Our Mission

LOCAL ACTION, NATIONAL MISSION, GLOBAL IMPACT

The Federal Protective Service uses its security expertise and law enforcement authority to protect federal government facilities and safeguard the millions of employees and visitors who pass through them every day.

With a presence in every state and territory, our mission is to prevent, protect, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other hazards threatening the federal government’s essential services, ensuring the continuity of the U.S. government.

Safeguarding 1.4 Million employees and visitors daily

Protecting more than 9,000 federal facilities nationwide

Supporting more than 534,000 calls for service

Serving 500 federal departments and agencies
Our mission begins with our people. The foundation of FPS is its cadre of dedicated and knowledgable professionals. We recruit and train the best talent to evaluate, strengthen, and administer security services. Our law enforcement officers pass rigorous training requirements on an ongoing basis to meet the demands of our protection mission.
Protective Services

FPS delivers comprehensive security and law enforcement services to federal facilities, paid for by the agencies we protect.

360° Security

- Provide a visible law enforcement presence at federal facilities.
- Dispatch officers to incidents and monitor security alarms 24/7.
- Oversee contract security officers who conduct screenings and ID checks.
- Share intelligence with federal, state, and local law enforcement to support robust situational awareness of a facility’s security posture.
- Surge security and communications support during special events.
- Assess the security posture of federal facilities and provide targeted recommendations.
- Design security countermeasures to mitigate risks.
- Conduct criminal investigations, including cases of threats to employees.
- Train federal employees how to respond to active shooters and other emergencies.
- Offer special services including K-9 explosive detection.

AT A GLANCE

FY2020

- 798 assemblies and demonstrations monitored and responded to
- 1,629 arrests made and citations issued
- 218,060 prohibited items stopped
- 26,201 canine sweeps conducted
Intelligence-Driven Operations

FPS conducts the full spectrum of protection activities by utilizing threat-based information. We use our investigation and intelligence-coordination capabilities as a compass to direct our operations to protect facilities ahead of threats—before they occur. We share and source information with security partners and stakeholders to conduct analysis and identify dangerous and commonly-occurring threats specific to our customers, and use this analysis to inform our security operations to prevent terrorism, manage cyber and physical risks to critical infrastructure, and protect government employees, property, information, and operations.

THREATS FACING FEDERAL FACILITIES

- Theft
- Active shooters
- Vandalism
- Cyber Attacks
- Workplace Violence
- Assault
- Improvised Explosive Devices
- Unauthorized Entry
- Breach of Access Control
- Hostile Surveillance

ACTORS POSING THREATS

- Domestic Violent Extremists
- Foreign Terrorist Organizations
- Lone Offenders
- Sovereign Citizen Extremists
Protecting federal facilities requires a vigilant and trained eye. We harden the security posture of facilities against criminal attacks that threaten to endanger people or property and that may disrupt government operations. FPS has integrated cyber threats into its facility security assessment process so that we can offer comprehensive security recommendations. In addition to a building’s brick and mortar, FPS’s highly trained security specialists review systems controlling critical aspects like power, water, security, and safety which can be exploited by nation states, cyber terrorists, and criminals. FPS conducts facility assessments every 3 to 5 years to ensure current and continuous protection.

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION OF A FACILITY’S SECURITY POSTURE

1. Conducting assessments to provide a comprehensive picture of how well a facility is protected from specific threats
2. Identifying security gaps and making recommendations to mitigate risks
3. Working with our stakeholders to implement security recommendations
Looking Ahead: Facing Emerging Threats

We are proactive and forward-leaning in our protective mission to nimbly operate in an environment of evolving threats. As the threat environment changes, so do we. Our focus areas are centered on coordination, innovation, and technology.

- Surging operations to enhance vigilance and deterrence of terrorist and criminal activities targeting federal facilities and employees
- Rapidly deploying to high-threat incidents using an agile and self-sufficient force of specially-trained officers
- Sharing best security practices with interagency partners through a platform that consolidates actionable lessons and training requirements
- Preparing facility technology to meet new cyber threats
- Advocating for enhanced authorities for our contract protective security officers to strengthen direct and seamless response to incidents
- Leveraging new protective technology to offer cutting-edge service to our customers
Report emergencies in federal facilities to FPS:

1-877-4-FPS-411