

SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TRAINING BULLETIN

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California State Warning Center

Purpose

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to inform officers of the California State Warning Center (CSWC), which allows local law enforcement officers access to FBI and other Federal terrorism databases.

Introduction

Due to a Presidential Directive to improve communications between Local and Federal law enforcement, California and New York were chosen to participate in a pilot program with the FBI's Counter Terrorism Watch. This program provides local law enforcement officers direct and timely access to FBI and other Federal terrorism databases. Law enforcement officers in the field are able to receive real time information regarding potential terrorism related subjects and any other information that could be beneficial to their investigation. This information is accessed through the California State Warning Center.

I. Procedure

The California State Warning Center has been activated to strengthen homeland security, improve California's emergency notification procedures, and enhance information sharing throughout the state. Under the command of the CHP, the California State Warning Center provides service to all California law enforcement agencies and their officers 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

If an officer reasonably believes that the individual(s) he/she is investigating is involved in terrorism and wishes to access FBI databases, the officer must first call the California State Warning Center at (916) 657-8287. The officer should be prepared to provide verification of law enforcement status, their Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) and an agency call back number. Or the officer may fill out the California State Warning Center C/T Watch Request Form and FAX it to (916) 657-7787. Depending on the circumstances, the request will be classified as requiring either an immediate or routine response from the FBI Counter Terrorism Watch.

Once the request is received at the Counter Terrorism Watch, various Federal databases will be queried in an effort to determine if the subject, phone number, or address is the subject of interest. The Counter Terrorism Watch will provide guidance as to what course of action is

to be taken as it related to the queried subject. Additionally, all developed information will be forwarded to the local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action.

All information obtained from the public, official sources, and/or confidential informants relating to Homeland Defense, shall be routed to the CATIC Task Force and the Intelligence Section. All official information received via e-mail relating to Homeland Defense shall be immediately forwarded to the CATIC Task Force sergeant and the Intelligence Section sergeant.

II. Emergency / Immediate Threats

In the event a member of the Department receives information about an immediate terrorist related attack, they shall immediately contact the On-duty Watch Commander. The Watch Commander shall notify the following personnel:

1. On-duty deputy chief
2. CATIC Task Force sergeant
3. Intelligence Section sergeant

Access and use of the California State Warning Center is restricted to duty-related investigations only.

Summary

The California State Warning Center is a valuable resource that local law enforcement officers may use to access Federal terrorism databases. This access allows officers direct and timely information on potential terrorism related subjects and other information that could be beneficial to their investigations.

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