



QUICK FACTS

- Operation Shields temporarily enhance the protection of a federal facility and the safety of the people inside.
- In Fiscal Year 2015, FPS conducted 2,843 Operation Shields across the country.
- When FPS teams up with local, state, and federal partners, the operation becomes a “Mega Shield.”

Operation Shields

The Federal Protective Service is responsible for protecting more than 9,000 federal facilities across the country, and the 1.4 million people working within or visiting those facilities every day. As symbols of U.S. strength and leadership, federal buildings may be a strategic target for terrorists.

To deter terrorist and criminal activity, FPS regularly conducts “Operation Shield” at federal facilities, which increases the visual presence of law enforcement at that location. Operation Shields occur regularly around the nation as part of FPS’ commitment to employ the highest standards for the protection of federal facilities and the safety of the people inside.

Types of Increased Activities

During the operation, the general public and federal employees within and around the selected facility will see an increase in:

- FPS vehicles and law enforcement officers on patrol
- Bomb sweeps by FPS explosive detector dogs
- Security screening of personnel and vehicles at building entrances
- FPS officers engaging with stakeholders, visitors, and employees



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Objectives of Operation Shield

The overall goal of Operation Shield is to exercise the preparedness and agility of FPS’ response to the current general threat environment impacting the federal community, as well as:

- Provide a highly visible law enforcement presence
- Enhance patrols and increase protective coverage
- Deter terrorist and criminal activity
- Target deployment based on current threat assessments or intelligence
- Measure the effectiveness of security countermeasures
- Engage with federal employees, visitors, facility managers, and other stakeholders to maintain a friendly and helpful customer service-oriented relationship

The Federal Protective Service is a component of the National Protection and Programs Directorate.

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