

Resources for Emergency Medical Services and Fusion Center Collaboration



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), continues to support fusion centers in the implementation of all-crimes and all-hazards approaches and collaboration with multidisciplinary partners, including law enforcement, fire service, emergency management, emergency medical services (EMS), and public health partners. Below are several resources that provide the opportunity for fusion centers to strengthen their relationships with multidisciplinary partners, including EMS stakeholders.

Health Security Intelligence Enterprise (HSIE)

The HSIE is a collaborative initiative of the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) State and Local Program Office (SLPO), Office of Health Affairs (OHA), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). HSIE is an initiative designed to support collaboration between the public health and health care community and the National Network of Fusion Centers by facilitating partnerships and information sharing. Within the context of HSIE, the public health and health care community is broadly defined as human, animal, food, agricultural, and environmental public health systems; health care providers and managed care organizations; emergency medical services (EMS) operations; medical examiners; emergency managers; preparedness directors; and individuals involved in research, detection, or response to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) threats.

For information regarding the HSIE, please contact Heather Brown at Heather.N.Brown@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 254-5369

Fire Service Intelligence Enterprise (FSIE)

The FSIE is a management initiative among the DHS I&A, FEMA, and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) that was created to provide organized federal support for incorporating the fire service into gathering, analyzing, and disseminating homeland security-related information and intelligence. The goals of the FSIE initiative include supporting fire service collaboration within state and major urban area fusion centers and facilitating the identification and development of information and intelligence sharing requirements, mechanisms, technical assistance, and training for fire service personnel.

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Health Security: Public Health and Medical Integration for Fusion Centers: An Appendix to the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers

This document provides recommended actions and guidance for fusion centers to effectively integrate public health and health care information, resources, personnel, and expertise into existing fusion center processes. It also provides public health and health care organizations with an overview of the mutual value of working with their fusion center and opportunities for establishing relationships with fusion centers.


The document can be accessed at <http://www.it.ojp.gov/docdownloader.aspx?ddid=1450>

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Fusion Center and Health Security Information Sharing and Coordination Technical Assistance Service

DHS, in coordination with DOJ, provides the Fusion Center and Health Security Information Sharing and Coordination Technical Assistance service as a component of the Fusion Process Technical Assistance Program. This service provides support to fusion centers as they consider coordination with and/or integration of public health and health care partners into existing information sharing initiatives and serves as an introductory service to facilitate discussions between public health and health care partners and their respective fusion center.

For information regarding this service, contact the DHS/DOJ Fusion Process Technical Assistance Program at FusionProcessProgram@ncirc.gov

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Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)— SAR Fire and EMS Training

The NSI established a unified process for reporting, tracking, and analyzing suspicious activity in a manner that protects the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties (P/CRCL) of Americans. Part of this process includes several training programs that were developed for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement, as well as public safety professionals. In their daily duties and responsibilities, fire and emergency medical service (EMS) professionals may observe suspicious activity that could be an indicator of terrorism or other criminal activity. The SAR fire and EMS online training video teaches fire and EMS professionals to recognize suspicious behaviors associated with pre-incident terrorism activities and to understand how and where to report suspicious activity and how to protect P/CRCL when reporting or documenting information.

For information regarding the NSI, please visit http://nsi.ncirc.gov/training_online.aspx

Emergency Management and Response— Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC)

The USFA maintains the EMR-ISAC. The mission of the EMR-ISAC is the collection, research, collaboration, and dissemination of critical infrastructure protection and emerging threat information to Emergency Services Sector (ESS) departments and agencies nationwide. The EMR-ISAC maintains a community of interest (COI) on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) portal to share "For Official Use Only" (FOUO) information with the vetted leadership of ESS departments and agencies nationwide.

For information, contact the EMR-ISAC office at (301) 447-1325 or emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov or visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac

Homeland Security Information Network— Health Security Intelligence Enterprise (HSIN-HSIE)

OHA maintains the HSIN-HSIE portal for unclassified/FOUO health security information sharing. The HSIN-HSIE portal provides a mechanism for exchange of information, bulletins, advisories/alerts, and other resources among public health and health care representatives who are working with their fusion center. OHA also holds monthly conference calls with state and local health representatives working in and with fusion centers to facilitate and enhance information sharing between public health and health care partners and fusion centers.

For information on HSIN-HSIE or the monthly HSIE conference calls, contact Heather Brown at Heather.N.Brown@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 254-5369