
Minnesota

The Minnesota Joint Analysis Center (MN-JAC) opened in May 2005 as a partnership of the Department of Public Safety, the FBI, and several local police departments. Its mission is the collection, management, and distribution of strategic and tactical information and the development and implementation of useful and meaningful information products and training, focusing on all crimes and all hazards within and affecting Minnesota. MN-JAC has an all-crimes and all-hazards scope of operations. However, the center is not a law enforcement or investigative agency because of restrictions imposed by state law.⁹ As the center works to determine its position relative to the existing laws, it serves primarily to coordinate among FBI and DHS and state and local agencies. One of the ways MN-JAC accomplishes its information-sharing function is through the development and maintenance of its information-sharing Web portal, the Intelligence Communications Enterprise for Information Sharing and Exchange (ICEFISHX).¹⁰

MN-JAC has 10 employees, 2 of whom are provided by the state, and the remainder from local law enforcement agencies and the National Guard. MN-JAC does not have an FBI analyst staffed to its center. However, MN-JAC and the FBI's field office are colocated in the same building, and MN-JAC personnel have access to the FBI's systems and networks. DHS I&A has conducted a needs assessment of MN-JAC. However, at the time of our review, it had not yet placed an intelligence analyst in the center.

DHS and DOJ systems and networks accessible to MN-JAC include HSIN, HSIN-Law Enforcement, FPS portal, LEO, ACS, the FBI Intelligence Information Reports Dissemination System,¹¹ as well as SIPRNet. The

⁹In Minnesota, all government data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated by a government entity shall be public unless classified by statute or temporary classification pursuant to state or federal law.

¹⁰ICEFISHX is a partnership among Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota law enforcement agencies. It is an internet-based intelligence-sharing initiative and alert network designed to collect and disseminate information relating to terrorist operations and other criminal activities to law enforcement, government agencies, and the private sector within the tristate area. ICEFISHX collects suspicious activities reports. There are close to 1,700 subscribers from law enforcement and non-law enforcement organizations on ICEFISHX. Private sector security officers are also subscribers to the network. There is also a Resource Library on the Web site, with documents posted for subscriber use. The FBI supports ICEFISHX.

¹¹The FBI Intelligence Information Reports Dissemination System is a Web-based software application that allows access to the FBI's intranet to create and disseminate standardized intelligence information reports.

center also has access to HSIN-Secret. However, the system is accessible only at the state's Emergency Operations Center. MN-JAC produces two weekly briefs, one for all subscribers that covers critical infrastructure and one for law enforcement agencies that is law enforcement sensitive, as well as situation analyses of incidents and threats and special threat assessments.

Mississippi

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and Mississippi Department of Public Safety are in the early stages of developing a state fusion center. The Mississippi Analysis & Information Center (MSAIC) is expected to open its door at the end of September 2007 and become operational at that time. Currently, planning officials are developing memorandums of understanding for agency representation at and support of the center, certifying the center's secure space, and placing equipment and furniture.

The fusion center will have a broad scope of operations—focusing on all crimes, all hazards, and all threats—in order to support the needs of the state and to help with the sustainability of the center. For instance, the official said that with an all-crimes scope of operations, the fusion center could give something back to local law enforcement entities, many of which have limited resources and access to information. In terms of all hazards, the fusion center is to support the state strategy to aid in prevention and deterrence and will be colocated with the state emergency management agency.

Missouri

The Missouri Information Analysis Center was established in December 2005 with the mission to provide a public safety partnership, consisting of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the public sector and private entities, that will collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate information and intelligence to the agencies tasked with homeland security responsibilities in a timely, effective, and secure manner. The main goal of the center is to serve as the fastest means for sharing information during hazards, along with the ability to acquire and disseminate information throughout the state. The center was initially established with analysts who were transferred from the Missouri Highway Patrol Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit. The center, which is led by the Missouri Highway Patrol, has an all-crimes and all-hazards focus, which was established in part as a result of the center's partnerships. The center is a member of the RISS project and is partners with the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Emergency Management Administration, and the Missouri National Guard, the latter two with which it is colocated.