

OFFICE FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. Purpose

This Directive defines the mission and functions of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (SLLE), within the Office of Policy. It designates the Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement as the primary official responsible for leading the coordination of Department-wide policies related to the role of state, tribal, and local law enforcement in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters within the United States. It also provides the state, tribal and local law enforcement community with an advocate and point of contact within the DHS Office of Policy, in addition to authorized liaisons within DHS Operational Components.

II. Scope

- A. This Directive applies to all DHS Components, unless expressly excluded by statute.
- B. Nothing in this Directive is to be construed to:
 - 1. Authorize control of field operations, field liaison, or field intelligence activities by any DHS Component or alter any reporting chains established by statute.
 - 2. Diminish, supersede, or replace the responsibilities, authorities or role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator.
 - 3. Diminish, supersede, or replace the responsibilities, authorities, or role of the Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, to coordinate policy and operations within DHS and between DHS and state and local agencies with respect to stopping the entry of illegal drugs into the United States.
 - 4. Impede or inhibit in any way the statutory authority of the U.S. Secret Service to independently perform its protective and investigative functions as those functions relate to any Federal, state or local protective or investigative operation(s).

5. Diminish, supersede, or replace the responsibilities, authorities, or role of any other official expressly empowered by Federal law or regulation, or as otherwise directed by the Secretary, to coordinate or engage directly with state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

6. Create new or conflict with existing legal requirements on the distribution or use of any data or other information.

III. Authority

Title 6, United States Code, Section 607, "Terrorism prevention."

IV. Responsibilities

A. The **Assistant Secretary for SLLE**:

1. Serves as the primary official responsible for leading the coordination of Department-wide policies related to the role of state, tribal, and local law enforcement in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters within the United States.

2. Serves as a liaison between the state, tribal, and local law enforcement community and the DHS Office of Policy and ensures, in coordination with other appropriate DHS Components, that information concerning Department activities of interest to particular communities is available to those communities.

3. Works with the FEMA Administrator to ensure that law enforcement and terrorism-focused grants to state, tribal and local government agencies are appropriately focused on terrorism prevention activities. These programs include grants under sections 2003 and 2004 of the Homeland Security Act, as amended by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53 (the 9/11 Act), the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and other grants administered by the Department to support fusion centers and law enforcement-oriented programs.

4. Coordinates with the Science and Technology Directorate, FEMA, the Department of Justice, the National Institute of Justice, law enforcement organizations, and other appropriate entities to support the development, promulgation, and updating, as necessary, of national voluntary consensus standards for training and personal protective equipment to be used in a tactical environment by law enforcement officers.

5. Coordinates with the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) to ensure the intelligence and information sharing requirements of state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies are being addressed, and provides appropriate administrative support, including credentialing and mandatory law enforcement training, to state, tribal and local law enforcement officers assigned or detailed to DHS in support of the Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group (ITACG) or other I&A programs.

6. Coordinates with the Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Programs on issues including risk-reduction strategies and policies affecting state, tribal, and local law enforcement, and with interactions with governors' offices and state public safety agencies to ensure alignment and consistency.

7. Coordinates with appropriate DHS offices or others, as directed by the Secretary, concerning DHS policies and programs related to state, tribal and local law enforcement activities.

8. Assists and supports the Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, in coordinating counter drug policy and operations between DHS and state and local agencies with respect to stopping the entry of illegal drugs into the United States.

9. Advises the Director, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, in the development and review of operational plans required by the Integrated Planning System and on other matters, as may be requested by the Director, with respect to state, tribal, and local law enforcement.

10. Subject to an appropriate charter amendment, represents DHS on the Advisory Committee to the Office of State and Local Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

11. Prepares an annual terrorism prevention plan outlining the Department's vision, strategy, capabilities, and goals for partnership with state, tribal and local law enforcement with input from appropriate DHS

Components.

B. The **Office for State and Local Law Enforcement** is staffed by permanent Federal employees providing immediate support to the Assistant Secretary.

C. The **Component Heads** ensure that the Assistant Secretary for SLLE is provided a senior executive or an appropriately senior designee with significant responsibilities involving state, tribal and local law enforcement matters to act as a member of the DHS State, Tribal and Local Law Enforcement Policy Coordination Council and assist in coordinating visits to Component's field locations to ensure effective collaboration within DHS and facilitate analysis of state and local perspectives during policy development.

V. Policy and Requirements

A. It is the policy of DHS to make state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies full partners in homeland security policymaking and to coordinate their input of these partners across the Department. In response to recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, Congress directed that the Assistant Secretary lead the coordination of Department-wide policies relating to state, tribal and local law enforcement's role in preventing acts of terrorism and serve as a liaison between law enforcement agencies across the country and the Department. Accordingly, the role of Assistant Secretary for SLLE is to provide the state, tribal and local law enforcement community a point of contact in the DHS Office of Policy and ensures the views of that community are fully considered during policy development.

B. In order to lead the coordination of Department-wide policies relating to state, tribal and local law enforcement's role in preventing acts of terrorism, the Assistant Secretary for SLLE is establishing a DHS State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Policy Coordination Council. The Council consists of senior executives or appropriately senior designees of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Health Affairs, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Federal Protective Service, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Management/Office of Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, Office of Policy, Science and Technology Directorate, U.S. Secret Service, and Transportation Security Administration.

C. To assist in preventing acts of terrorism, the Assistant Secretary for SLLE works with other Departments and agencies with significant responsibilities for state, tribal, and local law enforcement, and seeks liaisons from those

Departments and agencies.

VI. Questions

Address questions concerning this Directive to the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement.



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