

# National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program



Every day, homeland security partners at all levels of government—federal, state, local, tribal, territorial (F/SLTT)—are working to keep Americans safe. Working together, we can enhance our ability to identify and prevent incidents of terrorism and targeted violence across the United States.

Many of our partners observe and/or receive reports of suspicious or threatening activity, either from concerned citizens or through the course of their official duties. Although an action or an activity reported may not seem significant, when reviewed in context with other similar actions, activities, or reports, it could become an essential element in preventing terrorist activity or other threats to homeland security.



## **WHO ARE WE...**

**NTER** is a joint collaborative effort by the US Department of Homeland Security and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners (SLTT).

## **WHAT WE DO...**

As the threat landscape continues to evolve, the NTER Program empowers our homeland security partners to adapt to new threats and prevent terrorism and targeted violence. The NTER Program advances our partner's ability to identify, investigate, assess, report and share tips and leads linked to emerging homeland security threats, while providing program support, resources, and training.

## **BUILDING ON THE SUCCESSES OF THE NSI**

The NTER Program builds on the success of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI). The NSI, a joint collaborative effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners, is a standardized process for identifying and reporting suspicious activity in jurisdictions across the US and additionally serves as the unified focal point for sharing SAR information. The NSI 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.

## **INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT**

As the threat environment continues to change, NTER is integrating behavioral threat assessment processes into its program to assist F/SLTT partners in adapting to prevent homeland security threats of targeted violence. NTER's Master Trainer Program (MTP) opens the aperture for threat reporting using a behavioral threat assessment approach. The MTP is a train-the-trainer initiative that certifies F/SLTT homeland security partners in behavioral threat assessment techniques and best practices. The MTP is building a national network of Master Trainers to teach partners in their communities to identify and assess risk and warning signs and assist in managing potential homeland security threats of targeted violence.



## TRAINING

### Online SAR Training and Resources for Law Enforcement and Hometown Security Partners



- Brief online training videos tailored towards partners who may observe suspicious activity in the normal course of their duties.
  - ▶ Line Officer, Private Sector Security, Fire/EMS, Probation/Parole/Corrections, Public Safety/Telecommunications, Emergency Management, Maritime, Public Health and Health Care, and Explosive Precursors Point of Sale.
- To take this training or view additional resources, please visit our website <https://www.dhs.gov/hsi>

### SAR Fundamentals Training – E-Learning Platform

- In depth online-training meant for investigators and analysts who review, vet, investigate, and analyze information related to SAR.
- This four-module online program, with integrated exercises, is accessible to F/SLTT law enforcement partners.

### Instructor Development Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course (ID-TERC)

***\*\*Please Note: Course enrollment is limited to those who have applied to, and have been accepted into, the NTER Master Trainer Program\*\****

- This training prepares instructors to teach behavioral threat assessment techniques to partners and show them how to apply those techniques to the vetting and analysis of tips and leads to reduce the threat of targeted violence.
- It empowers local partners by providing them with resources, program support, and materials to educate partners in their areas of responsibility.
- Course materials were developed from the evidence-based behavioral threat assessment frameworks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the United States Secret Service (USSS) and refined through engagement with the USSS's National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) and a broad network of experts in behavioral threat assessment from all levels of government.

## OUTREACH AND PROGRAM SUPPORT



The success of the NTER Program depends on robust partnerships and collaboration across all levels of government. NTER has developed a comprehensive approach to ensure information is widely available, including webinars on trends in targeted violence, quarterly bulletins on new research in the field, and program updates. Additionally, NTER will continue to provide guidance and support to agencies and organizations aiming to improve their processes for identifying, evaluating, and reporting tips and leads linked to homeland security threats.