



The Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) supports the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as it secures the nation while preserving individual liberty, fairness, and equality under the law.



DHS Celebrates LGBT Pride Month

On June 27, DHS held its annual LGBT Pride Month program, “Stronger Together, Unapologetically Proud.”

CRCL Acting Officer Veronica Venture gave opening remarks and welcomed guest speaker Diego Sanchez, a renowned LGBT advocate who serves as Director of Advocacy, Policy, and Partnerships for PFLAG. PFLAG is the country’s largest organization for parents, families, friends, and allies united with LGBTQ individuals.

The program also featured a panel of the Department’s LGBT employees who discussed the intersection of race and gender in the LGBT community, and shared their personal and professional experiences. The event was co-hosted by CRCL and DHS Pride, the employee association representing the Department’s proudly serving LGBT personnel.

A series of commemorative programs and events were also held by DHS Components in the National Capital Region and across the country.

Inside

[DHS Celebrates LGBT Pride Month](#)

[CRCL Leads Roundtables in Chicago, Phoenix, and Tucson](#)

[DHS Publishes Annual Environmental Justice Implementation Progress Report](#)

[2017 Hurricane Season](#)

[TSA Summer Travel Tips](#)

[CRCL on the Road](#)

[Contact Us](#)

CRCL Leads Community Engagement Roundtables in Chicago, Phoenix, and Tucson

This month, CRCL representatives met with diverse American communities in Chicago, Illinois and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona at its quarterly roundtable meetings. CRCL conducts quarterly roundtables in over 16 cities across the country to meet with stakeholders to hear community concerns and provide information about DHS programs, activities, and issues.



In Chicago, guest speaker Dr. Robert Pape, founding director of the [Chicago Project on Security and Threats](#) and a professor of political science at the University of Chicago, discussed his research on methods designated terrorist organizations have used online videos to promote violence with vulnerable individuals, and how local leaders can counteract those efforts. The meeting was covered by [ABC7 Chicago News](#).

In Phoenix and Tucson, representatives from U.S. Customs and Border Protection gave a presentation on how complaints from the public are received and investigated. Other agenda items included stakeholder questions and a discussion involving the recent changes to international travel carry-on items and recent immigration enforcement activities, among other topics.

FY 2016 DHS Environmental Justice Annual Implementation Progress Report Published

DHS recently published the [FY 2016 DHS Environmental Justice Annual Implementation Progress Report](#). The Annual Report summarizes the Department's progress toward achieving the goals of [Executive Order 12898 - Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations](#). The order requires each covered agency to "make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations."

2017 Hurricane Season

Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly recently released a [video](#) to kick off the official start of hurricane season, which began on June 1. Secretary Kelly stated that DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are working closely with state, local, and federal partners, as well as the National Hurricane Center, to increase preparedness and coordinate response and recovery capabilities. He also noted that DHS is empowering individuals to take an active role in preparing themselves, their families, and their communities for hurricanes and other disasters. Secretary Kelly urged Americans in the potential path of a hurricane to know their risk, prepare, and stay informed, recommending several online resources to assist the public in disaster planning.



Visit www.ready.gov for tips on how to prepare for all types of emergencies, including what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. You may also download the [FEMA app](#) to your mobile device for weather alerts from the [National Weather Service](#), safety reminders, disaster resources, and much more.

TSA Summer Travel Tips

This summer, record numbers of passengers are expected at airports and with the increased volume, delays may occur. Passengers can enhance their travel experience at the airport by arriving early, expecting that there may be delays for traffic, parking, rental car returns, and airline check-in.



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) offers some helpful tools and travel tips for airport security checkpoints including:

- **Apply for TSA Pre✓[®]** or other trusted travel programs like Global Entry, NEXUS, or SENTRI. To find the program that best suits your travel needs [use the DHS trusted traveler comparison tool](#).
- **Tweet or Message AskTSA.** Get live assistance by tweeting your questions and comments to [@AskTSA](#) or via [Facebook Messenger](#) on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on weekends/holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can also reach the Contact Center at 866-289-9673.
- **Prepare for security.** Avoid over packing your carry-on bag and consider checking bags when feasible. Remember to have a valid ID and boarding pass readily available. If you are traveling abroad be aware of the recent [changes to international travel carry-on items](#). Also [read the FAQ](#) about upcoming REAL ID requirements.

- **Follow the liquids rule.** [Liquids, gels, aerosols, creams and pastes must be 3.4 ounces or less](#) and all containers must fit inside a single quart-size plastic bag and be placed in a bin for carry-on baggage screening. This includes sun block and tanning lotions.
- **Call TSA Cares.** Travelers or families of passengers with disabilities and/or medical conditions may [call the TSA Cares](#) helpline toll free at 855-787-2227 at least 72 hours prior to flying with any questions about screening policies, procedures, and to find out what to expect at the security checkpoint as well as arranging for assistance at the checkpoint.

For further information about TSA procedures and other trusted traveler programs, read the [frequently asked questions](#), [watch TSA's travel tips videos](#), and visit DHS's new [Trusted Traveler Comparison Tool](#).

CRCL on the Road, June 2017

June 6-7 – Chicago, Illinois

CRCL convened its quarterly community engagement roundtable with diverse ethnic and community-based organizations.

June 14 – Phoenix, Arizona

CRCL convened its quarterly community engagement roundtable with diverse ethnic and community-based organizations.

June 14 – Tucson, Arizona

CRCL convened its quarterly community engagement roundtable with diverse ethnic and community-based organizations.

June 16 – Nogales, Arizona

CRCL convened a community engagement meeting with diverse ethnic and community-based organizations.

CRCL on the Road Ahead, July 2017

Orlando, Florida: Community engagement meetings, July 6-7

Houston, Texas: Quarterly roundtable and community engagement meetings, July 6-7

El Paso, Texas: Community engagement meetings, July 10-11

Detroit, Michigan: Quarterly roundtable and community engagement meetings, July 18

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Quarterly roundtable and community engagement meetings, July 26

Los Angeles, California: Quarterly roundtable and community engagement meetings, July 27-28

San Diego, California: Quarterly roundtable and community engagement meetings, July 31

For more information on engagement events, email: communityengagement@hq.dhs.gov.

Additional information, and contacting us

The goal of this periodic newsletter is to inform members of the public about the activities of the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, including: how to file complaints; ongoing and upcoming projects; opportunities to offer comments and feedback; etc. We distribute our newsletters via our stakeholder email list and make them available to community groups for redistribution. Issues of the newsletter can be accessed online at: www.dhs.gov/crcl-newsletter.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, want to request back issues, or have other comments or questions, please let us know by emailing crcloutreach@dhs.gov. For more information, including how to make a civil rights or civil liberties complaint about DHS activities, visit: www.dhs.gov/crcl.

CRCL Phone: 202-401-1474 • Toll Free: 866-644-8360 • TTY: 202-401-0470 • Toll Free TTY: 866-644-8361

DISCLAIMER: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides links to non-government websites for convenience and informational purposes only. These websites may contain information that is copyrighted with restrictions on reuse. Permission to use copyrighted materials must be obtained from the original source and cannot be obtained from DHS. DHS is not responsible for the content of external websites linked to or referenced from the DHS web server. DHS neither endorses the information or content of external websites, nor guarantees the accuracy of the information contained on external websites. When you select a link to an external website, you are leaving the DHS site.

 **Follow the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on Facebook at: [facebook.com/CivilRightsandCivilLiberties](https://www.facebook.com/CivilRightsandCivilLiberties).**