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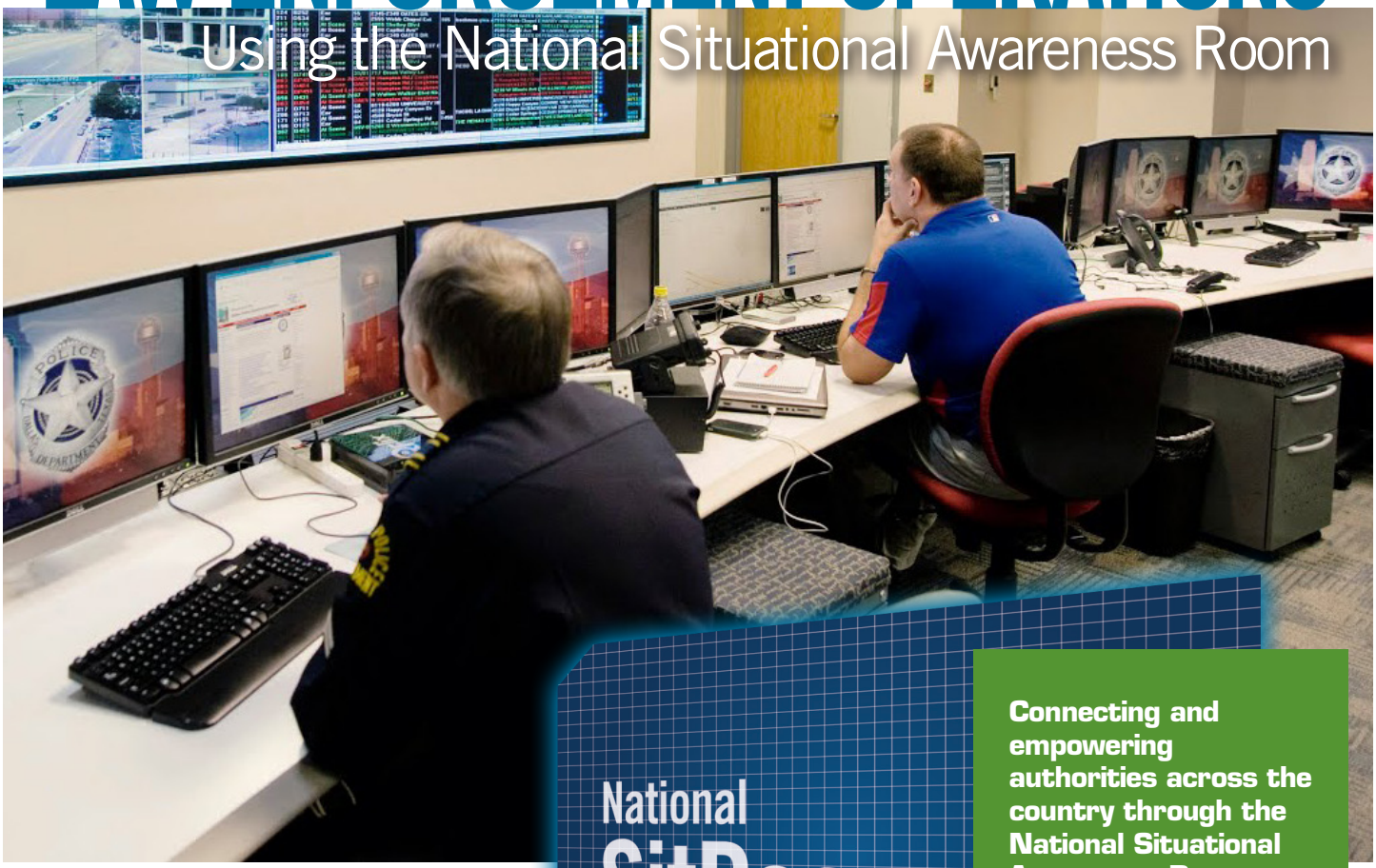
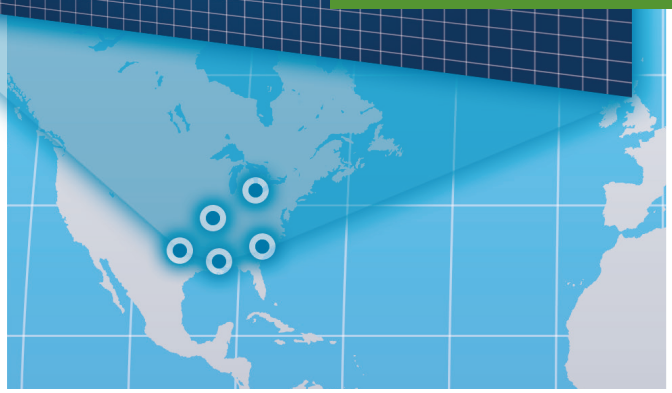
Using the National Situational Awareness Room



National SitRoom

Connecting and empowering authorities across the country through the National Situational Awareness Room, to support safety planning, share information and coordinate action.



Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) National Situational Awareness Room capabilities are now routinely utilized during events and crisis ranging from National Football League Super Bowl games and state inaugurations to active shooter situations and severe weather. In the past two years, HSIN event and incident support has more than doubled to support emergency managers, law enforcement officers, intelligence analysts and other public safety officials relying on HSIN to support critical information sharing.

CASE STUDY

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The unprecedented attacks on law enforcement officers in Texas, Missouri, Georgia, Michigan and Louisiana over the summer of 2016 resulted in the death of five officers and the wounding of other officers and bystanders. These events revealed a need for law enforcement and authorities across the country to share intelligence information real-time and coordinate action. To respond, authorities used the National Situational Awareness Room, or National SitRoom.

The National SitRoom and HSIN are available to a National Network of 78 Fusion Centers and its partners, locally operated by states and major cities to quickly share information during significant events. For example, multiple users can share screens, present briefings, provide real-time updates, and incorporate live video for situational awareness.

HSIN Resources:

- Provide a continuous venue for information sharing and collaborative support for homeland security personnel
- Empower public safety officials and law enforcement representatives nationwide to securely share accurate and timely information.
- Enable live conferencing and instant collaboration and coordination
- Mitigate further risk through seamless collaboration
- Encourage and support federal, state and local partnerships of people, processes and technology
- Enable rapid public safety planning and preparedness

Real-time situational awareness during events is invaluable when public safety is at stake. HSIN and the National SitRoom are up and running virtually 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The SitRoom is just one of many powerful tools the HSIN platform provides.

"HSIN provides one of our greatest assets—the National Situational Awareness Room. Having the ability to share raw data from the field, as it happens, and obtain the support of mission partners across the country as we face potential threats or are actively working an investigation is essential."

Mike Sena
President, National Fusion Center Association

Operational Impact

Using vital tools such as the National SitRoom on HSIN, this will help emergency responders quickly share information and improve information coordination so that public safety planning and officer safety briefings provide the right information to the right people in real-time.

For more information, contact the HSIN Outreach Team at **HSIN@hq.dhs.gov** or visit our website at **www.dhs.gov/hsin**.

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