



QUICK FACTS

- **9,000** federal facilities protected nationwide
- **1.4 million** federal employees and visitors safeguarded daily
- **1,300** FPS employees
- **13,000** contract Protective Security Officers
- **700,000** prohibited items prevented from entering federal facilities each year
- **2,000** facility security assessments conducted each year
- **534,000** calls for service each year
- **70** explosive detection canine teams
- **4** MegaCenters monitoring security nationwide 24/7

**Data from the 2014 FPS Annual Report*

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An Overview of FPS

Mission

The Federal Protective Service is responsible for protecting federal facilities and for safeguarding the millions of employees, contractors, and visitors who pass through those facilities every day.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is the primary federal agency responsible for the protection of all federal property owned or occupied by the federal government, whether it is owned or leased by the General Services Administration. The authority to carry out this mission has been delegated to FPS.

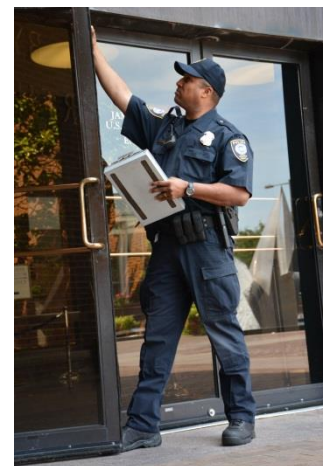
Protective Services to Federal Agencies

FPS law enforcement personnel are trained physical security experts. From screening visitors to responding to suspicious packages, FPS delivers comprehensive physical security and law enforcement services to federal facilities. The agency has broad law enforcement authorities and jurisdiction to prevent, investigate, mitigate, and defeat threats to federal employees and the facilities in which they work. FPS provides the following services:

- Conducts security assessments of federal facilities to identify risks
- Designs security countermeasures for federal agencies to mitigate risks
- Provides a visible law enforcement presence
- Oversees contract security guards who conduct screenings and ID checks
- Performs background suitability checks for contract employees
- Conducts criminal investigations, including threats to federal employees
- Monitors security alarms via centralized communication centers
- Shares intelligence with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners
- Provides security during special events and critical incidents
- Offers special operations, including K-9 explosive detection
- Trains federal tenants in active shooter response, crime prevention, and occupant emergency planning

Although these protective services remain constant, FPS always looks ahead and adapts to emerging threats, such as cyber-attacks or unmanned aerial vehicles.

Additionally, the agency always seeks to improve security services for its federal customers.





Partnerships

FPS would not be able to accomplish its mission without its strong partnerships with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. In addition to ongoing information-sharing, FPS works with its partners to provide security during critical incidents, National Special Security Events such as presidential inaugurations, and demonstrations to protect protesters, federal employees and property. FPS also enjoys an excellent working relationship with GSA, and regularly collaborates with GSA to ensure building improvement projects incorporate information from the latest security assessments.

Funding

FPS is a fee-for-service organization, and its services are fully paid for by each federal agency it protects. FPS does not receive congressional appropriations.

The basic security fee is \$0.74 per square foot of the space occupied by a federal agency. This basic fee pays for facility security assessments, preliminary investigations of incidents, the detention of suspects, 24-hour security alarm monitoring, and response to emergency calls. Additional fees may be charged if there is a security countermeasure that benefits all federal agencies residing in a building, or if one federal agency desires countermeasures beyond basic security services.

Employees

FPS employs more than 1,300 federal staff. Approximately 1,000 of those employees are law enforcement security officers, criminal investigators, and police officers – all of whom are initially trained at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. FPS also procures more than 13,000 contract guard staff to conduct security screenings at federal buildings.



History

The Federal Protective Service has a long history of protecting millions of federal employees, contractors, and visitors to federal facilities. The origins of FPS date back to 1790 when President George Washington appointed three commissioners to establish a federal territory for a permanent seat of federal government. Those commissioners hired six “night watchmen” to protect the designated buildings the government was planning to occupy. FPS traces its origins to the appointment of those six night watchmen.

Over time, the network of security guards grew and evolved to protect federal workers and government buildings, and was once known as the U.S. Special Police. In 1971, GSA formally established the Federal Protective Service. When the Homeland Security Act of 2002 was passed, FPS was transferred from GSA to the newly formed U.S. Department of Homeland Security, structured within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In 2009, the DHS transferred FPS to the National Protection and Programs Directorate, where the agency currently resides.

*To report emergencies or suspicious activity at a federal facility, contact the FPS Mega Center at **1-877-4FPS-411**.*