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BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM

I. Purpose

This Directive establishes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy, responsibilities, and requirements for building community partnerships to counter violent extremism (CVE).

II. Scope

This Directive applies throughout DHS.

III. Authorities

- A. Title 6, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 112, “Secretary; functions”
- B. Title 5, Code of the Federal Regulations, Part 2635, “Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch”
- C. DHS Memorandum, “Building Community Partnerships to Counter Violent Extremism,” dated September 28, 2015
- D. DHS Delegation 0108, “Delegation of Authority to the Director of the Office for Community Partnerships”

IV. Responsibilities

- A. The **DHS Director, Office for Community Partnerships (OCP)** leads and manages the Department’s CVE program including oversight of and partnering with Components supporting CVE efforts, coordinating with the interagency, state, local, territorial and tribal partners regarding CVE, and developing Departmental CVE plans and initiatives.

B. ***DHS Component heads*** provide resources and expertise to support the OCP, consistent with their authorities and funding, implement policies, procedures and programs established by the OCP, and execute Component CVE programs.

V. Policy and Requirements

A. ***Policy:*** DHS counter violent extremism programs and related functions adhere to these principles:

1. Support community-based efforts to counter violent extremism by increasing awareness of the violent extremist threat, convening and connecting public and private sector partners to encourage joint action against the threat, and supporting community-based action through financial assistance and other mechanisms;
2. Ensure that the Department respects individual rights in day-to-day work with communities to address their unique homeland security challenges and concerns;
3. Ensure that all DHS CVE programs and operations are executed in an efficient and fiscally sound manner; and
4. Support and collaborate with interagency partners to ensure that Department CVE efforts are appropriately integrated, aligned, and implemented both domestically and internationally.

B. ***Requirements:***

1. The ***DHS Director, Office for Community Partnerships (OCP)***:
 - a. Leads and manages the Department-level CVE program that resides within the Office for Community Partnerships.
 - b. Develops Department-level strategic plans and performance goals, and priorities on fostering new partnerships, innovative tactics, tools, best practices, by engaging departments, agencies, and organizations to enhance CVE efforts.
 - c. Fosters greater technology sector involvement in domestic CVE efforts, and annually develop by September 30, for the forthcoming fiscal year, a digital engagement strategy that: expands the Department's outreach efforts and supports innovative technology sector efforts to counter radicalization to violence and recruitment online; and that recommends the DHS senior leaders who should participate; identifies sector- specific goals and objectives, and community-based programs the technology sectors should support.

- d. Fosters greater philanthropic support for privately-sourced domestic CVE efforts, and annually develop by September 30, for the forthcoming fiscal year, a philanthropic engagement plan that: identifies DHS senior leaders who should participate, regionally-specific goals and objectives; and identifies what community-based programs DHS will support.
- e. Identifies priorities for DHS CVE-related field staff around the country, while providing and advocating for resources to improve and expand the Department's OCP CVE field presence in support of community resilience.
- f. Leads the DHS Science and Technology (S&T) CVE Integrated Product Team to identify capabilities, research and development gaps relating to CVE efforts. In partnership with S&T, coordinates research and development in support of these efforts.
- g. Consults with the Office of intelligence and Analysis regarding requirements for production and dissemination of intelligence based CVE-relevant products, information sharing, and ensuring that stakeholder needs are being met.
- h. Coordinates with the Office of Public Affairs to develop and execute a strategic communications plan that utilizes all available DHS platforms such as press releases, earned media, and social media to better communicate DHS CVE efforts, acknowledge local CVE efforts, and engages the American public.
- i. Coordinates with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs / Partnership Engagement to build relationships, and coordinate outreach efforts with state, local, tribal, law enforcement, private section, and academia regarding CVE efforts.
- j. Oversees the development and execution of a Departmental CVE social media engagement strategy, especially by building relationships between online and offline stakeholders to mobilize against violent extremism.
- k. Coordinates with the Chief Financial Officer, Program Analysis and Evaluation, to develop and implement metrics to ascertain the efficacy and success of Departmental CVE efforts and programs.

I. Ensures the Department submits all CVE reporting requirements, to include an annual report to the Secretary on DHS efforts to counter violent extremism and build community resilience that includes an assessment of progress in meeting annual milestones and targets and recommendations for the following year's activities, milestones, and targets.

2. The **DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL):**

a. In consultation with OCP, continues to lead, improve and expand Community Engagement Roundtables and Town Hall Meetings focusing on CVE topics, as well as Community Awareness Briefings, and Community Resilience Exercises in cities across the country.

b. In coordination with OCP, develops annually by September 30, for the forthcoming fiscal year, a community engagement plan focusing on CVE topics that identifies for each engagement: CVE topics receiving focus; the recommended DHS senior leader participants; regionally-specific goals and objectives; and the community-based programs DHS should highlight specific to CVE.

3. The **Assistant Secretary for Policy:**

Provides planning support to the DHS Director, OCP regarding the development of Departmental CVE plans and initiatives.

4. **The Director for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC):**

Coordinates with OCP and FEMA to develop, incorporate and sustain CVE training for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement on efforts.

5. The **Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):**

a. In coordination with OCP, enhances the Department's mechanisms for providing financial assistance to CVE community-based programs to build community resilience, and strengthens DHS's ability to support effective CVE actions by expanding funding opportunities for community-based programs.

b. Coordinates with OCP and the FLETC in their efforts to develop a plan to enhance CVE training for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement efforts.

6. The **Under Secretary for Science and Technology**:

Establishes a DHS CVE Integrated Product Team (IPT) for research and development to identify capabilities, research and development gaps relating to CVE efforts, and provide senior executive support to the Director, OCP, who leads the IPT.

7. The **Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs / Partnership Engagement**:

Coordinates with the Homeland Security Advisory Council subcommittee focused on efforts to counter violent extremism.

8. The **General Counsel**:

Provides legal support and reviews of CVE plans, partnerships, initiatives, engagements and training.

9. The **Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis**:

Ensures requirements and priorities for the production and dissemination of intelligence relating to the threat of violent extremism or otherwise necessary to inform the conduct of Departmental CVE activities are established.

VI. Questions

Address any questions regarding this Directive to the Office for Community Partnerships.

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