NFCA TALKING POINTS

FOR

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**ISE MISSION OBJECTIVES (CONDENSED):**

* **TO ADVANCE RESPONSIBLE INFORMATION SHARING, IMPROVE NATIONWIDE DECISION MAKING, PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS, ALL WITH THE COMMON GOAL TO TRANSFORM INFORMATION OWNERSHIP TO STEWARDSHIP WHILE FURTHERING COUNTERTERRORISM, HOMELAND SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY MISSIONS.**

**NFCA MISSION:**

* **TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF STATE AND MAJOR URBAN AREA FUSION CENTERS, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATED INTERESTS OF STATES, TRIBAL NATIONS, AND UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINMENT OF FUSION CENTERS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY; ENCOURAGE EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, ETHICAL, LAWFUL AND PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING; AND PREVENT AND REDUCE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CRIME AND TERRORISM ON VICTIMS, INDIVIDUALS, AND COMMUNITIES.**

•• Note common synergies and shared mission/vision

**NNFC THREE-YEAR STRATEGY:**

* **VISION: To be a multidisciplinary, all-crimes/all-threats/all-hazards information sharing network that protects the nation’s security, privacy, civil rights and civil liberties of our citizens**
* **MISSION: To use capabilities unique to the network of Fusion Centers to receive, analyze, disseminate and gather threat information and intelligence.**
* **VALUES: Respect, Integrity, Professionalism**

**•** Fusion centers serve as focal points within the state and local environment for receipt, analysis, gathering and sharing of threat related information.

• ISE considers information as a national asset.

 • Responsible information sharing requires shared risk management.

 • Value of information sharing is measured by its contribution to proactive decision-making.

 \* ISE works to optimize mission effectiveness through shared services, technology and interoperability at all levels.

**DEFINITION OF INTEROPERABILITY** “the ability to transfer and use information in a uniform and efficient manner across multiple organizations and information technology systems.

**FUSION CENTER INPUT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ACHIEVE THOROUGH INTEROPERABILTY**. It provides “ears to the ground” opportunity for information gathering and sharing at state and local levels.

**PROJECT INTEROPERABILITY TOOLS** offer roadmaps for all levels for information sharing and standardization for all levels of law enforcement. Some of them:

* **COMMON PROFILE**-High level details
* **SPRINGBOARD**-Works to establish compliance in information sharing standards
* **ARCHITECTURE ALIGNMENT**-The process required to create interoperability
* **IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT**- Portfolio of services and processes to provide identity management, authentication, etc.

The Standards Coordinating Council (SCC) - an advisory group working with the White House interagency policy council co-chaired by PM-ISE Kshemendra Paul, The SCC provides advice and counsel on matters related to responsible information sharing standards.

* Out of 37 National Fusion Center initiatives, 6 are aligned with the SCC mission.
* The SCC is compiling a pipeline paper that will be of valuable reference to the law enforcement community and participation by all members of that community is strongly suggested. The common goal is universal effectiveness, alignment, and interoperability.
* Demonstrated successful synergy between Department of Homeland Security’s partnership with FBI and other agencies showcase the participation of National network of Fusion Centers completes critical conduits for information sharing across all levels of government.

**FOUR SIDED PARTNERSHIP**:

* FEDERAL MISSION PROGRAMS
* STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES
* STANDARDS COORDINATING COUNCIL
* OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL NETWORKS, I.E. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED WORKING GROUP.
	+ Demonstrates multi-prong, intertwined participation for maximized effectiveness

**ICAM: IDENTITY, CREDENTIAL AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT**: comprises programs, processes and technologies used in digital identification. ICAM works to standardize digital identification across all levels of agencies at the Federal, state, local, territorial and tribal levels.

**EVENT DECONFLICTION**: Work to identify, reduce, eliminate duplication or similarity of action and/or investigations by neighboring groups of law enforcement teams. Maximize effectiveness by minimizing replication.

The role and the goal of the ISE for the coming year and into the future is to coordinate, identify, streamline, refine, and implement progressively more effective channels and technologies for information sharing across all levels of government and the private sector in safe, efficient, and professional ways.

It is the goal of the ISE to work with the National Network of Fusion Centers to be 100% compliant with all procedures and processes supported by the SCC for all present and future fusion centers.

**FUSION CENTERS OF ANALYTICAL EXCELLENCE**:

* Mandate to maintain baseline core competencies
* Encourage unique and most effective characteristics and strengths of each Fusion Center
* Goal of NFCA to establish and acknowledge “Centers of Analytical Excellence”
	+ Centers demonstrating outstanding effectiveness will be encouraged to share their roadmaps to success and effectiveness
	+ Inspire one, inspire all.