tomorrow's meeting. Thanks,

Lauren

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All – we are still solidifying details for the classified briefing regarding the events in Boston; we are aiming to have it next week. It will more than likely be during a special CVEWG meeting that will be called.

However for next Wednesday's regularly scheduled CVEWG meeting on May 1st from 10AM-11:30AM; CRCL has been able to schedule a briefing from Hattaway Communications <<http://www.hattaway.com/>> and the National Security Network <<http://nsnetwork.org/>> , about groundbreaking message and communications research on perceptions of American Muslims. It will be hosted at the CRCL office in NOMA. Please see the information and directions from Irfan, below.

Thanks,

-Nate

131 M Street, NE

6th Floor Conference room.

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(Please note this is NE, not NW).

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CVE Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

1. Updates

- OCP
 - The White House created the Tech Terror Working Group, OCP is working closely with I&A and NPPD to ensure proper representation.
- OLA
 - Three CVE bills passed
 - Combatting social media
 - Announcement of PAVE
 - CVE labs
 - ACLU circulated letter that they do not oppose any bills
 - MPAC voiced support of bills
 - McCaul is asking for more money in budget for CVE efforts
 - The Hill is requesting performance measures/metrics
- S&T
 - In the following weeks CVEWG members will be contacted and asked to reply for an interview regarding the CVE roadmap
- I&A
 - In 2-3 weeks the HVE Indicators unclassified public documents will downgrade the number of behavioral indicators
 - Law enforcement outreach on “red book” product
- NPPD
 - Conducted a webinar with Muslim Advocates on protection of houses of worship
- FEMA
 - University of Maryland START CVE Training Storyboard edits/comments are due by COB Tuesday, February 16
- Office of Counterterrorism Policy
 - Tina Kadinow from the CT/CVE Bureau is leaving and her Deputy, Justin Siberell will be filling her post

- The U.N. was given \$100 million from Saudi Arabia to assist in UN Security Resolution 2178 regarding CT/CVE efforts, mostly focusing on correctional settings
- 2. CVE Data Call
 - The data call accounts for all resources used for CVE efforts in FY16
 - This will lay the groundwork for planning future budgets
 - Component/Office CVEWG members will work with their CFO's to send verified data in by COB Friday, February 12
- 3. START Storyboard Review
 - The first round of edits are due by COB Tuesday, February 16
- 4. 5CM Ministerial Update
 - DHS is in a supportive role to the co-chairs (UK and Canada) that will be leading the session on CVE on February 16th; CVE will also be a topic during the bilats
 - OCP and the CVE Interagency Task Force, engaging with high-tech and social media industry, counternarrative, and engagement efforts will be covered during the CVE panel which occurs on Day 1 in Session 2
- 5. P2P Update
 - There will be a Sub-IPC meeting at the White House to discuss how to sustain P2P projects beyond the competition
- 6. Update on CVE Interagency Task Force
 - Rotational positions will be posted on DHS Connect
 - The location of the Task Force is TBD
 - The final charter will be complete in 1-2 weeks
- 7. OCP Field Update
 - LA Office
 - Kickoff with UCLA School of Public Health will occur next week
 - Hollywood partners have worked with the LA office on high school film contest
 - Field staff is working with the San Bernardino Police Department on engagement issues
 - Mayor Garcetti will be hiring a full time CVE advisor in the next 30 days, DHS field staff will be consulted
- 8. Action Plan January Update
 - OCP will follow up with components regarding items discussed in meeting
 - OCP and CVEWG members gave updates for most items due in January

Next steps for CVEWG

- Edits/comments on START Storyboards are due to (b)(6) by COB Tuesday, February 16
- The CVE Data Call is due to components CFO's by COB Friday, February 12
 - POC at OCP regarding any questions on data call is (b)(6)
- OCP will contact components regarding Action Plan items discussed in meeting

- The next CVEWG meeting will occur in 2 weeks

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All,

Attached please find an agenda for tomorrow's CVEWG meeting, which will be held at 1:30pm in Building 4; room 01-124. The meeting will feature (b)(6) from the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), who will be joining us to discuss MPAC's recently launched 'Safe Spaces Initiative' -- A Toolkit for Developing Healthy Communities. Also attached for your awareness is a power point presentation that they have provided which summarizes the initiative. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information in advance of tomorrow's meeting. Thanks,

Lauren

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All – given the recent incidents and many needing to be on-call, we will tentatively plan to have the CVEWG meeting as a conference call only.

If we need to postpone, I will let you all know as well.

Thanks,

-Nate

Nate Snyder

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All- attached is the agenda for this morning's meeting.

The dial-in information is listed on the agenda. Thanks,

Lauren

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CVE Working Group Meeting Agenda
Friday, November 22, 2013 9:30AM-10:30AM
Dial: (b)(6) pr (b)(6)

BLDG 4; 01-124

- I. Briefings**
- **CRCL Enhanced Engagement Initiative**
 - **5CM CVE Update**
 - **Update on FF trip due outs**

- II. Logistics/Updates**
- **Legislative Updates (OLA)**
 - **International Updates (OIA)**
 - **State and Local Update (OSLLE)**

- III. Round Robin**

CVE Working Group Meeting Read Out
Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:00AM-11:00AM
Dial: (b)(6)
BLDG 4; 01-124

I. Briefings

- **NTED – Grant proposal**

- The CVE focus area has received positive feedback from the CVEWG.
 - Those who are eligible can submit their applications via: grants.gov
 - A 30 day window will be granted for submitting applications
- The tentative date for the reviewing of applications will be August 26th
 - The size of the reviewing board will vary on the amount of applications received
 - The board will contain 3 SMEs relative to the field (i.e. CVE)
 - Once the application reviews are finished, the board will be brought together to form a consensus
- Next steps will require further support for the CVEWG in order to ensure its success

- **CRCL**

- The FBI is removing the “Faces of Terrorism” ads
 - Have held several meetings with key community stakeholders as well as the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s office discussing concerns over the ads
- **Deliverable:** Prepare a statement for the Secretary outlining efforts taken on this.

- **5CM update**

- Discussion on issue papers and further collaboration on what the group can do as a whole regarding our CVE efforts

- **NSS meeting update**

- There has been growing recognition of synergies between IPC level processes on CVE and work on CT in the CSG
- Discussion regarding online radicalization to violence, there has been an agreement that use of the Internet is more broad than just solely online radicalization to violence
- **Deliverables:**
 - Work with I&A to develop a document on the many uses of social media concerning online radicalization and mobilization to violence, to include case studies (i.e. how Tamerlan used the Internet)
 - Posting of violent extremist material on the Internet
 - Posting of instructions on how to carry out attacks

- Acquisition of materials.
 - Work with DOJ on further steps for the NETF. Due to the maturation of our efforts, does the composition of the NETF need to be re-defined?
- **Update on Two Cities effort**
 - The current cities being considered for further CVE outreach are: Chicago – Boston – Dearborn – Columbus
 - Columbus has been identified as a definitive trip – the Columbus U.S. Attorney has offered to help organize the trip
 - Before reaching out to these cities, we must define the goals which we hope to accomplish during the outreach visit.
 - The purpose behind these visits should include: recognizing best practices, discuss how and why these cities came to their current positions, and lessons learned from their experiences.

II. Logistics/Updates

- **International Updates (OIA)**
 - Upcoming international dialogue events include a meeting with the German Security and Cooperation Group in September
 - Will be discussing current trends in HVEs and Internet radicalization to violence as well as case studies.
- **S&T**
 - Leaders from Northern Ireland met with DHS and Europol delegates in order to follow up and further collaborate on CVE and research funding.
 - There is a forthcoming briefing on Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front (ALF)

II. Round Robin

- **I&A – Homeland Security Counterterrorism Digest to be released shortly**
 - Assists those in the field with day-to-day counterterrorism information
 - Has been well received in the field
- **PLCY**
 - On June 28th, there was a GCTF CVEWG meeting held in London
 - Will be pushing for the adoption of the community engagement best practices developed at the GCTF in D.C. in March 2013
 - Brown bag lunch with new I&A analysts about the use of language in their products.
- **FLETC**

- FLETC will be assisting in the post-production process of the White Supremacist video in order to alleviate the workload currently held by the FBI.
- **CRCL**
 - CRCL in Los Angeles – held a meeting with the FBI in regards to Sectarian violence and the impact within the U.S.

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All – please see the read out from the last CVEWG meeting along with the a brief summary of the regarding the “Disengagement” briefing from a couple weeks ago and the White House Gun Violence Reduction Plan for your awareness.

Thanks,

-Nate

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All – sorry for the delay but here are the main points that were brought up from the last CVEWG meeting and a read out from the interagency Online Radicalization to Violence.

NETF Update

- The National Engagement Taskforce met last week to discuss the distribution and finalization of the first installment of collected best practices to state and local partners
- The NETF will focus on 4-5 cities to pilot the distribution of best practices while receiving feedback on the materials so that the NETF can ensure that resources distributed add value
- There may be outreach to embassies as well
- Date for the next meeting has not been set yet
- o CVEWG TASKING – please send suggestions to Irfan Saeed on how best to roll out materials to stakeholders, and who those stakeholders may be

Deputies CVE Breakfast

* Meeting took place on Friday Feb 22; there will be a briefing given on actions from the meeting and guidance on prio

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The agenda was sent to us earlier this week, we have the opportunity to shape the agenda further as well as provide feedback on the proposals. Preliminary feedback shared with the Canadians is that:

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The Canadians have been informed to expect feedback from the DHS CVEWG on all fronts. In regards to upcoming workshop on the 28th and 29th, the overall goals will be to share case studies of known foreign fighters (behaviors, indicators, motivations, travel patterns), share best practices on how each country is approaching this issue, determine how we can increase collaboration and information sharing, and ultimately determine if a protocol could be established for these actions to concretely share actionable information to inform front line law enforcement and community based efforts.

The delegations will consist of analysts, law enforcement officials, engagement practitioners, and respective leadership. Canada has requested that the workshop consist of 4-5 participants each per country. However given the different topics to be addressed, we more than likely will be able to rotate participants in and out. OIA, I&A, CBP, CRCL, FBI (participants from the interagency analytic cell) will be major participants. As the agenda solidifies we will be able to drill down further. The other countries are in the process of forming their delegations as well. The discussion will be mostly at the working level. This will be the first 5CM effort where all countries have met since the initial ministerial in July last year.

5CM CVE Effort on Online Radicalization to Violence

The UK is a co-lead for the 5CM CVE effort. They are specifically heading the tasking of looking at how violent extremists are using the Internet and what the 5CM can do to counter online violent extremism. There are some issues with the attached approach and how the survey is laid out. The UK specifically is asking how 5CM partners collect information and catalog “extremist” web content; they are also focusing some of their proposed effort on taking content down. The CVEWG should respond and make clear the distinctions on how we are approaching things differently. The tentative deadline to submit initial feedback is **January 24th**.

CVE IPC Taskings

We have taskings that are due to NSS on **January 24th COB**. As quick background and reference of the discussion that took place the main theme was how can the interagency (DHS, FBI, NCTC, DOJ) refine, reinvigorate, and refocus efforts to take things to the “next level”—meaning how can we strategically and efficiently better support and empower local community based efforts. Essentially how can we take all the great work that has been accomplished and leverage it to now support grassroots efforts. This all entails refocusing on performance measurements, re-taking stock in what we have in our CVE tool belts, strategically evaluating where we can focus supporting local efforts, strengthening and optimizing systematic coordination across the interagency now along with local efforts, and demystifying how communities and law enforcement can access and apply for resources (i.e. grant funding

opportunities). There was a strong emphasis on not creating parallel or new approaches, but to enhance and optimize what we have in place.

NCTC has the lead in many of these taskings, however we as a group should discuss how best we can address the questions in the SOC.

Group of 4 Year End Report

Please see the attached DRAFT Year End Report. It is a short turn around, but please send feedback/comments back by **COB January 21st**. NSS provided further guidance this week that they are looking for about a page per agency. That being said we will more than likely need to cull down this DRAFT and focus on descriptive highlight bullets for what was accomplished in 2013. Please let me know if you have any questions.

NCTC CVE Policy-Analytic roundtable

As one of the deliverables from the IPC, and previously discussed at the last CVEWG meeting; it was decided that a roundtable of analysts, practitioners (law enforcement and engagement), and policy SME's would be beneficial to share knowledge and insights on how analytical products are developed and used. I&A, CRCL, TSA, PLCY, and local law enforcement (Montgomery County, Loudoun County, MPD, Arlington County) have been reached out to, to participate.

The roundtable is taking place at NCTC on **January 22nd from 1-3PM**. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sub-IPC on CVE Training

After a hiatus, the Sub-IPC on CVE Training (co-led by DHS and NCTC), is starting back up again. Many of you received a calendar invite. The agenda of the meeting will focus on grants and how they can be leveraged as a best practice to support local efforts. The IACP will brief the group on how they are progressing with their CVE curricula development efforts to support state and local law enforcement by leveraging a \$700K grant that they were recently awarded by FEMA. FEMA NTED will also brief on the creation, competitive process, evaluation, support, and how the outreach was conducted in regards to the advertisement of the funding opportunity.

The meeting will take place on **January 21st at the Eisenhower room in the White House Conference Center from 2:00 -3:30pm**.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to participate.

Wednesday's NCTC CVE Leadership Forum

On Wednesday this week, NCTC hosted their second CVE Leadership Forum. SME's from DHS, DOJ, NCTC, FBI, HHS, DOEd, NSS, communities, and faith-leaders attended the discussion. The participation was limited. The meeting focused on the issue of counter narratives and what USG could do to support community based efforts. The main presentation focused on changing perceptions on how communities are viewed with the use of optimized terminology and narratives. CRCL hosted the same presentation last year. From there participants discussed the importance of having the proper messengers, the importance of community based and driven efforts, and how USG could best support local efforts by using its power to convene, connect, and amplify. The question was asked if more research was needed to

examine how to develop counter narratives and how best to deliver them. The initial conclusion was that USG needs to be clear on how they frame the issue when engaging (i.e. how CVE and preventing complex mass casualty attack efforts share commonalities and how that should be communicated and integrated), and that communities have the ability and best “on the ground” knowledge to develop their own prevention and intervention approaches. There may be follow up on approach foundations again, exploring funding opportunities that can be made available to communities and law enforcement, and learning further from successful models such as the one that has been developed in Montgomery County, MD.

CVEX and CAB Efforts

On Tuesday both CRCL and NCTC briefed the CT Coordinator on the progress of the CVE Table Top Exercise (CVEX) that was initially piloted months ago at CRCL, and recently conducted in December in Chicago. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and plans are to expand efforts further and determine how best to franchise the exercise. NCTC briefed how their Community Awareness Briefing (CAB) has been revamped and could be complimentary to the CVEX. Both have become in high demand from state and local partners. It was also discussed that a train-the-trainer effort could be useful in further expanding and localizing both CVEX and CAB efforts. Both CRCL and NCTC are determining what cities/communities will receive both the CVEX and CAB next. Both efforts should be integrated into the response to the IPC deliverables on what support we can directly provide to local efforts.

EUROPOL

In furtherance of our partnership with Europol, this week, they have invited the CT Coordinator’s Office to determine a delegation to participate in a Practitioner’s Workshop on Foreign Fighters (from Syria) and CVE on **February 4th-5th at Europol HQ**. The DHS/US delegation is still being determined. OIA has been included and is working directly with the CT Coordinator’s Office—more details to come.

GCTF

There will be a workshop in Abu Dhabi on January 27-28 focused on developing national CVE strategies. This meeting is being led by the United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands. PLCY will be attending with State and the NSS. In March there will be a GCTF meeting in Qatar as a follow up to the community engagement and community policing event we co-hosted in the Spring. If anyone has questions about these meetings please reach out to

Timothy.Curry (b)(6)

IACP and Cook County CVE Training Development Efforts

As mentioned previously, the IACP is developing CVE training curricula with a particular emphasis on E-learning platforms. They will be providing an in depth briefing at the upcoming Sub-IPC. Cook County Homeland Security and Public Safety is also developing CVE curricula for the various jurisdictions they work with. They are leveraging UASI funding and also working closely with the IACP. Further, they are using the resources that are available on the DHS-FBI CVE Training Resources and Active Shooter Webportal.

As you all can see there is a lot of activity; there are more efforts and further details to include (i.e. recent CVE exchanges that CRCL and DOS have collaborated on).

To discuss things further, specifically on the 5CM effort and IPC deliverables; I would propose that we hold a working level call on **Tuesday January 21st from 10-11AM.**

Please let me know if you have any questions or further updates that would be good to share with the CVEWG.

Thanks,
-Nate

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Continuing Training Grants (CTG) Countering Violent Extremism
Focus Area

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Award Recipient:

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) - \$700,000

Description of Training: The IACP will utilize a combination of online courses, in-person trainings, and train-the-trainer workshops to provide training on how to prevent, protect, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and violent extremism. The IACP will create three tracks: General Awareness (GA), Chief Executives (CE), and Field Training Officers and Academy Directors (FTO/AD). The GA track will be open to all sworn and civilian employees and volunteers, the CE track will be open to chiefs and their designee(s), and the FTO/AD track will be available to all trainers. The IACP will market the trainings to its more than 22,000 members and their agencies using our social and print media, emails to members, and at relevant presentations and conferences.

The GA track will consist of seven online courses. Each course will be 20-60 minutes in length and address one of the training focus areas identified in the announcement. The courses will contain individual 10-15 minute modules that concentrate on a specific aspect of the larger course. Individuals will be able to select which modules to complete based on the issues facing their jurisdiction. Modules about sovereign citizens, radicalization, and identifying potential targets in your community are some examples of what will be included in the course on understanding violent extremism. Modules about partnering with community members and cultural demystification will be included in courses about supporting community-based programs. Key principles of CP and how they can be tailored to address CVE will be included in a course. Each module will interrelate by providing a better understanding of the larger focus area, and the courses provide a comprehensive understanding of the importance of CVE and CP. Approximately 125 people per month will complete at least one module.

The CE track will build on the material in the GA track, include three additional online courses, and have the option for an in-person exercise. The three extended courses will focus on identifying potential threats in the community, building partnerships, and distinguishing between Constitutional behaviors and suspicious activities. These courses will each be 30-45 minutes and will include the creation of action plans for the unit and/or department, such as which community leaders to consider reaching out to and what issues to discuss. The CE track will also include the option to submit the action plans to the IACP as prerequisites for an in-person tabletop exercise. This one-day session will bring together community leaders and law enforcement to discuss implementing CP and CVE, work through a series of specific scenarios, identify issues in the community, and arrive at a mutual strategy for addressing the issues. CEs who undergo this training will be responsible for providing regular updates, which will be compiled into case studies for other agencies to use and will help inform further deliverables. Approximately 75 people per month will complete the online courses in the CE track and five sites will be selected to receive the in-person exercise.

Individuals in the FTO/AD track must successfully complete all of the modules in the GA courses, as well as the online courses in the CE track, as prerequisites to attend an in-person train-the-trainer workshop. This two-day workshop will include more in-depth information about the topics covered in the GA and CE tracks, how to conduct the tabletop exercises themselves, and how to evaluate the action plans that are part of the CE track. Attendees will also work through short scenarios similar to those provided in the CE track and learn how to reach out to appropriate community leaders. The workshop will also highlight the most effective ways to institutionalize CP and CVE and identify emerging issues and trends. It will also provide additional resources for participants to bring back to their agencies. The train-the-trainer workshops will be held at least twice over the 36 months, allowing a total of 225 people to complete the track. Upon successful completion of the track, participants will have their contact information included in an online directory of vetted CVE trainers maintained by the IACP. These individuals will then serve as trainers in their regions, further expanding the reach of the information and resources developed.

The intended impact of the three distinct tracks is to provide all levels of law enforcement with appropriate information and tools to prevent, protect, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and violent extremism. Including modules about CP will also help further institutionalize the role of CP in CVE. By addressing how to work proactively with communities to address potential grievances and identify the best solutions, law enforcement will be better able to prevent radicalization to violence.

In order to ensure that the tracks have their intended impact, the IACP will use multiple performance-based evaluation methods. The IACP will require every individual to register and indicate which track they intend to take, prior to receiving access. The registration will include name, title/rank, agency, city, state, and contact information. Information will be gathered about the number of people that successfully complete each module and course through pre- and post-module questionnaires. These questionnaires will be analyzed to determine the effectiveness of the modules. The number of registrants for each track and the number of times a specific module is taken will also be used to identify areas of interest. This will inform the production of additional roll call releases and regular social media updates that complement the information already provided. Short surveys will also be sent to registrants at various intervals to gauge the effectiveness of the courses. The number of attendees at in-person exercises and workshops will also be counted. Combined, this data will be analyzed regularly to verify that a cohesive and comprehensive education is provided.

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Continuing Training Grants (CTG) Countering Violent Extremism
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Description:**

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)

According to the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) For Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States, “Protecting our Nation’s communities from violent extremist recruitment and radicalization is a top national security priority. It is an effort that requires creativity, diligence, and commitment to our fundamental rights and principles.

A complex issue like violent extremist radicalization and recruitment requires a nuanced path to guide a whole-of-government approach. The SIP outlines this path and facilitates a division of labor by assigning responsibilities between Federal Government departments, agencies, and components focused on law enforcement and national security and those whose efforts support, but do not directly lie within, these areas.”

CVE is vital to the public safety and to homeland security. The SIP identifies the Federal Government’s focus on three core areas of activity: (1) enhancing engagement with and support to local communities that may be targeted by violent extremists; (2) building government and law enforcement expertise for preventing violent extremism; and (3) countering violent extremist propaganda while promoting our ideals.

In addition, DHS has laid out three broad objectives concerning its CVE efforts:

- Support and coordinate efforts to better understand the phenomenon of violent extremism, including assessing the threat it poses to the Nation as a whole and within specific communities;
- Bolster efforts to catalyze and support non-governmental, community-based programs, and strengthen relationships with communities that may be targeted for recruitment by violent extremists; and
- Disrupt and deter recruitment or individual mobilization through support for local law enforcement programs, including information-driven, community-oriented policing efforts that for decades have proven effective in preventing violent crime.

Based on focus group studies with state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers at fusion centers and in surrounding communities, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has identified that there is a need to develop training for state, local, and tribal law enforcement relevant to CVE.

The primary training audience for this focus area is the nation’s more than 800,000 state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement officers and/or fusion center analysts, who work to protect communities from a range of threats including, but not limited to, violent extremism.

The award recipient will coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) leadership, program staff, and operational staff on prioritizing the emerging training requirements for the recognized threat of violent extremism. The applicant is expected to use a combination of readily available resources and their working knowledge of the subject matter to refine the focus area and to shape the overall training program in keeping with current national policies, doctrines, and priorities, to include the Countering

Violent Extremism (CVE) Training Guidance and Best Practices, published by the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, that can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/cve-training-guidance.pdf>

CVE training materials must be protective of individuals' privacy, civil liberties, and civil rights. As is noted in the National Strategy, "[p]rotecting our fundamental rights and liberties is an important end in itself, and also helps counter violent extremism by ensuring nonviolent means for addressing policy concerns; safeguarding equal and fair treatment; and making it more difficult for violent extremists to divide our communities."

Training focused on CVE should examine:

- Raising awareness and understanding of violent extremism based on analysis and research, such as case studies on behaviors and indicators of violent extremists;
- Cultural demystification and identifying the difference between constitutionally protected, cultural, societal, and religious behavior versus indicators of criminal behavior; and
- Promoting and supporting the development of best practices in community oriented policing, community engagement, and strengthening partnerships to promote information-driven community-based solutions to prevent violent extremism.

In addition, the CVE training should also address gaps identified through additional research and analysis and should be guided by the five priority areas as identified in the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) For Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States, to include:

- The role of the Internet in radicalization to violence and how virtual space can be leveraged to counter violent extremism
- Single-actor terrorism (so called "lone wolves"), including lessons learned from similar phenomena, such as a school shooters
- Disengagement from terrorism and violent extremism
- Non-al-Qa'ida related radicalization to violence and anticipated future violent extremist threats
- Preoperational indicators and analysis of known case studies of extremist violence in the United States

The applicant should ensure that the training aligns with the federal approach to CVE, including prioritizing civil rights and civil liberties and building partnerships with communities. (See the White House Approach to Countering Violent Extremism.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/empowering_local_partners.pdf.)

Further, the applicant should ensure that community engagement is addressed to ensure transparency for those communities that may be targeted by violent extremists. This should follow two tracks:

- Community and faith based engagement on the threat of violent extremism to raise awareness, build broad partnerships, and promote empowerment.
- Community and faith-based engagement to promote the sharing of information, and participation in multi-disciplinary prevention efforts.

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MR. EARNEST: Good afternoon, everybody. Hope you all had a wonderful weekend. I do not have any announcements to begin, so we can go straight to questions.

Kathleen, do you want to start?

Q Sure. I'm going to start with the Supreme Court decision or non-decision on the contraceptive agreement. I'm wondering if you view this move as a clear result of the vacancy on the Court, and if you have any thoughts on whether or not you think the Court is intentionally dodging contentious issues at this point.

MR. EARNEST: Well, let me start by saying that we obviously were pleased with the announcement from the Supreme Court today. It will allow millions of women across the country to continue to get the health care coverage that they need. So this obviously is an outcome that we are pleased to see.

Our concerns about the continued vacancy on the Supreme Court persist. In this case, based on, again, the announcement from the Supreme Court, it's not obvious that an additional justice would have yielded a different result, but I haven't

heard anybody make the argument that leaving the Supreme Court of the United States short-staffed is somehow good for the country. The argument that we've heard from Republicans is that they don't want to confirm another of President Obama's nominees to the Supreme Court, and they have made that declaration based solely on partisan reasons. And many Republicans are having a tough time explaining to their constituents why they refuse to do their job simply because the Republican leader in the Senate has requested that they do so.

There are Presidents in both parties that made a strong case for the Senate fulfilling their constitutional duty. And it was President Reagan who observed that a protracted vacancy on the Supreme Court didn't serve the American people well. And President Obama has made exactly the same case.

Q And as for the substance of the issue, are you confident that the administration and these groups can come to some sort of compromise at this point? Do you think there's a compromise to be had?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I think what is true is the administration has put forward an accommodation that ensures that women, nationwide, have access to health care, including contraceptive coverage -- without pay, I might add -- while also protecting religious liberty. And we were pleased to announce this accommodation and to demonstrate that we were committed to both principles.

Now, what's also true is there may be another process that plays out, because ultimately that was the announcement that's been remanded to lower courts. And we'll obviously continue to engage in the process. But we obviously are pleased that the announcement today from the Supreme Court protects the ability of millions of women nationwide to continue to get access to their health care.

Q Okay. And switching topics. On Libya, the announcement out of Vienna that the U.S. is backing the decision to lift the embargo and start arming the government there. I'm wondering if -- obviously this has been a decision that the U.S. was reluctant to make because of the concerns of these weapons falling into wrong hands, so I'm wondering if you could speak to why you're confident now that the government there can control some of these arms at this point.

MR. EARNEST: Well, I think my understanding of the way that this process is working is that Government of National Accord that the international community has come to rally around is now in a position to make a specific request of weapons that they would like to see provided to forces in Libya that are fighting ISIL and securing the country. And the United Nations will review that request and determine whether or not that is a request that can be agreed to in a way that doesn't exacerbate our concerns that those weapons could fall into the wrong hands.

So this is the beginning of the process, not the end of it. But it is an indication that the international community is coming together in support of the Government of National Accord in Libya that's seeking to bring some long-sought political stability to that country. Libya has encountered some significant challenges.

They had an authoritarian dictator that ruled that country for more than four decades that eroded almost all of the remaining institutions that typically are needed to govern a country. And it means that the Government of National Accord is essentially having to come in from the bottom up and start building the infrastructure of a government to rule a country that's got a significant economy, particularly based on the natural resources that they can sell on the global market, and a populace that has been divided along tribal lines for a long time.

So this is a difficult challenge. And it's important for the international community to come together in support of this Government of National Accord so that the Libyan people can finally have the kind of government that reflects their preferences.

Q But as a sign of -- a vote of confidence in this government, should we expect that then, particularly in the campaign against ISIS, that the U.S. and the coalition will start to be more engaged in Libya? Should we expect more Special Operations or airstrikes, or is this sort of the first step towards an increased involvement in Libya on that front?

MR. EARNEST: Ultimately, our goal would be to build up the capacity of the Government of National Accord so they could begin doing this work of fighting ISIL and securing their own country themselves. That ultimately is the goal, so that the

United States and the rest of the international community doesn't have to come in and fight this fight for them.

But, as I mentioned, they are doing some very basic work that -- to sort of build up the institutions of that country. And it's going to require a lot of broader international support in order for them to succeed in that effort.

So the United States has already taken military strikes against ISIL targets in Libya, and when necessary, to take additional strikes to protect the American people, we won't hesitate to do so. So back in November, as a result of a U.S. military airstrike, there was -- the leading ISIL figure in Libya was killed. There was another strike that was carried out earlier this year that removed a number of ISIL fighters from the battlefield. These are fighters who we were concerned were prepared to go out and carry out a large-scale operation.

So we've used -- the President has ordered military action in Libya against ISIL targets in the past, and that continues to be an option. But that is not a substitute for building the capacity of a central government in Libya that can begin to secure that country and begin to take the fight to ISIL in that country.

Tim.

Q Just a quick one on the House invitation for Ben Rhodes to appear tomorrow. There's been suggestions that he may not appear. Could you tell us definitively if he will not appear tomorrow?

MR. EARNEST: Well, Tim, the answers that you heard from me before are still operative here. The truth is, it is Republicans in Congress who criticized the Iran deal, who have got a lot to explain when it comes to saying things about the Iran deal that didn't turn out to be true. And if they want to hold a hearing to determine whether or not Republicans were just wrong and badly misinformed, or if they were purposefully lying to the American people, then they can do that. There obviously would be ample time -- at least they should set aside ample time, because there are any number of witnesses, including individuals who serve on the committee, who could provide some significant insight.

I think what's true is, Tim, that previous administrations have been fairly skeptical of these kinds of efforts,

particularly because this isn't a whole lot more than just a three-ring circus that Republicans are looking to organize up there. And so I don't have an answer for you. We're going to continue to review the letter, but I think you can sense the not-so-thinly-veiled skepticism about this whole exercise that I'm displaying here.

Q But to be clear, he's not going?

MR. EARNEST: I don't have a definitive answer for you. I don't have a definitive answer for you. Anything else?

Q Mr. Trump is saying that he's unlikely to have a good relationship with Britain's David Cameron. Does this have any - does this jeopardize the relationship the United States has with Britain?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I'll let the individual presidential candidates express their own views about what they hope to do to strengthen our alliances around the world.

President Obama, obviously, over the course of his tenure in office has invested deeply in our alliances around the world because of the important benefits those alliances bring to the American people, both in terms of economic security but also when it comes to our national security. And the President has invested deeply in the special relationship that the United States and the UK have enjoyed for centuries, and the President certainly believes that that's an alliance that's worthy of an investment.

Q Yesterday at Rutgers, we saw the President criticize policies of a certain Republican, one by one.

MR. EARNEST: You're talking about Jim Inhofe?

Q No, not that one.

MR. EARNEST: Oh, okay. Well, he was the only one that was specifically mentioned in the speech.

Q On Mr. Trump's policies, is this kind of a signal that we're going to see the President open up a little bit more?

MR. EARNEST: Mr. Trump wasn't mentioned in the speech, though, Tim. (Laughter.) Mr. Inhofe was, though.

Q Right. Is it likely we'll see --

MR. EARNEST: I think that what I'm trying to illustrate here is that this is a -- the concerns that President Obama raised were not new but are concerns that extend broadly throughout the Republican Party. The President talked a lot about the continued insistence by Republicans to deny the fact of climate change in the face of overwhelming evidence and already-observed impacts. Republicans continue to deny that this is even taking place, and the President highlighted the example of Senator Inhofe, in the middle of winter, bringing a snowball to the floor of the United States Senate, and suggesting that somehow this confirmed his denial of science. Even years later, it's difficult to explain exactly what he was trying to illustrate.

It's not that difficult, however, to make clear what the President was trying to illustrate, which is that our country has long benefitted from political leaders that are not seeking to deny evidence and facts and science in order to advance a political agenda, but actually to focus on evidence and science and facts to make an argument about improving the country and moving the country forward and living up to the values that we have long fought for.

These are not new arguments that President Obama has made. For example, the President talked about the fact that, "The biggest challenges we face cannot be solved in isolation." I know that many of your colleagues, Tim, suggested that that might have been a shot at one presidential candidate or another. The truth is, that sounds like just a few more words for "yes, we can." And I think what's important for people to understand about the President's speech is these are values that he fought for as a candidate for President and that he has spent the last seven and a half years fighting for in office. This has been his approach to problem-solving. It's been his approach to leading the country. It's been his approach to leading the world. And the country and the world are better off for it.

Q Just one more on the speech yesterday. While he didn't mention Trump's name, he did go after the wall policy and he did go after the temporary ban on Muslims. And I'm curious whether we might hear more from the President on Mr. Trump's treatment of women.

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, Tim, there are a variety of Republican candidates and a variety of Republican officeholders who have suggested that a religious test should be imposed on individuals seeking to enter the United States. And for the reasons that the President outlined in the speech, that is inconsistent with our values and it's inconsistent with a smart strategy to destroy ISIL. So, again, this is not an argument about one presidential candidate; this is an argument about many leaders in a political party that have eschewed evidence because it is inconvenient to the political argument that they want to make.

That's particularly dangerous when you're talking about something like the national security of the United States and the danger that the Republican strategy poses to our efforts to coordinate with Muslims in America and Muslims around the world to fight ISIL. Those are some of our most important partners. And to alienate them is unwise, to put it mildly.

Michelle.

Q Thanks, Josh. You mentioned being satisfied with this ACA decision, the status quo is intact. But isn't this disappointing that it's going back and, at the very least, will probably lead to a compromise that is less than what you originally would have liked to have seen?

MR. EARNEST: No, we were gratified by the ruling today. And this announcement does ensure that millions of women across the country can continue to have access to their health care. And it is a reflection of something that we have long believed, which is that it is possible to prioritize both access to health care for everybody while protecting the religious liberty of every American. That's what we sought to do, and we obviously are pleased that this is something that will continue to remain in effect.

Q Things could change at the lower court level, though. And I mean, in terms of trying to find a compromise, that could morph in a way that you might not agree with, right?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I don't know how the process is going to play out so we'll see.

Q Okay. And seeing how this was the result of an evenly divided Court, and looking at how this could have gone another way if the President had a nominee that was accepted prior to

this, so do you expect this to just solidify opposition to taking up Garland? And I mean, in a sense, Republicans could see this as the status quo working for them in some ways. Do you feel like that's a possibility?

MR. EARNEST: I have no idea what Republicans will conclude. The truth is, all the Democrats and at least a couple of the Republicans have concluded that Chief Judge Garland, the most experienced Supreme Court nominee in American history when you consider his 19 years of service on the federal bench, is somebody who is deserving of a fair hearing and a yes-or-no vote. It's even Republicans who have described him as a consensus nominee.

And I did take note of something that Leader McConnell said last week that in some ways I think actually makes the case as strongly as anything that I've been able to come up with. Senator McConnell, speaking on the floor of the House of -- or I'm sorry, of the United States Senate -- and this is not something that we had to dig into the archives on and find on C-SPAN from three decades ago but rather something that he said last week. Senator McConnell: "We are going to give the Senate every opportunity to do the basic work of government this year," he said. "Some have said that because it is an election year we can't do much. I would like to remind everyone that we have had a regularly scheduled election in this country every two years since 1788 right on time. I heard some people say we can't do it because we have an election next year, and others have said we can't do whatever it is because we have an election this year. We have elections in this year right on time, and that is not an excuse not to do our work." I think Senator McConnell said it quite well.

Q Okay. Now that we have sort of the fruits, we're seeing this happen now that we only have eight people on the Supreme Court. So how big of a concern is it that we're going to see this happen again and again?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I think it is unclear exactly what role the protracted vacancy on the Supreme Court had on this -- the outcome here, in part because the announcement reflected the unanimous view of the justices. Now, would they have been able to cobble together a different agreement if Justice Scalia were still alive and serving on the bench, or if Chief Judge Garland had been confirmed as he should be to the Supreme Court? It's very unclear exactly what the difference would be.

I think what is undeniable, though, is that even Republicans have failed to make any sort of coherent case that the American people are better served by having a vacancy on the Supreme Court. That flies in the face of certainly the argument that President Obama has made. It also flies in the face of the argument that President Reagan has made.

So that's the challenge that we're seeking to overcome. And the truth is I think this is the -- this underscores the discomfort, the obvious discomfort, that Republican senators have shown in trying to defend their position. The fact is, there's no good justification for allowing this vacancy to persist. And it is simply a result of Republican senators refusing to do their job, and refusing to do their job at the specific request of Leader McConnell.

So again, I'm not exactly sure exactly what the broader Republican aim is, particularly when you consider the views of most Republican senators about both presidential candidates. But that's something for them to explain.

Q Okay. And speaking of presidential candidates, Bill Clinton as economic czar for Hillary Clinton -- is that a good thing for Democrats?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, Democrats will have to decide. Ultimately this will factor in, I'm sure, into the decision that some Democrats will have to make in terms of choosing a nominee. I think what I can just say generally is I think those of you who remember -- and I think -- believe at least some of you in here covered the 2012 Democratic convention down in Charlotte -- you may remember a speech that former President Clinton delivered on national television in which he articulated an economic strategy and an economic vision entirely consistent with what President Obama has fought for in his seven and a half years in office.

And I think the results speak for themselves. They certainly spoke volumes in evaluating President Clinton's legacy. They also speak volumes about the progress that we've made in this country over the last seven and a half years of President Obama's tenure in office, even -- again, after all, Leader McConnell himself said it best when he acknowledged that our country was better off -- is better off now than we were when President Obama took office. And a lot of that is because of the economic strategy that President Obama has pursued to

grow our economy from the middle out, to be focused on the middle class, to be focused on job creation, and to be focused on the future of our economy that will be critical to our long-term success.

Chris.

Q Josh, in the aftermath of the administration's initiatives last week on transgender rights, one issue that remains is the ban prohibiting transgender people from serving openly in the armed services. Last week, Secretary Carter said the issue was complicated, which was detailed in a Washington Post report over the weekend on agreements on lifting that ban. Shouldn't the White House apply the same standard on the Pentagon for transgender access as it has done for education, health care and bathroom use?

MR. EARNEST: Well, Chris, I think that we have long acknowledged, even on issues that are relevant to the LGBT community, that ensuring the effective implementation of policies at the Department of Defense has higher stakes than it may in other government agencies.

We're talking about our basic national security. And what the Secretary of Defense has concluded -- and the President agrees -- is that qualified American citizens should not be denied an opportunity to serve their country just because of who they are or who they love. Our national security is enhanced when we can draw upon the skills and expertise and patriotism of every American.

And that's part of what motivated Secretary Carter to conduct this review and seek the smooth implementation of a policy that would allow transgender Americans -- again, who meet the relevant qualifications -- to serve our country. But the smooth and effective implementation of this policy is not insignificant. And what Secretary Carter and the other services are conscientiously moving forward to do is to figure out the best way to settle on a policy and implement it effectively and as expeditiously as possible. And that's what they continue to work on.

Q Last week you said that the President was regularly updated on the developments of the joint guidance for schools on transgender students. Is the President receiving the same kind of updates with regards to the military service guidance?

MR. EARNEST: Well, the President does have a regular opportunity to meet with the Secretary of Defense in the Oval Office when they both happen to be in town. It happens once or twice a week -- I'm sorry -- once a week or once every two weeks. And the President is updated on a range of issues that Secretary Carter is focused on. I'm not going to read out the details of every conversation that they have, but it's fair for you to assume that in those conversations the President is kept apprized as necessary of the progress of this review.

Q One such meeting is going to take place this afternoon, according to the President's schedule. Will the President, during this meeting, call on the Secretary to move forward with the conclusion of this review?

MR. EARNEST: No, the President -- again, I'm not going to walk through the agenda for their meeting, but the President continues to have confidence that the Department of Defense is handling this review as conscientiously as they should.

Olivier.

Q Josh, is the President proud of his Syria policy?

MR. EARNEST: Well, Olivier, I think the President is certainly pleased that the Syria policy that he has put forward -- and he's confident that the Syria policy that he has put forward and pursued has advanced the national security interest of the United States. What is also true is that we've seen terrible violence in Syria; it's an awful humanitarian situation and it's a genuine human tragedy. And it's a dangerous place and it's a place that poses a heightened risk to the United States and to our allies and interests around the world.

That's why the President and his team have spent so much time focused on how to confront that risk, how to counter that risk, and how to work with the international community to ultimately destroy ISIL. But there is no denying that what has happened in Syria has changed millions of lives, and not for the better. And that's a testament to the failed political leadership of Bashar al-Assad. It's a testament to the way that the political chaos in that country has propagated so much violence, not just in Syria but throughout the region. And people fleeing that violence have gone to far-flung countries around the world in a way that has been genuinely destabilizing to some of the countries where they've sought refuge.

So the long-term consequences of what's been happening in Syria are serious, but the President does believe that the way that he has handled this situation is entirely consistent with our national security interest.

Q So when Ben Rhodes tells Syria activists we are not proud of our Syria policy -- is that a fair characterization of how the White House views its own policy?

MR. EARNEST: Well, Olivier, again, I can't speak to any of that conversation. I wasn't there for that conversation, so I don't really know the context in which it came up. But I think the description that I have just put forward of the situation in Syria and the way that the President has focused on our interests in that situation are consistent with the way that Ben views that situation.

Q And at the risk of giving everybody whiplash, in the GQ interview, the President was asked, "Have you ever said, give me the JFK assassination files, I want to read them, give me all the secret stuff," and the President says, "I got to tell you, it's a little disappointing. People always ask me about Roswell and the aliens and UFOs, and it turns out the stuff going on that's top secret isn't nearly as exciting as you'd expect." Why not make it public?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I haven't looked at the documents, so it's unclear to me exactly what the equities might be. So maybe at the next news conference you can have the opportunity to ask the President that yourself -- which would be interesting. (Laughter.)

Byron.

Q Josh, Reuters is reporting that the U.S. is planning to make some changes in boosting investment and trade in its sanctions regime against Burma -- Myanmar. Can you explain what those changes might be and why they're being implemented?

MR. EARNEST: I don't have any announcements about our sanctions against Burma at this point. Obviously those are maintained by the Treasury Department. But we'll keep you posted if we have any changes to announce.

Ron.

Q Judge Garland's schedule this week -- can you give us some detail?

MR. EARNEST: Judge Garland -- Chief Judge Garland is heading back up to Capitol Hill where he'll have a series of meetings this week. He'll be meeting tomorrow with Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island. On Wednesday, he'll have a meeting with Senator Hirono of Hawaii and Senator Udall and Senator Murphy. And on Thursday, he'll meet with Senators Merkley and Heinrich. So that is another six senators -- all Democrats this week.

Q No Republicans?

MR. EARNEST: At this point, no, I'm not aware of any meetings that he has coming up with Republicans this week.

Q Has there been any response to the questionnaire that was handed in last week?

MR. EARNEST: Well, we did make note of the fact that this is a question that was a questionnaire that was accepted by Republicans and I believe posted on the committee website. So I think it's an indication that at least the American public now has access to even more evidence to illustrate why the President has chosen Chief Judge Garland to assume the important responsibility of serving a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court.

Q We have a team that's been doing some reporting about the number of Americans who are involved in ISIS, trying to join, being recruited, so on and so forth. I'm wondering, how big a problem does the administration see this as -- Americans -- I think the number is about 250 -- who have tried to join. There are a few dozen who have made it to Iraq and Syria. How serious is that part of the problem?

MR. EARNEST: Well, Ron, when we've talked about our counter-ISIL strategy, we've talked a lot about the military aspect of that strategy, particularly as it's focused on taking ISIL targets in Iraq and in Syria off the battlefield. And that obviously is an important priority.

But another key priority in which the administration has deeply invested is countering violent extremism and countering the efforts of ISIL to radicalize vulnerable populations around the world, including inside the United States. And we've worked diligently with community leaders across the country,

include in the Muslim community, to counter the strategy that we know ISIL has, which is to recruit people from around the world to do one of two things -- to either carry out attacks where they are or travel to Iraq and Syria and take up arms in that region of the world.

So this is an issue that we take quite seriously. The good news is that when you consider the success that ISIL has had thus far in radicalizing Americans to their cause, that the percentage of people -- based on the sizeable population of the United States -- is much lower than it has been in other countries. But that's not a coincidence. That's a product of hard work, and we remain vigilant in countering those efforts because we understand the potential negative consequences of failing in that effort.

Q I understand there are investigations going on in just about every state. Does that sound about right?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I wouldn't have anything to say about any ongoing investigations. You can always check with the FBI about that.

Q And have you been able to develop a sense of who are the most -- is there a group, a region, a category of people who you think are most vulnerable to this? And is there any more specifics about what you're doing, or what law enforcement is doing, or what anyone is doing, for that matter, to try and combat this particular -- is the phenomenon getting smaller, bigger? Just trying to get a bit more about just how big a problem this is.

MR. EARNEST: Well, Ron, I think as even your network's reporting shows that there's -- the people from all walks of life are potentially vulnerable to this kind of radicalization; that it's not focused on just one region of the country or on one specific community. And in some ways, that's what makes them so dangerous. This is a pretty amorphous effort that they have undertaken. Obviously they are able to use social media to interact with the world and that poses some significant challenges.

Our countering violent extremism efforts are actually based over at the Department of Homeland Security, and they are focused on understanding the way that ISIL has used social media in particular to try to recruit people. We have worked hard to lift up the voices in the Muslim community that can effectively

counter the radical ideology that's being propagated by ISIL extremists. But we can certainly get you a more comprehensive rundown from the Department of Homeland Security about what they've done to counter these efforts.

Margaret.

Q I wanted to ask you about a development out of the Treasury Department today that certainly had some coordination with the White House in one of the implications for White House policy. The Treasury Department had disclosed that Saudi Arabia now holds \$116 billion in U.S. debt. And I'm wondering, is it now going to be going forward -- the government's policy to release the Saudi data rather than keep it secret, as it had been for a few decades? And do you have a handle on whether that is the full extent of Saudi Arabia's treasury holdings? There had been a New York Times report that there was something like \$750 billion in play that the Saudis were going to pull back if that bill went forward. Part three of my one-subject question is what's the state of play now with that legislation? Are you working actively to try to head this bill off? Is there actually a veto threat out there now? What's the state of that?

MR. EARNEST: Well, for the technical aspects of the report from Treasury in terms of what their disclosure schedule is moving forward, I'd encourage you to check with them.

Q But that's a shift in policy. I mean, you --

MR. EARNEST: Well, I think the Department of Treasury has indicated that that was the case. And those of you who follow these reports closely noticed the difference. So I'm not suggesting that somehow that there hasn't been a change in policy, but for how that policy will be implemented moving forward I encourage you to check with the Treasury Department.

I haven't seen the latest legislative proposal from Congress as it relates to Saudi Arabia, but obviously the concerns that we have with the way that it was written when it was presented last month are still significant and I know that there has been some talk on Capitol Hill about potentially revising that legislation, but I don't know where that effort stands at this point.

Q Can you speak to the question of whether that \$116 billion is comprehensive, or are you referring that to Treasury?

MR. EARNEST: I encourage you to check with Treasury on that as well.

Q Can I toss out a Vietnam question?

MR. EARNEST: Sure.

Q Can you talk a little bit from the podium about how the President wants to mark the legacy of the Vietnam War when he goes and about this idea of him being at war longer than any other U.S. President -- largely because of issues that he inherited -- how he will address that broader topic in Vietnam particularly --

MR. EARNEST: Well, last week, the President's National Security Advisor had an opportunity to meet with Vietnam War-era veterans and veterans service organizations to talk about the President's trip. And it's impossible for any American President to go to Vietnam without acknowledging the history between our two countries.

The truth is, there's a whole generation of Americans that proudly served this country in Vietnam. And I think the mistake that most Americans if not all Americans acknowledge that was made in this country at that time is that there was a tendency to allow political concerns with American foreign policy to interfere with showing respect and gratitude to fellow Americans who had put themselves in great peril to serve the country.

And I think this President, like many Americans, is determined to make sure that that never happens again. And so I think you can anticipate that on his trip, the President will acknowledge that history but will do so with the courageous service of hundreds of thousands of patriotic Americans in mind.

Andrew.

Q Josh, do you have a reaction to the Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's declaration of a state of emergency?

MR. EARNEST: I didn't see that announcement from President Maduro. Obviously the reporting, particularly just over the last couple of days about the situation in Venezuela is breathtaking. The conditions for the Venezuelan population are terrible. And obviously we continue to be quite concerned about

the wellbeing of the people of Venezuela. And we stand with the international community in expressing that concern. But the solution to these challenges will require the inclusion of all interested parties. And now is the time for leaders to listen to diverse Venezuelan voices and work together peacefully to try to find solutions.

And the failure to do that only puts hundreds of thousands if not millions of Venezuelans at risk of further suffering.

April.

Q Josh, I want to ask a couple of questions on two different subjects. One, ACA. With the months that you have remaining here at the White House, what are the lessons learned when it comes to ACA? I mean, you had the ruling today and then also last week you had another one about subsidizing insurance or subsidizing co-pays for some of the people who wanted it. So what are some of the lessons learned?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I think certainly one of the lessons that we've seen from Republican critics of the bill is that they're going to stop at nothing to try to tear this bill down. But I continue to be confident that they're going to continue to fail. And as it relates to the district court ruling that we saw last week, it's unfortunate that Republicans have even resorted to getting taxpayers to foot the bill for their political efforts. That's disappointing and I don't think even some Americans who might be skeptical of the impact of the Affordable Care Act I don't think would appreciate that their taxpayer funds are being used in this way.

So we continue to have a lot of confidence in the power of the legal arguments that we've been making for some time. I think at this point the Justice Department has built up a pretty effective track record for our success in protecting the Affordable Care Act so that millions of Americans can get access to the health care that they've long been denied. That's a legacy that President Obama is quite proud of.

Q So the President himself -- early on, critics were saying things needed to change, and the President said he welcomed ideas about how to tweak it. Looking back, what are some of the areas beyond the Supreme Court issues -- or maybe even with the Supreme Court rulings -- that you would tweak in these waning months? And also, is there a fear that once this

administration is over, number 45 comes in, that things could be different for ACA?

MR. EARNEST: Well, at this point, we're quite proud of the record of the ACA. Every single month since President Obama signed that bill into law, our economy has created private-sector jobs. That's a pretty good track record, particularly when you consider that Republicans, even six years later, try to describe that bill as a job-killer. At some point, somebody is going to call them out for, again, either being wrong or lying. But there will be ample time for that, as well.

The legacy of the Affordable Care Act is 20 million more people now have access to health care that didn't before, thanks to the Affordable Care Act. The growth in health care costs is lower than it's ever been in the history of tracking that measurement; that's more than 50 years now.

So we've made a lot of important -- to say nothing of the benefits that millions of Americans who had health insurance before the Affordable Care Act now enjoy because of the patient protections that are included in that legislation. No one in America can be discriminated against because they have a preexisting condition. Every child, every young adult in America is eligible to stay on their parents' health insurance until they turn 26 because of the Affordable Care Act.

A whole range of preventative services are now available to Americans for free because of the Affordable Care Act. That's quite a legacy. And that includes millions of Americans that think that they're unaffected by the Affordable Care Act because they haven't had to go and purchase insurance through the exchanges, but yet they benefit in ways that have a profound impact on their family's budget and on their health.

So this is a piece of legislation that the President remains intensely proud of. And the legacy of this legislation is a stronger economy and a country full of citizens whose health prospects are enhanced because of this bill.

Q And with that issue of high deductibles for some of these insured -- is that anything that could be tweaked or looked at or viewed through a microscope? Because some people have complained about higher deductibles through this process.

MR. EARNEST: Again, April, this is an argument that we've been making for six years. The health insurance market is a lot

better for private citizens now than it was before the Affordable Care Act. That's just a fact. And I know that's a fact that Republicans like to deny, but it's the truth.

Q And my last question. There's this increased interest in Roswell. You're doing your dance at the podium about it. Is there a such thing? Are you -- look at you, you're drinking so you're trying to think. (Laughter.) Is there a such thing -- are you keeping quiet because of security concerns? I mean, are we to think that there might be life beyond here? I mean -- seriously. I mean, you need to answer this.

MR. EARNEST: I'll just say, April, there are some questions that even the White House Press Secretary doesn't have answers to, and this is one of them.

Q You're not going to get off easy like that.

MR. EARNEST: Okay. Well, you keep trying.

Kevin.

Q Thanks, Josh. I want to follow up on the question about Ben Rhodes and the possibility of making him available for Congressman Chaffetz. To just clarify, if nothing else, is it your opinion that his appearance would be, if nothing else, instructive, if not enlightening?

MR. EARNEST: Well, we have all of the available evidence that's necessary to evaluate who was telling the truth on the Iran deal and who wasn't. There are members of the committee who are not telling the truth on the Iran deal.

So again, if they want to hold a hearing, and they think it would be useful to get to the bottom of why they were so wrong about the Iran deal, then they're welcome to do that. They can start by swearing in Ken Buck, Congressman from Colorado, I believe.

Q You mentioned Tom Cotton, and he's going to do it.

MR. EARNEST: Well, yes, he's going to have a lot to say. I think he's going to get some pretty tough questions about all the things that he said about the Iran deal that didn't turn out to be true.

Q Absolutely.

MR. EARNEST: Everything that Ben Rhodes said about the Iran deal did turn out to be true.

Q So then wouldn't it be at least instructive, if not enlightening, to have him go ahead and testify?

MR. EARNEST: So you think that it's going to be a fair deal for people who lied about the Iran deal to question the people who told the truth? I don't think that's a very American approach to these kinds of things.

Q But I thought you suggested on Thursday that it would be a good idea to get to the bottom of it, and I'm suggesting that I think, based on what you've reported -- and I've heard you talk about this at length in some detail -- it would seem to help to get to the bottom of it if Ben Rhodes were part of the conversation. Would you agree?

MR. EARNEST: Again, Ben Rhodes is the person who told the truth about the Iran deal, and it's Republicans who are either badly misinformed or outright lying about the Iran deal. And so if they want to explore that, they are welcome to do that. I don't really understand why getting to the bottom of who lied about the Iran deal requires somebody who told the truth about the Iran deal to participate. Let's just swear the liars under oath and let's see what they have to say for themselves. Maybe they can explain why they were so wrong about Iran's willingness to live up to the commitments that they made in the context of the Iran deal. Maybe they can explain why they said that Iran would never agree to the Iran deal in the first place, even though they did. Maybe they can explain why our international inspectors have been able to verify Iran's compliance with the deal. Maybe they can explain why they said Iran, in the case of Steve Scalise, would get hundreds of billions of dollars in sanctions relief as a result of the Iran deal.

They've been wrong on just about every measure. So if they want to talk about that, and they want to come clean to the American people about what was going on when they weren't telling the truth about the Iran deal, then they're welcome to do that. I don't think that the person who told the truth about the Iran deal needs to be a part of it.

Q Just a quick clarification. You're not suggesting that Senator Cotton should lie, right?

MR. EARNEST: I am suggesting that what he said about the Iran deal did not turn out to be true. And so was he wildly misinformed, or was he not telling the truth? Maybe he'll answer the committee.

Q You think it's the latter --

MR. EARNEST: I don't know. I don't know. But the fact is he, time and time again, presented a wide range of information about the Iran deal that wasn't true. And that's not just a conjecture, that's something that we know as a fact. I'm just looking for the actual quotes here, because I don't want to -- I want to make sure we get this right.

He said -- this is Senator Tom Cotton on Meet the Press. So there's television footage of all of this. He said that "This deal gives them \$150 billion of sanctions relief." Not true. He was wrong about that. He said "It puts them on the path to be a nuclear-weapon state in eight to 10 years." Not true. In fact, we will be able to verify over the course of the next 10 years and beyond that they are not advancing toward a nuclear weapon. And because this deal went through, they are farther away from having access to a nuclear weapon than they've been in about eight to 10 years.

Q I understand. I'm not trying to re-litigate the conversation. I'm just wondering if there would be more clarity if a guy of Ben Rhodes's information and knowledge -- intimate knowledge of the details, if that wouldn't be helpful. And if it would be, why not make him available?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I guess part of the reason is that there are administration officials who, on countless occasions, have traveled up to Capitol Hill to participate in hearings about the Iran deal. There have been literally dozens of congressional engagements about the Iran deal since January of 2015. The most recent example of this -- you have actually the person who's in charge of implementing the Iran deal under Secretary of State Tom Shannon, who appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and he appeared there solely to discuss Iran and the Iran deal.

And, in fact, the House Foreign Affairs Committee held an open hearing with the coordinator from the Department of State on this question back in February. I guess my point is -- and I guess the other metric here that I think is relevant is that the administration has provided classified briefings or appeared

at open hearings to discuss the Iran deal more than 30 times in just the last 18 months. So if it were a matter of just one hearing that would convince Republicans to stop lying or to at least start telling the truth when it comes to the Iran deal, then presumably that would have happened in one of the first 30 or so meetings that we had with them. I'm not sure the 31st hearing in 18 months is going to get them to straighten up and act right.

Q Last one. Can you give me an accurate number of detainees at Gitmo? I've asked you I think once a week for the last five weeks, and previously you were super specific -- you said there were 98, or 104. But lately you've been sort of kicking the can a bit, saying, I'm not sure, I'll get back to you. No one has gotten back to me. Can you give me a specific number of detainees? And if you have any announcements about potential transfers that are --

MR. EARNEST: Somebody will get back to you today, I assure you of that. I'm not really sure why that hasn't happened.

Q Thank you.

Q -- those numbers are surprising --

MR. EARNEST: I will. It's not a surprising number. And I think that's the other part of this. Every time there's a transfer we announce it publicly. So if there's a change to that number since the last time that we spoke, that's something that you would have seen because we do make an affirmative public announcement every time that that happens. But I will make sure somebody follows up with you today to give you the specific remaining count.

Bill.

Q The chair of the House Appropriations Committee has introduced a bill for \$622 million to fund Zika. It's all out of existing money and it comes with the statement again that the administration has failed to answer -- repeatedly failed to answer questions about where and how the money would be spent. Is it enough money? And are there questions you haven't answered?

MR. EARNEST: Well, not that I'm aware of, because I do continue -- while sometimes I don't have the Gitmo guidance that Kevin is looking for, I have made a habit of bringing this with

me. This is the letter that was sent by the White House to congressional leaders on February 22nd, detailing exactly how our \$1.9 billion appropriations request should be used to protect the American people from the Zika virus.

Here we are, almost three months later, and we hear that some House Republicans have gotten around to considering a piece of legislation that is only about a third of what our public health professionals say is necessary to do everything possible to protect the American people.

Q Well, there's been some money spent already, right?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, not because Congress did anything. There have been some funds that have been reprogrammed by the Centers for Disease Control and a couple of other health care-related agencies that have been devoted to this effort. But that is essentially the bureaucratic equivalent of digging through the sofa cushions to try to come up with the necessary money. So the truth is our public health professionals shouldn't be reduced to doing that when it comes to something as critically important as protecting the American people from the Zika virus.

I mean, the thing that I will say is that at some point this summer -- and we're probably not that far off from it -- there's going to be widespread public reporting about the threat of the Zika virus, and there will be questions, I'm confident, in this room by all of you, wondering why the federal government didn't more effectively plan to protect the American people from the Zika virus. And my answer then will be, we've been trying. The President held a meeting on this back in January. The President made clear the first week in February that we were going to have a specific request for funding. The administration put forward that specific request just a couple of weeks later in the form of the letter that I just held up. And we've not seen Republicans act.

And I don't really know what the explanation is for that. I wasn't really aware of the fact that there was a partisan difference about the need to protect the American people from Zika virus.

Q The chairman is saying you still haven't provided full accounting of justification for the request. And given the lack of complete information, independent determinations on necessary

funding levels have not been made. Any future funding now has to wait, he says, until the fiscal year 2017.

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I don't think that's going to be a satisfactory explanation to the American people when they see that pregnant women and babies across this country are at extreme risk because of the Zika virus. The truth is our public health professionals have had many conversations with members of Congress about what exactly is needed. There are countless letters that have gone back and forth, including the first one that I just held up from February 22, 2016. So if there was something in that February 22nd letter that Republicans in Congress didn't understand, why didn't they pick up the phone on February 23rd and ask about it? Waiting a day to deal with an emergency situation seems like -- I guess it's a legitimate question.

But here we are, three months later, and Republicans are making bureaucratic excuses about why they are not dealing with what our public health professionals say is a genuine emergency. And here's the thing. It's not just scientists and it's not just Democrats at the White House who have raised these concerns. I began my briefing one day last week by reading a letter from the bipartisan group of governors all across the country who are deeply concerned by congressional inaction and Republican obstruction to needed Zika virus funding. And we haven't gotten it, and the American people I think are rightly concerned about it.

Look, is it going to require the onset of that emergency before Republicans act? I sure hope not, but that's the direction it seems to be trending.

Juliet.

Q Josh, in terms of the nationwide guidance on transgender students that the administration put out last week, you and others have described it as a response to school administrators on the state and local level who were asking for clarification. And I assume there was some consultation with those officials. I was interested into what extent the administration, the Education and the Justice Departments consulted with top state elected officials in forming that guidance, whether anything was done on that front.

MR. EARNEST: I think I'd refer you, actually, to my colleagues in the Department of Education and they can talk

about the sense of outreach that they did to develop this policy guidance.

Again, the thing that I would just point you to is that the way that we can tell there was extensive outreach is that the guidance that was produced included essentially case studies of the way schools all across the country have dealt with this particular challenge. So those ideas didn't just materialize, they were a result from intensive consultations by the Department of Education to educators and community leaders all across the country.

But for the details of those conversations, I'd refer you to the Department of Education. Maybe they can provide you some more information about who exactly they consulted.

Jordan.

Q The President has now been at war longer than any U.S. President in history. Does the President or the White House have any reaction to that unexpected element of his legacy?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I'm not sure I would describe it as unexpected. I think those who listen carefully to the President's arguments as a candidate for President understood that he believed that the United States had been distracted by the 2003 invasion of Iraq and had not been sufficiently focused on going after al Qaeda. And that's why President Obama ramped up the commitment that the United States made to decimating core al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan. And that was a mission that was carried out under very difficult circumstances by courageous members of our armed forces. And they succeeded in decimating core al Qaeda in that region of the world.

But what we also knew was likely to happen is that the threat from al Qaeda elements around the world was likely to be more diffuse. And we do continue to be concerned about dangerous al Qaeda elements in other countries. The dangers that they pose is different than the danger that was posed by core al Qaeda, but they are dangerous nonetheless. And the President has been vigilant about countering those extremist organizations, ordering the military to take action against them -- to take military action against them, all in the name of trying to protect the American people.

And the success that our country has had in fighting core al Qaeda and in protecting the American people and in

intensifying our ability to work with our allies around the world to do that is an important part of President Obama's legacy.

Julie.

Q Thanks. I just want to follow up on Juliet's question about the transgender guidance, as well. You said last week that this was not a direct response to what happened in North Carolina and the legislation there. Can you talk about whether you think that influenced the process at all? In other words, were you hearing from more educators, more folks who had been following this issue because of the public debate over that law, and some of your own Cabinet members were actually coming out and saying that there was a risk of North Carolina endangering its own funding?

MR. EARNEST: Well, there's no denying that the scrutiny around this issue was increased dramatically after states like North Carolina took the steps that they took. I know that there was a referendum that was considered by voters in the city of Houston, I believe last fall, around a similar question. So there's no denying that in the last several months there has been increased public awareness of dealing with this issue.

So what precise impact that had on the process, again, I think I'd refer you to the Department of Education, because ultimately they were the ones who were formulating this policy guidance and they were on the receiving end of people seeking the guidance. But I'll just go back to where I started, which is that there's no denying that there has been a significant uptick in public consideration of these kinds of questions, and that included a broader public consideration of what kinds of policy responses were available to school administrators and local elected officials.

So that is a challenge that many of those school administrators are dealing with across the country, and the desire on the part of the Department of Education was to empower those school administrators with more information and more good ideas about what steps they can take to protect the safety and dignity of every student at their school. That ultimately is the goal of administrators who are seeking to nurture an inclusive environment where their students can learn and get the best possible education. And the Department of Education is obviously fully supportive of that goal, and that's what motivated them to share this guidance last week.

Q To your knowledge, there wasn't any effort by the White House to say, we know this policy was under consideration, now it's time to move forward with it? Because there have been activists who have been asking for this for quite a long time.

MR. EARNEST: There have been. But, look, this is a policy process that was the responsibility of the Department of Education. They obviously had to work closely with the Department of Justice because there were important legal questions that were raised. And as you'd expect, the White House was not just aware of these policy deliberations, but in the loop as decisions were being made to ensure that the guidance reflected the President's values and the President's preferences.

Q You're obviously aware that this issue has created a lot of discussion around the country. Over the weekend, you heard some praise for the administration; you heard a lot of outrage as well. Is the White House concerned that you've given the Republican base a campaign issue here?

MR. EARNEST: I'm not surprised to hear -- or I was not surprised to see that there were Republican politicians who were seeking to use this as a political tool. And I think this goes to the core not just of what we were talking about in this room on Friday, but it goes in part to what the President was talking about in his commencement address at Rutgers on Sunday, and that is simply this: People who serve in government have a responsibility to look out for the best interests of the American people and to ensure that our values are reflected in the way the country is governed. And too often, there's a tendency on the part of politicians to cynically use these kinds of decisions to score political points and to slice and dice the electorate. And that's unfortunate.

The truth is school administrators across the country are dealing with an actual dilemma that has consequences for the safety and dignity of every student at their school. So when the response from politicians is just to use rhetoric that's aimed at scoring political points, that doesn't protect any students' safety or dignity. What those school administrators need is practical advice. They need the legal interpretations. They need good ideas that have been used by school administrators around the country to address this challenge. And that's exactly what was provided by the Department of Education, and they did that in spite of the cynical political

gamesmanship of a lot of Republican politicians across the country.

Q You mentioned the issue of safety. Can you explain why the administration moved relatively quickly on this issue, which carries the potential loss of federal funding, when, in contrast, on the issue of sanctuary cities, the administration, for eight years, has not threatened to take away a city's federal funding for harboring dangerous illegal immigrants?

MR. EARNEST: Well, again, I think, as -- again, as we pointed out and discussed on Friday, there were requests for this kind of guidance that had been coming to the Department of Education for more than a year. And so I think that there were many school administrators who had been waiting a long time and urging the Department of Education to provide this guidance. I think they would have liked to have seen it arrive even more quickly than it did.

Look, it's hard to keep track of the various proposals around sanctuary cities that have been put forward by Republicans. But the truth is, and the irony about this, is that it's Republicans who blocked comprehensive immigration reform legislation. So it's a little rich for Republicans to block the solution and then blame the President for not punishing cities who are dealing with the problem.

So, again, I think that actually is maybe even a better example of Republicans eschewing common-sense solutions because it might interfere with their ability to deliver a persuasive political message. And again, I think that's relevant to a lot of what the President had to talk about in Rutgers yesterday.

Q Groups of people like the Little Sisters of the Poor are saying that the return of the case to the 11th Circuit Court from the Supreme Court actually strikes down several of the key decisions it had made that hurt their case, and there isn't really precedent for the Supreme Court to do such a thing. So how can you say that you're gratified by the ruling?

MR. EARNEST: The announcement from the Supreme Court today ensures that millions of American women all across the country will continue to enjoy the health care coverage that they have sought. And we're pleased about that because we care about making sure that women have access to the health care that they want.

We also care about making sure that we're protecting the religious liberty of all Americans. And we believe that's exactly the appropriate balance that our policy has struck. And we were pleased to see that the Supreme Court didn't strike that down. And that has preserved women's access to health care and it's preserved the protections for religious liberty that this administration has prioritized.

Q Women's groups are saying that now they have to wait. So the decision isn't really final. Now they're going to have to wait for more -- for that health care.

MR. EARNEST: I acknowledge that, but while we're waiting, millions of American women all across the country will continue to enjoy the access to the health care that they and their doctors determine that they need.

Q And lastly, the federal judge declared that the Obama administration was unconstitutionally spending money to subsidize health insurers without obtaining an appropriation from Congress. Then hospital insurer stocks dropped -- the unanticipated costs of providing health care to customers on the states online exchange has prompted large insurers to seek rate increases. United Healthcare pulled out of Maryland. So wouldn't you say there's a negative trend happening with the law?

MR. EARNEST: No. I think that the positive trends are undeniable. Every single month since President Obama signed that bill into law, our economy has created private sector jobs. That happens to be the longest streak of private sector job growth in American history.

We've seen 20 million more Americans get access to health care because of the Affordable Care Act. No longer can a single American be discriminated against because they have a preexisting condition because of the Affordable Care Act. Every young adult up through age 25 is able to stay on their parents' health insurance because of the Affordable Care Act. Women can't be discriminated against just because they're women because of the Affordable Care Act. And millions of people across the country have access to a health insurance market that forces insurance companies to compete for their business, and that has led to better health care available at better costs for people who don't get their health insurance through their employer.

All of these are important positive benefits that are a direct result and part of the design of the Affordable Care Act.

The last statistic I'll share in some ways is the most important one, that we've actually seen the growth in health care costs held to the lowest level on record because of the Affordable Care Act. And keeping those costs -- or that growth in costs low has a positive impact on our economy, has a positive impact on the bottom line of businesses large and small.

It has a positive impact on the deficit -- all things that are important to this economy. And that's part of why the President made this issue a priority -- not just because of the moral question about whether or not having access to health care is a right. The President believes that it is, that every American is entitled to access to quality health care, but also because resolving this problem in the right way can be good for our economy and yield important economic benefits.

And after six years, it's undeniable that that's been the case. And that hasn't stopped -- as I mentioned earlier, that hasn't stopped Republicans from resorting to all sorts of wild strategies to try to undermine the bill.

I suspect the reason they're trying to undermine the bill is because they all opposed it. So it's a pretty cynical view on their -- a pretty cynical tactic on their part to try to undermine a bill that they opposed. Maybe that helps them justify why they opposed it, is if they can find a way to tear that law down and say, see, we told you it wouldn't work.

But the truth is they've been unsuccessful in that effort. There have been previous occasions where people have gotten excited and hope that, oh, well, maybe this will finally be the legal death blow to the Affordable Care Act. They've been wrong every single time. And as it relates to this specific case, I'm confident they're going to be wrong again.

Sarah, I'll give you the last one.

Q Thanks, Josh. At the beginning, you suggested that the press too narrowly interpreted the President's comments yesterday in hearing them as being about Trump. You said they're about the Republicans more generally. At the same time, we've seen a lot of coverage kind of suggesting a lot of ways that Trump doesn't fit with GOP orthodoxy. So could you

just articulate kind of the key areas where the White House sees Trump and the GOP as being in lockstep?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I'll let you guys talk about Mr. Trump's campaign. We're going to be focused on what the President believes is important for the American people to consider as they head to the ballot box in November. And the President's opportunity to make that case in public will become more frequent when we actually are in the general election stage of the campaign. We're getting close to that, but we're not there yet.

But the President will have an ample opportunity to weigh in and make his case that the President who succeeds him is a President who is committed to building on all of the success that we've enjoyed over the last seven years.

Q Trump is the presumptive GOP nominee at this point. Why not use his name? And once he really -- assuming he does ultimately, officially have that title of nominee, will we hear the President speak about him by name, or in a more specific way?

MR. EARNEST: Well, as you pointed out, the President has on occasion spoken directly about his candidacy or some of this statements on the stump. And I suspect the President will do that again in the future.

But just in terms of people trying to understand exactly the message that the President was delivering to the Class of 2016 at Rutgers, it's important for them to understand the broader argument that the President was making. This is central to not just his presidency over the last seven years, but also central to the promise of his candidacy back in 2007 and 2008.

And I think there's a remarkable consistency to the President's advocacy for these kinds of issues and a remarkable consistency to the President's arguments. And I think it's important for that not to be lost in the swirl of the ongoing presidential campaign.

Q Last question. There's been consistent discussion among Republicans down ballot about whether they should or could run against Trump or distance themselves from Trump. The way the Republican Party is right now, can people down ballot, or especially in the Senate do that authentically?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I guess I would just note the difficulty that many candidates have encountered in trying to do that. I know at least one candidate tried to draw a distinction between supporting a candidate and endorsing a candidate. If that's the best they're going to be able to do, then I wish them luck.

Thanks, everybody.

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Statement for the Record

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Before the

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Committee on Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-Proliferation, and Trade

Regarding

**Foreign Fighter Threats to the Homeland in the Context of the Islamic State of
Iraq and the Levant**

December 2, 2014

Chairman Poe, Ranking Member Sherman, Chairman Ros-Lehtinen, Ranking Member Deutch, and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today about the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) efforts to protect our nation from the threats posed by terrorists operating out of Syria and Iraq. Many of these terrorists are affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). In particular, I will address how DHS helps to protect the U.S. Homeland from violent extremists we call “foreign fighters” who are not from Syria or Iraq but who travel there to participate in the conflict and who may then seek to attack the United States, or U.S. persons or interests, or our allies.

While this hearing focuses on the terrorist threat from Syria and Iraq, core al-Qa’ida, al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), and their affiliates and adherents in other parts of the world are a major concern for DHS. Despite senior leadership deaths, these groups maintain the intent and, in some cases, the capability to conduct attacks against U.S. citizens and our facilities. AQAP and other terrorist groups have shown they can adjust their tactics, techniques and procedures to target the West in a number of ways.

ISIL is one of the terrorist groups operating out of Syria and Iraq. ISIL operates in some ways as a military organization, is attempting to govern territory, and has capabilities most terrorist groups do not possess. The group aspires to overthrow governments in the region and eventually beyond.

At present, DHS is unaware of any specific, credible threat to the U.S. Homeland from ISIL. However, violent extremists who support terrorist groups based in Syria have demonstrated the intent and capability to target American citizens overseas. ISIL constitutes an active and serious threat within the region and could attempt attacks on U.S. targets overseas with little-to-no warning. Attacks by ISIL and its predecessor, al-Qa’ida in Iraq on U.S. personnel from 2004 to 2011 in Iraq are well-known and well- documented. ISIL has also encouraged its supporters to carry out attacks elsewhere. Such attacks could be conducted by ISIL supporters acting without specific direction from ISIL leadership with little-to-no warning. Even before the events of August and September in Syria ISIL’s leader publicly threatened “direct confrontation” with the United States in January 2014. DHS is increasingly concerned that ISIL-inspired individuals may choose to carry out attacks in the homeland rather than attempt to travel overseas.

ISIL has an extensive propaganda capability, disseminating media content on multiple online platforms, including social media, to enhance its appeal. ISIL’s English-language messaging and its online supporters have employed Twitter campaigns that have been able to reach a wide audience and encourage acts of violence. ISIL messaging in particular is slanted in the hopes of encouraging sympathetic people, including some in the United States, to travel to Syria to fight with them. We are aware of a number of U.S. persons who have attempted travel to Syria this

year to engage in fighting there. More than 100 U.S. persons and over 2,700 Westerners have traveled or attempted travel to Syria to participate in the conflict.

We are concerned about the threat of foreign fighters from the United States or elsewhere who might go to Syria, become even more radicalized, and then return to their home countries, including the United States, where they might try to conduct attacks either on their own or in concert with others. Some foreign fighters turn away from violence, but others, some of whom have Western passports, may become further radicalized to violence while receiving additional training and experience, and pose a potential threat upon their return to their home countries or other countries to which they may travel.

DHS is concerned that terrorist groups operating in permissive environments in conflict zones like northern Syria and western Iraq can pose a security threat to the United States and our allies. The terrorists operating in Syria and Iraq have shown a demonstrated intent to attack targets outside of Syria and Iraq and inspire others to carry out attacks in their homelands.

DHS notes, in particular, that aviation is a continuing focus of terrorist attention. Terrorist groups have shown a continued interest in developing ways to defeat aviation security, and in carrying out, or attempting to carry out, attacks on U.S.-bound civil aviation aircraft. Concealed Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) remain the threat of primary concern. Terrorists in the past three years have expressed interest in concealing IEDs in modified commercial electronics including laptops, cell phones, printers, and cameras. Terrorists have also expressed interest in concealing IEDs in physical areas of the body they perceive as not thoroughly searched, or areas we cannot search, such as in the body. Terrorists can also use shoes and other articles of clothing with hollow spaces to conceal explosives. Terrorists remain interested in concealing explosives in cosmetics and liquids in order to defeat airport security screening.

DHS Efforts to Counter ISIL and Foreign Fighters

Let me turn to the specific security measures that have been put in place in response to the terrorist threat that has emerged from Syria and Iraq. DHS has enhanced our already robust security measures, taken some actions directly, and instituted others in collaboration with our interagency partners, state and local authorities, the private sector, and our foreign allies.

Aviation Security: First, to address the threats from terrorist groups overseas, DHS has in recent months enhanced aviation security. Much of the terrorist threat continues to center around aviation security. In early July, Secretary Johnson directed the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to enhance screening at select overseas airports with direct flights to the United States. Since then, TSA has mandated enhanced screening to occur at additional overseas airports. The United Kingdom and other countries have followed with similar enhancements to their aviation security. DHS continually evaluates the implementation of these measures with the

air carriers and foreign airports and whether more is necessary, without unnecessarily burdening the traveling public.

Preclearance: Second, over the longer term, one of Secretary Johnson's initiatives is to increase the use of "preclearance" at overseas airports with flights to the United States. Preclearance is an important step to protect the security of U.S.-bound civil aviation. Preclearance means that before the plane takes off, all passengers and their baggage are inspected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, using their full legal authorities and using enhanced aviation security approved by TSA. We have long had preclearance in airports in Canada and the Caribbean, and in recent years, we have expanded it to Ireland and the United Arab Emirates. DHS is working with the aviation industry, airport authorities, and other governments to expand the number of U.S.-bound flights covered by the additional security benefits that preclearance is able to bring.

Tracking Foreign Fighters: Third, DHS, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), and the U.S. Intelligence Community, is making greater efforts to track foreign fighters who fought in Syria who come from the United States or who seek to enter the United States from another country. More than 16,000 foreign fighters have traveled to Syria over the last three years, including approximately 2,700 Westerners. The FBI has arrested a number of individuals who have tried to travel from the United States to Syria to support terrorist activities there. We are concerned that not only may foreign fighters join ISIL or other violent extremist groups in Syria, they may also be recruited by these violent extremist groups to leave Syria and conduct external attacks.

Encouraging Other Governments to Collect Information on Foreign Fighters: Fourth, we are working with European and other governments to build better information sharing to track foreign fighters who traveled to or from Syria. Whenever DHS officials engage with European counterparts, this topic is almost always item number one on the agenda. The importance of this issue is also reflected by the United Nations Security Council's adoption of Resolution 2178 in September, in a summit chaired by President Obama that addressed the threat of foreign terrorist fighters. This resolution has provided new impetus for European and other governments to use technology like Advanced Passenger Information (API) that DHS has long used to detect known and previously unknown terrorists and terrorist facilitators. We need to ensure that we are doing all we can to identify those who, by their travel patterns, attempt to hide their association with terrorist groups. DHS is encouraging our counterparts in other countries at risk for terrorist attacks to join with us in using information like Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record data to help identify both known and previously unknown terrorists and terrorist facilitators.

Enhancing ESTA and the VWP: Fifth, DHS is already increasing efforts to track those who enter and leave Syria and may later seek to travel to the United States without a State Department-issued visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Working with the Intelligence

Community, DHS is aware that a number of foreign fighters in Syria have come from various VWP countries.

In response, this fall, DHS strengthened the security of the VWP through enhancements to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Those changes went into effect on November 3, 2014. ESTA adds a significant layer of security to the VWP by enabling CBP to conduct security vetting of prospective VWP travelers to determine if they pose a law enforcement or security risk before they board aircraft destined for the United States. DHS determined that additional data will improve the Department's ability to screen prospective VWP travelers and more accurately and effectively identify those who pose a security risk to the United States. These improvements provide an additional layer of enduring security for the VWP and facilitate visa-free travel to the United States.

Helping to Identify Homegrown Violent Extremists Through Community Engagement:

Sixth, DHS is continually working to help Federal, state, and local law enforcement to identify Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs). Secretary Johnson regularly speaks of the challenge that the independent actor or "lone wolf" poses to security agencies. A Homegrown Violent Extremist is a person who did not train at an overseas terrorist camp, or join the ranks of a terrorist organization overseas, but who is inspired here at home by violent extremist social media, literature, or ideology. In many respects, this is the hardest terrorist threat to detect, and one of concern to DHS.

To address the domestic "lone offender" threat, while also working to counter the life cycle of a violent extremist, Secretary Johnson directed DHS to build on our partnerships with local communities, as well as with state and local law enforcement, in a way that enhances community relationships. First responders, more than the Federal government, have the ability to work with the community to detect potential threats before they manifest themselves violently. Within DHS, we have outreach programs with communities who themselves are engaging youth in violence prevention. Secretary Johnson directed that we step up these programs and he has personally participated in them by meeting with community groups in Chicago, Columbus, Minneapolis, and Los Angeles. These gatherings have focused on community concerns and served to build trust and partnership to counter violent extremism (CVE).

The department has recently increased its CVE efforts under the direction of a department-wide CVE Coordinator. DHS's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) and NCTC developed and implemented the Community Awareness Briefing (CAB), designed to share unclassified information with communities regarding the threat of violent extremism. It is designed to help communities and law enforcement develop the necessary understanding of violent extremism recruitment tactics and explore ways to collectively and holistically address these threats before they become a challenge at the local level. Also in partnership with NCTC, DHS uses a foreign fighter scenario in Community Resiliency Exercises to demonstrate to communities and law enforcement officials how they can help disengage a person from the

pathway to violent extremism. Additionally, DHS collaborates with partner countries (such as the United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Canada, Spain, and France) to develop best practices in community engagement endeavors that effectively counter violent extremism.

To address the home-grown violent extremist, we must also emphasize the need for help from the public. “If You See Something, Say SomethingTM” is more than a slogan. For example, in September, we sent a private sector advisory identifying for retail businesses a long list of materials that could be used as explosive precursors and the types of suspicious behavior that a retailer should look for from someone who buys a lot of these materials. In light of ISIL’s exhortations to attack uniformed service members, and the tragic events in Canada, Secretary Johnson also ordered a reinforced Federal Protective Service presence in several cities.

Information Sharing: Seventh, the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) is working closely with interagency partners to evaluate threat data and ensure relevant information reaches DHS personnel and state, local, tribal, and territorial partners who can use this information to reduce risks to the U.S. Homeland. To ensure our state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector partners are kept informed of the current ISIL threat, I&A has hosted calls with our partners in recent months to examine the ongoing situation and, jointly with the FBI, released Joint Intelligence Bulletins that provided context and background, and examined the potential retaliatory threat and ISIL’s use of social media.

In addition, within the U.S. Government, DHS and our interagency partners in law enforcement and the Intelligence Community are continually enhancing our ability to share information with each other about suspicious individuals.

Conclusion

Since 9/11, DHS and our partners in the law enforcement and Intelligence Communities have vastly improved the Nation’s ability to detect and disrupt terrorist plots overseas before they reach the U.S. Homeland. We ask for the support of this Subcommittee as we continue to adapt to emerging threats and improve our ability to keep our Nation safe.

Chairman Poe, Ranking Member Sherman, and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for this opportunity to testify. I look forward to answering your questions.

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Michael,

Attached please find a fantastic compilation of data that Alysha has put together per our call yesterday.

In addition, below are the questions I have drafted for I&A and OCP with respect to the request for data. Does this look accurate?:

For OCP:

- How many community based (non-USG funded) CVE programs exist in the US?

For I&A:

- What demographic data exists to illustrate where (specifically within the US) individuals have been arrested or prosecuted for material support to ISIL?

Thanks,

Lauren

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1:00 p.m. **CVE Coordinator Welcome**

David Gersten, CVE Coordinator

1:15 p.m.

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WSJ is working on a story about the our CVE efforts and some perception from local law enforcement that FBI and DHS are often not on the same page when it comes to CVE, and the frustration that they don't get clear guidance/training/education when it comes to the idea of intervening with a subject before it becomes a criminal case.

Reporter is asking how does DHS define its role in expanding and coordinating intervention work with state and locals, and how does the department coordinate its CVE efforts with the FBI.

Deadline is COB. Gersten cleared this. Any issues?

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Ongoing Administrative Items

Appointment letters – Erin giving to CMO today
 HSAC Bylaws – Mike and Sarah to review before sending back to CMO
 Speaker Series - Sarah
 Date and Speaker for next Bi-Weekly Call – Mike
 Update on start date for interns – Mike
 Tuesday NTAS rollout call

1/21 Meeting

Agenda
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Cybersecurity - Jay

Meeting follow up and update

Grant Review - Katrina

Meeting follow up and update

CBP - Jay

SW Border Trip update
 OIG update
 Other updates

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CVE

January 11 in person meeting

FBAC

Memo

Foreign Fighter TF

No updates

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All – attached are the deliverables that are owed to FLETC for curriculum development purposes. We wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of them.

Due to the sensitivity of the draft lesson plan; it was sent directly to the CVEWG POC's at the components that are identified in the attached document.

If other components would like to the opportunity to review the lesson plan, please contact me directly.

Components who received the lesson plan directly have a DUE DATE OF JANUARY 30th to complete the listed deliverables.

We will also be setting up a HSIN portal to post the full curriculum and other materials for future review.

We are still determining if there will be a CVEWG meeting next week given the level of activity next week. We will keep you all posted.

Thanks,

-Nate

Nate Snyder

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Dear CVE WG Members,

On Thursday 3/24 at 2:30 EST, START will be doing a demo of the Terrorism and Extremist Violence in the US Database (TEVUS). If you are interested in learning more about this database, please register for the demo at the following link.

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In order to give you more details about TEVUS, I have described the capabilities of the knowledge tool below.

- The TEVUS Database integrates existing and new open-source data sets to facilitate more robust and sophisticated analyses of the behaviors, operations, and activities of violent extremists within the United States.
- TEVUS is a result of over 40 years of data collection from four related open-source databases.
- The portal can be used to search for specific events, perpetrators, groups, and/or court cases related to terrorism and extremist crime in the United States.
- It allows access to a robust collection of inter-related data from 2,800 terrorist incidents, 3,000 pre-incident activities, and 120 extremist crimes in the United States.
- Relationships between these events and perpetrators (1,400), groups (300), and court cases (300) are made explicit and offer new ways to explore the database in a unique and dynamic interface.
- Data can be displayed in a map, on a timeline, graphically, or by social network.
- By integrating these data, along with information on the characteristics of locations that do and do not experience terrorist activity, and developing a user-friendly web interface to access them, this project will allow a range of end-users to conduct analyses using what is by far the most comprehensive open source database on terrorism and extremist violence in United States.

This database may be of interest to those conducting community roundtables or briefs as it will allow you to quickly and easily examine the historical threat picture in a community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Kathleen

Kathleen Deloughery, Ph.D.
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All – we wanted to share with you all the current agenda (subject to change) for the next CVE Deputies Breakfast on 12 JAN. It is attached.

Also, thank you all for your contributions and feedback on the IPC SOC deliverables (model, cities, policy/analysis RT).

There will be a BM memo circulated shortly. Before then, please see the attached CVE progress summary as of 12/9/13.

It needs to be obviously be refreshed; there has been a lot of activity since then.

Please review and refresh the summary as needed; we will need edits by COB Monday.

If there are any questions about the breakfast agenda please let us know.

Thanks,

-Nate

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Deputies Breakfast

Wednesday, 12 February 2014

8:00 – 9:00 am

Location: Nebraska Avenue Complex

Draft Agenda:

- I. Administrative (15 minutes)
 - a. Year-in-Review Memo to the NSS (All)
 - b. State Dept. Membership in Deputies Breakfast (All)
 - c. Deputies Breakfast Complementing the IPC Process (All)
 - d. Deputies Breakfast Schedule (All)
- II. Strategic Focus (15 minutes)
 - a. Model for CVE (NCTC)
 - b. Read out from Los Angeles Trip (DOJ)
 - c. Future Cities of Strategic Focus (DHS/DOJ)
- III. Engagement (15 minutes)
 - a. CVE Exercise (DHS/NCTC)
 - b. CVE Leadership Forum Read Out (NCTC)
 - c. Syrian-American Community Outreach (DHS)
- IV. Research & Analysis (5 minutes)
 - a. National Institute of Justice Conference – Mar 24/25 (DOJ)
- V. Training (5 minutes)
 - a. Sub-IPC on Training (DHS/NCTC)
 - b. Distribution of the Community Awareness Briefing (NCTC)
- VI. Common Online Portals (5 minutes)
 - a. LEO site (FBI)
 - b. HSIN site (DHS)
 - c. Update on Community Engagement Online Resource Center (NCTC)

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All-

Based on the discussion yesterday on priorities and the Deputies CVE Breakfast I wanted to share with you the discussion paper that was developed for the meeting. I am not sure who the author of the document was but perhaps others know and can shed more light on the development and the DHS contribution. As you can see there is a DHS section on what our priorities should be in the next year. Hopefully we can discuss this at the next meeting and make sure that the priorities listed in the document are consistent with the work and focus of components.

Timothy

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National Homeland Security Conference

Conference Agenda



June 28, 2016

8:30 – 9:00	General Session - Opening Ceremonies	Main Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15	General Session – Timothy W. Manning, Deputy Administrator of FEMA for Protection and National Preparedness	Main Ballroom
9:15 – 9:30	General Session – To be confirmed	Main Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00	General Session – To be confirmed	Main Ballroom
10:00 – 10:30	General Session – Former FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano - The 15th Anniversary of 9/11	Main Ballroom
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:45	<u>Breakout Session 1</u> Recent Events – Philadelphia Train Derailment and Family Assistance Training - Operation HeatShield: Miami Beach Rescue Task Force Active-Shooter Full Scale Exercise Grants - The Ins and Outs of Uniform Grant Guidance for Governments Emergency Medical Response - Florida's State Medical Response System Ports & Transit Security - Operational RAILSAFE Intelligence & Info Sharing - TBD Whole Community Preparedness - Enhancing Community Preparedness through Special-Event Planning Public Safety - 21st Century Strategies for Policing Protests NCTC - Radicalization Pathways Empowering Security Partners - Current Domestic Threat Picture	
11:45 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Main Ballroom
1:00 – 1:15	Break	
1:15 – 2:30	<u>Breakout Session 2</u> Recent Events - Information Gathering Using Google-fu Training - The Building of an Interagency Command Simulation for EM Grants - Integrating your THIRA into your Regional Strategy Emergency Medical Response - FDNY Preparedness and Disaster Management Ports & Transit Security - Managing Security of the Maritime Transportation System Intelligence & Info Sharing - TBD Whole Community Preparedness - We're on the Same Team:	

	Partnering with Elected Officials Public Safety - Unmanned Aerial Systems NCTC - US Based Violent Extremists Targeting USG Personnel Empowering Security Partners - Senior Officials Panel on the Federal Response to the Shifting Threat Landscape	
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:00	Breakout Session 3 Recent Events - Lessons Learned from the June 2015 attack on Dallas Police Department Headquarters Training - Integrating EOCs within a Tactical Exercise Grants - Virginia Homeland Security Grant Allocation Methodology 2009-2015 Emergency Medical Response - Pediatric Issues in Terrorism and Asymmetric Warfare Ports & Transit Security - Future of Intelligence-Led Maritime Law Enforcement Operations Intelligence & Info Sharing – Emerging Intelligence Trends Whole Community Preparedness - Supply Chain Resilience: Private-Public Engagement in Preparedness Public Safety - FirstNet: Interoperable Future of Public Safety & Homeland Security NCTC - Countering Violent Extremism in the US Empowering Security Partners - Panel on Effective Planning for Homegrown Threats	
4:00 – 4:15	Break	
4:15 – 5:00	POC Meeting	
5:00 – 7:00	Vendor Social	



National Homeland Security Conference

Conference Agenda



June 29, 2016

7:30 – 8:30	Coffee with Vendors	
8:30 – 8:45	General Session – Opening Session	Main Ballroom
8:45 – 10:00	General Session – Police Chief Jarrod Burguan - San Bernardino Terror Attacks	Main Ballroom
10:00 – 10:15	General Session – Introduction to Special Operations Demo	Main Ballroom
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:45	<u>Breakout Session 4</u> Recent Events - Why Next Generation Technology Matters More Than Ever Training - New Orleans' Integrated Chemical Security Program Grants - OPSG Grants: An Important Piece of Securing the Homeland Emergency Medical Response - Regional Collaborative Plan for Ebola Patient Transport Ports & Transit Security - Best Practices and Success in Transit Security Grant Program Operational Packages Intelligence & Info Sharing – Fusion Centers Whole Community Preparedness - An Integrated, Whole Community Approach to Active Threat Preparedness Public Safety - Lessons Learned from a Large-Scale Body Worn Camera Deployment NCTC - Best Practices on How to Evaluate Suspicious Activity Reports Empowering Security Partners - Left of Boom: Disrupting the Acquisition and Use of Bomb-Making Materials in Your Community	
11:45 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:30	Special Operations Demo by Local First Responders	
1:30 – 1:45	Break	
1:45 – 3:00	<u>Breakout Session 5</u> Recent Events - Lessons Learned from Recent Gas Explosions: Dealing with the Public Training - Building a Better EOC - Is it the People, Process, or Facility? Grants - Administering Grants Effectively Emergency Medical Response - Children and Disasters: Ensuring We Are Better Prepared Ports & Transit Security - Town Hall Meeting with FEMA Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Brian Kamoie	

	Intelligence & Info Sharing - TBD Whole Community Preparedness - Virginia's Community Approach to Homeland Security and Resilience Public Safety – Socio-Behavioral Response of Survivors to Active Shooter Events NCTC - What NCTC has to offer State and Local Partners Empowering Security Partners - Training and Tools to Empower Front Line Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders	
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 5:00	<u>Breakout Session 6</u> Recent Events - 2015 Civil Unrest: The Emergency Management Response to Baltimore Training - Los Angeles County Medical Countermeasures Exercise Grants - Town Hall Meeting with FEMA Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Brian Kamoie Emergency Medical Response - Didn't See That Coming': The Waste Management Response to Ebola in New York City, California Best Practices for Ebola Waste Ports & Transit Security - Collaborative Approaches to Urban Area Transit Security Intelligence & Info Sharing – Terrorism Screening Center – The ISIS Threat Whole Community Preparedness - Collaborative Planning and Response in our Schools Public Safety - Special Events Management: An All-Hazards Unified Approach NCTC - Preparing for a Complex Coordinated Attack Empowering Security Partners - Incident Response Lessons Learned and Best Practices	
5:00 – 6:00	Break	
6:00 – 9:00	Host Social	Tampa Aquarium



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7:30 – 8:30	Coffee with Vendors	
8:30 – 8:45	General Session – Opening Session	Main Ballroom
8:45 – 9:15	General Session – FEMA Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Brian Kamoie	Main Ballroom
9:15 – 9:45	General Session – Caitlin Durkovich – Assistant Secretary Infrastructure Protection	Main Ballroom
9:45 – 10:15	General Session - TBD	
10:15 – 10:45	Vendor Break	
10:45 – 12:00	<u>Breakout Session 7</u> Recent Events - Mass Care Considerations for Refugee Populations Training - 2015 Regional Landscape Survey Grants - FEMA's Grant Management Technical Assistance Program Emergency Medical Response - Rapid Intervention Team Revamp Ports & Transit Security - TBD Intelligence & Info Sharing – Domestic Terrorism in the Homeland: An Ideological Examination / Public Safety & National Security: What are the Threats and is Main Street Safe in the Information Age? Whole Community Preparedness - Community-Led Countering Violent Extremism Model Public Safety – Healthcare Implications of Terrorist Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures in Complex Attacks NCTC - Identity Intelligence Capabilities and Terrorist Screening Capabilities Empowering Security Partners - Bomb Squad and Tactical Team Integration	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch & Closing	Main Ballroom
1:00 – 4:30	SPECIAL EVENT – Lt. Sam McGhee, Aurora Police Department - Lessons Learned from the Aurora, CO Shooting	Ballrooms A, B, C

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DHS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON— Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson today announced the appointment of four new members to the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). The HSAC is comprised of experts from state, local and tribal governments, emergency and first responder communities, academia and the private sector who provide recommendations and advice to the Secretary of Homeland Security on a variety of homeland security issues.

The new members announced today include: Former U.S. Representative from Arizona Ron Barber; Kayyem Solutions, LLC Founder Juliette Kayyem; Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr.; and Council on Foreign Relations Adjunct Senior Fellow Farah Pandith.

For more information about HSAC, visit www.dhs.gov/hsac.

Ron Barber is a former U.S. Representative from Arizona. Mr. Barber served as district director for U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords from 2007 to 2012 before Giffords resigned her seat due to the severe injuries she sustained in an assassination attempt;

Barber was also shot alongside Giffords. After the shooting, he and his family established the Fund for Civility, Respect and Understanding. He won a special election to finish Gifford's term and was sworn into office on June 19, 2012. Mr. Barber served as Regional Administrator and State Director of the Arizona Development Disabilities Department, from 1974 to 2006.

Juliette Kayyem is founder of Kayyem Solutions, LLC, a firm providing strategic advice on risk management, mega-event planning and venture capital investments to global clients. A member of President Obama's transition team, she then served as DHS Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs until 2010, where she played pivotal roles in the H1N1 pandemic, the BP Oil Spill, and major policy issues such as immigration reform and grant funding. Before that, she was appointed as Massachusetts' first Undersecretary for Homeland Security by Governor Deval L. Patrick. Kayyem is on the faculty at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where she teaches new leaders in crisis management. A Pulitzer Prize finalist for her commentary in the Boston Globe, she is a national security analyst for CNN, a contributor to NPR's WGBH in Boston, and also hosts the podcast "Security Mom." She serves as Chair of the Safety and Security Committee of the Boston 2024 Summer Olympic Bid.

Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, has served as the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation in southern Arizona since May 2007. He also served as the Vice Chairman from 2003 to 2007. Chairman Norris served as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council's Southwest Border Task Force, a subcommittee of the National Congress of American Indians in 2009. Chairman Norris worked for the government of the Tohono O'odham Nation for over three decades and for six years (1988 - 1993) served as a (non-attorney) tribal Judge. Chairman Norris was inducted to the Sunnyside Unified School District Hall of Fame. He is also a former Commissioner for the Tohono O'odham Nation's Tribal Employment Rights Office. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters from the University of Arizona in 2009.







Farah Pandith, Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Senior Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and strategic advisor to the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, currently leads numerous efforts designed to counter violent extremism through new organizations, programs, and initiatives. She is a CVE pioneer and built first of its kind programs including Sisters Against Violent Extremism and Generation Change. Ms. Pandith was appointed the first-ever Special Representative to Muslim Communities at the Department of State in June 2009. From 2004 to 2007, she was the Director for Middle East Initiatives at the National Security Council (NSC). Prior to the NSC, Ms. Pandith was Chief of Staff at the Bureau for Asia and the Near East at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Ms. Pandith also served at USAID from 1990-1993 and was Vice President for International Business at ML Strategies from 1997-2003. She was a key architect of the Women in Public Service Project. She serves on the Board of Overseers at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and on the Smith College President's Council.

The full list of the Homeland Security Advisory Council members can be found [here](#).

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