National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Office

As the threat landscape continues to evolve, the **National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Office** empowers homeland security partners to adapt to new threats and prevent terrorism and targeted violence. The NTER Office equips homeland security partners with tools and resources to identify and mitigate threats of terrorism and targeted violence to keep the Homeland safe.

Lines of Effort

Revitalized in 2019

Dynamic programs that can respond to changing threat environment

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (NSI)

Behavioral Threat Assessment Integration

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)

The NSI is a joint collaborative effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and F/SLTT law enforcement partners. It provides a standardized process for identifying and reporting suspicious behaviors in jurisdictions across the United States. NTER provides standards, policies, processes, and trainings that allow fusion centers and law enforcement agencies to easily share information to help identify and prevent terrorist threats.

Outreach, Program Support, and Technical Assistance

The success of the NSI depends on robust partnerships and collaboration with homeland security partners across all levels of government as well as the private sector. NTER provides guidance and support to agencies aiming to improve their processes for identifying, evaluating, and reporting tips and leads linked to homeland security threats.

Training

- **SAR Training and Resources for Law Enforcement and Hometown Security Partners** (dhs.gov/nsi) - Brief online training videos for partners who may observe suspicious activity in the course of their duties.
- **SAR Fundamentals and Processes eLearning** - Four-module virtual training for investigators and analysts who review, vet, investigate, and analyze SAR. *Law Enforcement Sensitive
- **Public-Facing SAR Fundamentals and Processes eLearning** - Virtual training for the public and private sector partners

SAR Points-of-Contact Program

The SAR Points-of-Contact (POC) Program provides information sharing and best practices to a cadre of SAR practitioners from across the National Fusion Center Network. Through the SAR POC Program, the NTER Office provides sustained and ad-hoc technical assistance services, identifying potential emerging threats and operational needs.

Behavioral Threat Assessment Integration

As the threat environment continues to change, NTER assists F/SLTT partners in adapting processes for identifying and mitigating homeland security threats of targeted violence, regardless of motive. NTER opens the aperture on threat identification and reporting by integrating a behavioral approach to violence prevention into current targeted violence prevention efforts. Through training, information sharing, and program support, NTER engages with F/SLTT and private sector partners to combat terrorism, targeted violence, and insider threats.

Training

The NTER Master Trainer Program (MTP) certifies F/SLTT partners in the instruction of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) techniques and best practices. This train-the-trainer program prepares Certified Master Trainers from a broad range of sectors, including law enforcement, intelligence, school safety, insider threat and workplace violence prevention, to empower their local communities and organizations to mitigate threats and prevent acts of targeted violence. The national network of Certified Master Trainers has access to key BTAM resources, including:

- *Certification from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence & Analysis*
- *A national, evidence-based, framework for BTAM*
- *Comprehensive and adaptable instructional materials and toolkits in BTAM*
- *Connections to programs specializing in targeted violence prevention*
- *Access to a national network of experts*
- *Exclusive webinars and case debriefs*

Information Sharing

NTER strengthens information sharing by producing Quarterly Bulletins and Webinars designed to share research developments and resources to examine threats of targeted violence and terrorism for F/SLTT and Private Sector partners. These bulletins and webinars bring together experts and research from a wide variety of disciplines to provide operational awareness of emerging trends and topics in BTAM, targeted violence, and violence prevention.

Program Support

Through consultations, site visits, and facilitating connections to experts, NTER provides guidance and support to agencies and organizations aiming to improve their processes for identifying, investigating, assessing, and managing potential threats of targeted violence. NTER conducts proactive outreach to a broad network of key partners and stakeholders to provide the most effective and up-to-date information and support.

Key Partners

- DHS Insider Threat Operations Center (ITOC)
- DHS Components
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- US Marshals Service
- Fusion Centers
- State & Local Law Enforcement
- State Departments of Education
- Public Colleges & Universities
- Association for Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)

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