



*A  
FBI Program,  
Resource, and  
Service Guide for  
Chiefs and Sheriffs*

**“The most effective weapon against crime is cooperation....  
The efforts of all law enforcement agencies with the  
support and understanding of the American people.”**

J. Edgar Hoover



Law Enforcement Executives:

The FBI, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination, in partnership with law enforcement association executive staff, board members, and members in addition to FBI executive management, have collaborated with one another regarding FBI products, services, and resources a Chief of Police, Commissioner, Superintendent, Director, Sheriff, or other law enforcement executives may want or need to know about. We invite you, our state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners to sit down and have a leisurely conversation with your FBI Assistant Director or Special Agent in Charge about these and other FBI capabilities at your earliest convenience.

The FBI, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination has categorized the FBI programs, services, and resources into the following five categories:

1. [Crisis Response](#)
2. [Investigative Assistance](#)
3. [Forensic Support](#)
4. [Intelligence and Information Sharing](#)
5. [Training](#)

The FBI, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination, encourages you to review these FBI products, services, and resources which may be available to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners in addition to collaborating with your FBI Assistant Director or local Special Agent in Charge in your area of responsibility to promote new or enhance existing relationships with one another. If assistance is needed contacting your local FBI Field Office, please visit <http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm>.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald C. Ruecker".

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## CRISIS RESPONSE

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**Wireless Intercept and Tracking Teams:** Experienced and highly trained FBI Field Office Agents are available to assist state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners with historical cell data, conduct in-depth historical cell phone analysis, as well as track cell phone data in real time to identify locations of a suspect(s)' or a victim(s)' cell phone.

**Child Abduction Response Teams:** Experienced and highly trained FBI Field Office Agents are available to assist state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners with investigations during fast-moving, recently-occurring child abduction matters.

**Crisis Negotiation Teams:** The FBI's crisis negotiation teams can provide assistance to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners during crisis situations to include hostage, barricade, suicide, and kidnapping matters.

**Virtual Command Center (VCC):** The FBI's VCC provides an Internet-based real time tool allowing state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners to monitor the many moving parts of a complex event in a secure environment. The VCC is accessed via FBI's Law Enforcement Online.

**FBI's Tactical Program:** The mission of the FBI's tactical program is to provide safe and effective tactical operation for all facets of FBI investigative and intelligence activities, crisis response, and law enforcement assistance, utilizing a tiered integration of field and national tactical assets. The tactical program integrates the FBI's tactical response assets to address current and emerging terrorist and criminal threats in furtherance of strategic policies and directives through the use of state of the art tactics, techniques, and procedures. As a force multiplier, it enhances the FBI's world wide intelligence collection, investigative capability, and crisis response while appropriately leveraging other government capabilities.

**Victim Assistance Rapid Deployment Teams (VARDT):** The FBI's VARDT provides guidance to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners assisting with establishing an effective response to victims and families as well as providing on the ground support for victims and families following acts of terrorism, criminal transportation disasters, hostage situations, mass casualty crimes, and natural disasters. The teams consist of highly trained Victim Specialists to include mental health clinicians, medical social workers, and a forensic operations manager. Special funds for assisting victims of terrorism and mass casualty crimes with emergency needs are available.

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**Hazardous Devices Operations Center (HDOC):** The FBI's HDOC provides operational support, training, and equipment loan through a network of certified FBI Special Agent Bomb Technicians located in 56 field offices nationwide and around the world, to support crisis response and major cases involving explosives and hazardous devices, as well as support for special events security. The HDOC also provides training and information through its Hazardous Devices School and the Bomb Data Center.

**Hazardous Devices School (HDS):** The FBI's HDS located at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama is a state of the art training facility for certification, recertification, and advanced training of all public safety bomb technicians and accreditation for public safety bomb squads. In addition to courses offered at Redstone, HDS conducts specialized training for public safety bomb technicians throughout the year. These regional field training courses are coordinated through the network of Special Agent Bomb Technicians.

**Bomb Data Center (BDC):** The FBI's BDC publishes bulletins and other materials designed to continue the education of bomb technicians beyond the structured learning opportunities provided through the Hazardous Devices School. These products are compiled from information and intelligence collected by the FBI domestically and across the world, and are distributed via the FBI's Law Enforcement Online.

**Weapons of Mass Destruction Render Safe Preparedness:** The FBI plans, prepares, deploys, and exercises FBI and other national assets for the United States' Government's operational response to render all weapons of mass destruction devices to include chemical, biological, radiological, and improvised nuclear devices anywhere in the United States and its territories.

**Hazardous Material Response Teams (HMRT):** The FBI's HMRT provides assistance to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners responding to criminal acts and incidents involving hazardous materials (HAZMAT). The HMRT also develops technical proficiency and readiness for crime scenes and evidence-related operations in cases involving chemical, biological, and radiological materials and wastes in addition to training U.S. and international law enforcement in these skills.

## INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE

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**National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC):** The FBI's NCAVC combines investigative and operational support functions, research, and training in order to provide assistance, without charge, to federal, state, local, tribal, and campus local law enforcement partners investigating unusual or repetitive violence crimes. The NCAVC also provides support through expertise and consultation in non-violent matters such as national security, corruption, and white-collar crime investigations. Typical cases for which the NCAVC services are requested include child abduction or mysterious disappearance of children, serial murders, single homicides, serial rapes, extortions, threats, kidnappings, product tampering, arsons, bombings, weapons of mass destruction, public corruption, and domestic and international terrorism.

**Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU):** The FBI's BAU, part of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, provides criminal investigative analysis to federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners reviewing crimes from both a behavioral and investigative perspective by reviewing and assessing facts of a criminal act, interpreting offender behavior, and interaction with the victim, as exhibited during the commission of the crime, or as displayed in the crime scene. Specifically, the BAUs provide crime analysis, investigative suggestions, profiles of unknown offenders, threat analysis, critical incident analysis, interview strategies, major case management, search warrant assistance, prosecutive and trial strategies, and expert testimony.

**Violent Crime Apprehension Program (ViCAP):** The FBI's ViCAP, part of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, facilitates cooperation, communication, and coordination between law enforcement agencies and provides support in their efforts to investigate, identify, track, apprehend, and prosecute violent serial offenders. The multi-agency communication becomes especially important when a suspect(s) have traveled throughout the country. Access to the ViCAP services, cases, alerts, and newsletters can be accessed via the FBI's Law Enforcement Online

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**National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC):** The FBI's NGIC is a multi agency intelligence entity focused on gathering and sharing of federal, state, and local gang related intelligence with the goal of utilizing intelligence to develop well coordinated investigations in support of federal, state, and local violent gang priorities. The mission of the NGIC is to support law enforcement partners through timely and accurate information sharing and strategic/tactical analysis of federal, state, and local law enforcement information focusing on the growth, migration, criminal activity, and association of gangs posing a significant threat to communities throughout the U.S.

**Task Forces:** The FBI partners with other federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners on Joint Terrorism Task Forces, Safe Streets Gang Task Forces, Violent Crimes Safe Street Task Forces, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, Major Theft Task Forces, Safe Trails Task Forces, Innocent Lost Task Forces, and Mortgage Fraud Task Forces.

**Fusion Centers:** The FBI partners and/or liaisons with other federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners within fusion centers.

**Polygraph Examinations:** The FBI provides polygraph examination assistance to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners.

**Technical Assistance:** The FBI provides Title III and other monitoring assistance to state, local tribal, and campus law enforcement partners.

**National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Offline Searches:** The FBI's NCIC is a nationwide computerized information system containing millions of records for stolen property, wanted persons, missing persons, and unidentified persons records. When online inquiries are not adequate in certain investigative situations, offline searches are available to obtain information not available through an online inquiry.

# FORENSIC SUPPORT

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## OPERATIONAL RESPONSE:

**Evidence Response Teams:** The FBI's ERT provides assistance to state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners in all areas of evidence collection management. The ERT assists with large, complex, and complicated scenes, cases with multiple scenes, and multi-jurisdictional cases. The ERT processes crime scenes, conducts searches, and provides training courses. Specialty operational response areas include underwater search and evidence response teams and the human scent of evidence team using specially trained canines.

**Computer Analysis Response Team (CART):** The FBI's CART examiners are available to assist state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners around the country and the world to provide digital forensics and technical services to support to law enforcement and intelligence organizations.

## FORENSIC AND SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS:

**FBI Laboratory Services:** The FBI provides traditional laboratory services to include latent print, questioned documents, DNA, trace evidence, firearms, toolmarks, facial imaging, forensic and scientific analysis examinations, expert witness testimony, and training to other federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners.

**Regional Computer Forensic Laboratories (RCFL):** The FBI's RCFL are a partnership between the FBI and state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners operating in a geographic area. Organizations entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FBI become participating agencies within the RCFL. In this capacity, they detail every staff members to staff the laboratory, and in return they and their personnel receive access to digital forensics examinations and advisory services, technical training provided by FBI certified computer forensic examiners, compensation for overtime worked, exposure to the most advanced computer equipment available, broad experiences in a variety of digital forensics cases, and a stake in the management of the RCFL.



## INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING

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**Law Enforcement Online (LEO):** The FBI's LEO is a secure, but unclassified, Internet-based communications portal for law enforcement, first responders, criminal justice professionals, and anti-terrorism and intelligence agencies around the world. LEO strengthens collaboration and information and various state of art communications services and tools. It is available to vetted users anywhere in the world, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

**FBI Intelligence Products:** In addition to both classified and unclassified intelligence information reports, the FBI shares a variety of their intelligence products with the law enforcement and intelligence communities.

- **The FBI Weekly Intelligence Report (WIR)** compiles summaries of select Unclassified//For Official Use Only (U//FOUO) material from the preceding week's FBI Intelligence Report. The WIR is provided directly to FBI personnel serving in fusion centers and is posted to the FBI and fusion center special interest group sites (SIGs) on the FBI's Law Enforcement Online (LEO). The WIR includes summaries of reporting from all FBI operational programs.
- **FBI Intelligence Assessments and Intelligence Bulletins** at the U//FOUO and Unclassified//Law Enforcement Sensitive levels are also posted on LEO.
- **FBI Situational Information Reports (SIRs)** focus on criminal and domestic terrorism issues, and are produced and disseminated by individual field offices to other federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners within their areas of responsibility.

**National Data Exchange (N-DEx):** The FBI's N-DEx is a repository of information from federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement agencies, and a powerful investigative tool to search, link, analyze, and share criminal justice information on a national basis bringing together crime incidents, criminal investigations, arrest, bookings, incarcerations, and parole and/or probation data. The N-DEx assists law enforcement to detect relationships, link information across jurisdictions, connect the dots, and supports multi-jurisdictional task forces. Users access this web based application via a security internet connection.

**eGuardian:** The FBI's eGuardian database is a sensitive but unclassified threat tracking system. The eGuardian system allows state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement partners to record suspicious activity or threat information with a potential nexus to terrorism, in a standardized format. The information is then reviewed and analyzed at the local and state levels to assist in assessing terrorism related threats and suspicious activities, enabling links, relationships, and encouraging the sharing of vetted information within the law enforcement communities.

## TRAINING

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**Educational Materials:** The FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin (LEB) is published monthly. The LEB solicits articles written by nationally recognized authors and experts in the criminal justice field, and delivers relevant, contemporary information on a broad range of law enforcement issues.

**Training:** The FBI National Academy (FBINA) is a professional 10 week program for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders and managers of other federal, state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement as well as the U.S. military. The FBINA serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. The FBINA supports, promotes, and enhances the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world. Attendees should be in a position of Lieutenant or higher, and must have at least five years of experience in law enforcement.

- **The FBI National Executive Institute (NEI)** is the FBI's premier executive training initiative providing training for FBI executives and for the heads of the largest law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and overseas. The NEI consists of three one week training sessions throughout the year. The training focuses on strategic leadership development and current affairs. Attendees must oversee departments with more than 500 sworn officers serving a population of 250,000 or more.
- **The FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminars (LEEDS)** is a two week program designed for chief executive officers of the nation's mid-sized law enforcement agencies having 50-499 sworn officers, serving a population of 50,000 or more. Executives are provided instruction and facilitation in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, legal issues, labor relations, media relations, social issues, and police programs. The environment of the seminar is conducive to independent thought and study. Participants have the opportunity to exchange plans, problems, and solutions with their peers, develop new thoughts and ideas, and share successes.
- **The FBI Regional Command Colleges** provide training to chief executives and second-in-command officers with fewer than 50 sworn officers which cover 80 percent of law enforcement agencies in the U.S. The training is 40 hours and consists of training on management, legal issues, and media relations.

# POLICE EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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The **Office of Law Enforcement Coordination** administers the Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP), a six-month program which offers an opportunity for state, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement executives to provide their expertise in areas which will improve information and intelligence sharing within the law enforcement community. The PEFP involves the selection of management-level law enforcement officials to work at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. Police fellows contribute expertise and provide a local perspective to national and international law enforcement issues.

## PEFP Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a full-time, sworn officer of a duly constituted law enforcement agency of a state, county, municipality, tribal, or campus community (excluding elected officials) having at least five years of substantially continuous experience;
- Must be nominated by head of agency and hold equivalent rank of lieutenant or above;
- Must be of excellent character and enjoy a reputation of professional integrity;
- Must undergo a full background investigation and counterintelligence polygraph;
- Must remain in law enforcement for three years upon completion of the PEFP;
- Nominating agency must continue candidate's salary for the duration of the six-month program.

## Executive Fellows Receive:

- Lodging, subsistence, and travel costs will be borne by the FBI. The FBI will also afford each fellow three return trips home to conduct personal business.
- A Top Secret security clearance; and
- United States Marshals Service special deputation.

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