

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: Advocacy, Partnerships and Marketing

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The USFA has not aggressively pursued opportunities for partnership in data collection, curriculum development and delivery, technology applications, public safety education, and research and development.

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Summary: Pursue enhancement of anti-terrorism partnership with US DOJ.

- Recommendations:**
- A. The reestablishment of a direct link with the USFA and the U.S. DOJ, Office of Justice Programs, at the working level.
 - B. The following are objectives to achieve and maximize the “Enhanced Partnership” goal:
 - 1. Continued communication and coordination in development of courses. This is currently manifested in the proposed endorsement of the Response to Bio-terrorism course (in the pilot phase) and the interactions between OJP, FBI and USFA Counter Terrorism program in developing a five-day course in crime scene management.
 - 2. A Program Review to be conducted by OJP/USFA to determine effectiveness of programs, and prioritize immediate, intermediate and long-term goals and objectives.
 - 3. Delivery of a series of geographically dispersed domestic preparedness seminars emphasizing the interdisciplinary planning process.
 - 4. Development of a "Response Manager" certificate in the area of Emergency Response to Terrorism" combining NFA courses with the Consortium courses.
 - 5. Joint educational/training efforts such as production of videos, EENET productions, Job Aids, Alerts, and other related efforts.
 - 6. Involvement in the development and delivery of specific training drills and exercises such as TOPOFF.

Background: There had not been clear guidelines for the development and coordination of Counter-Terrorism training or exercises. The first responders for incidents of this nature are commonly firefighters. The DOJ understands the value of having the USFA on board to help train and promote care necessary upon arrival at criminal scenes. Historically, the OJP/USFA partnership has been a strong and

mutually productive one. Support from OJP has ranged from the direct grants to states to support in development and delivery of the "Emergency Response to Terrorism" training series.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Conclusion: This partnership has continued in a "maintenance" fashion. As the ERT training series matures into a second generation (Advanced Tactical Management), the time has come to re-energize and enhance the anti-terrorism partnership with OJP. In addition to addressing the desired outcomes of the USFA, this partnership will address the emerging issues of fragmentation, duplication of effort, and lack of continuity in the federal anti-terrorism agenda. This emerging issue has been repeatedly documented by various impartial sources such as the Bremer Committee, the Gilmore commission and GAO reports.

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