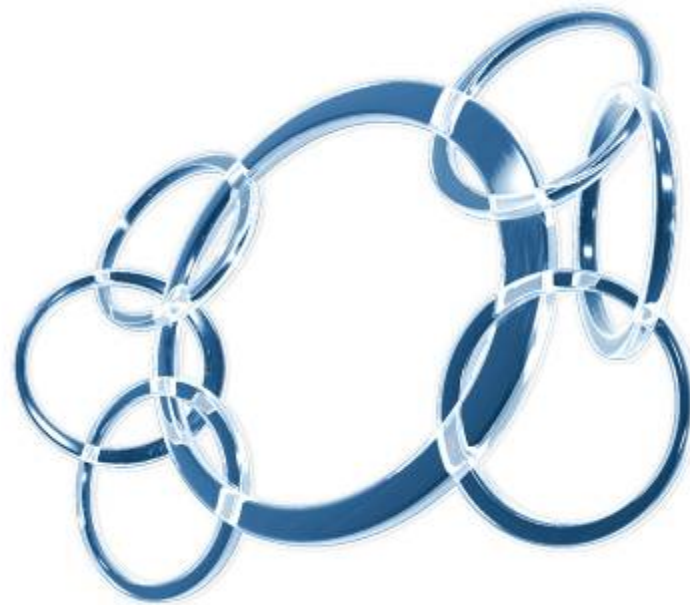


State and Local Program Office

Fusion Center Overview



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The DHS State and Local Program Office proactively supports fusion centers on the frontlines of homeland security efforts

- The goal of the State and Local Program Office:

To partner with State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers to strengthen information exchange by enabling centers to operate as an integrated national network, and to achieve an enhanced intelligence capability among all levels of government through increased access and universal analytic competency



- The SLPO's support for Fusion Centers represents a new paradigm in prevention, with a focus on supporting states as "First Preventers"



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Each of the State and local fusion centers are owned and operated by the states in collaboration with DHS

- **Objective:** Create partnerships with SLFCs and major cities to improve information flow between DHS and the centers, and improve the effectiveness of the centers as a network
- **Diversity of Expertise:** Fusion center staff provide subject matter expertise in areas like law enforcement, intelligence, public health, fire intelligence and natural disaster response
- **Front Lines:** SLFCs are on the front lines of the homeland security effort. While their efforts are focused on ensuring the safety of their state residents, the SLPO is their advocate at the Federal level for the resources, training, tools, and intelligence information needed to enhance homeland security situational awareness nationally

“One of the chief complaints of state and local officials is the lack of actionable information from the national intelligence community. This is exactly why state/local fusion centers were implemented”

*- Norman Beasley, Maricopa County Arizona
Counter-Terrorism Coordinator*



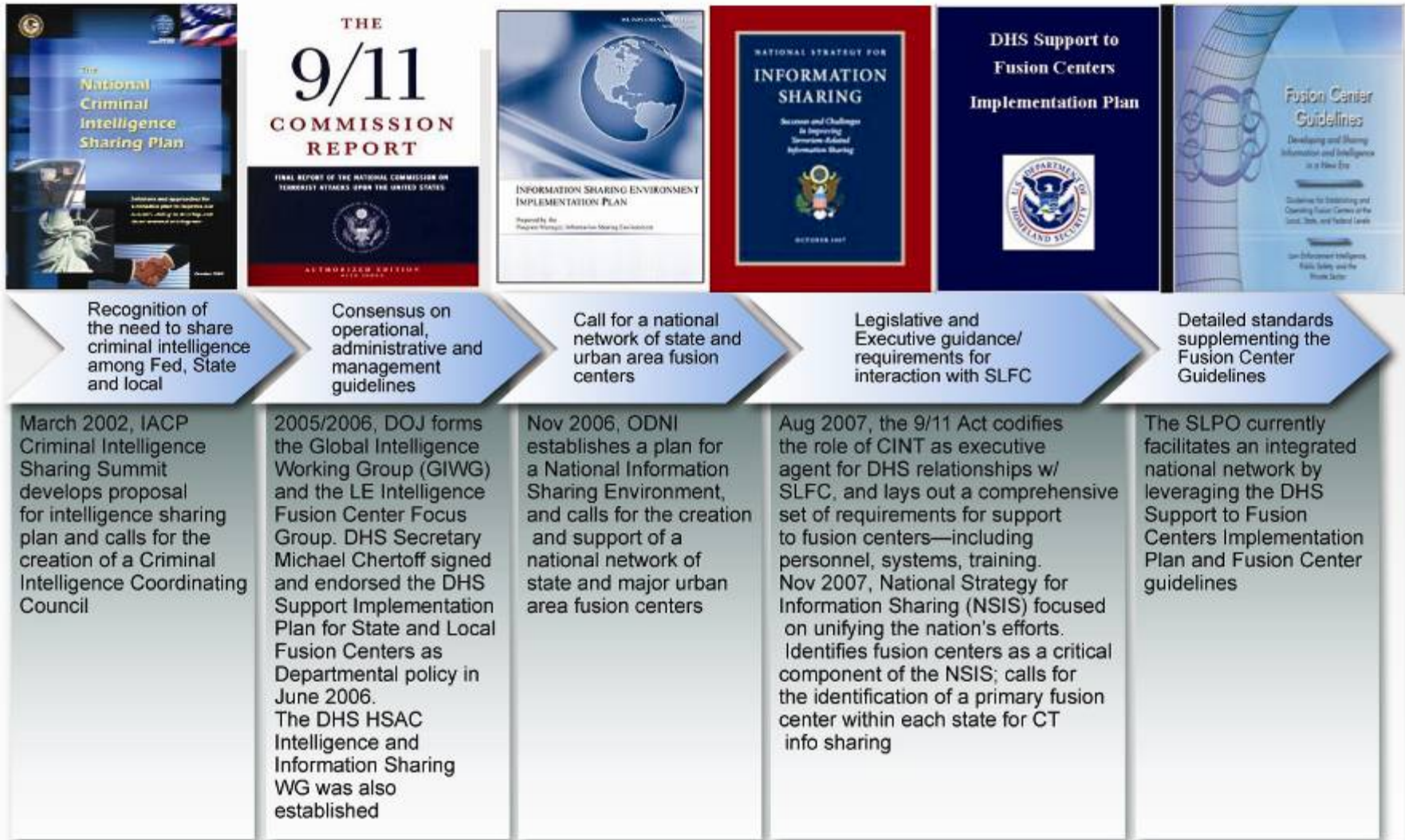
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The SLPO provides fusion centers with access to the Federal intelligence community



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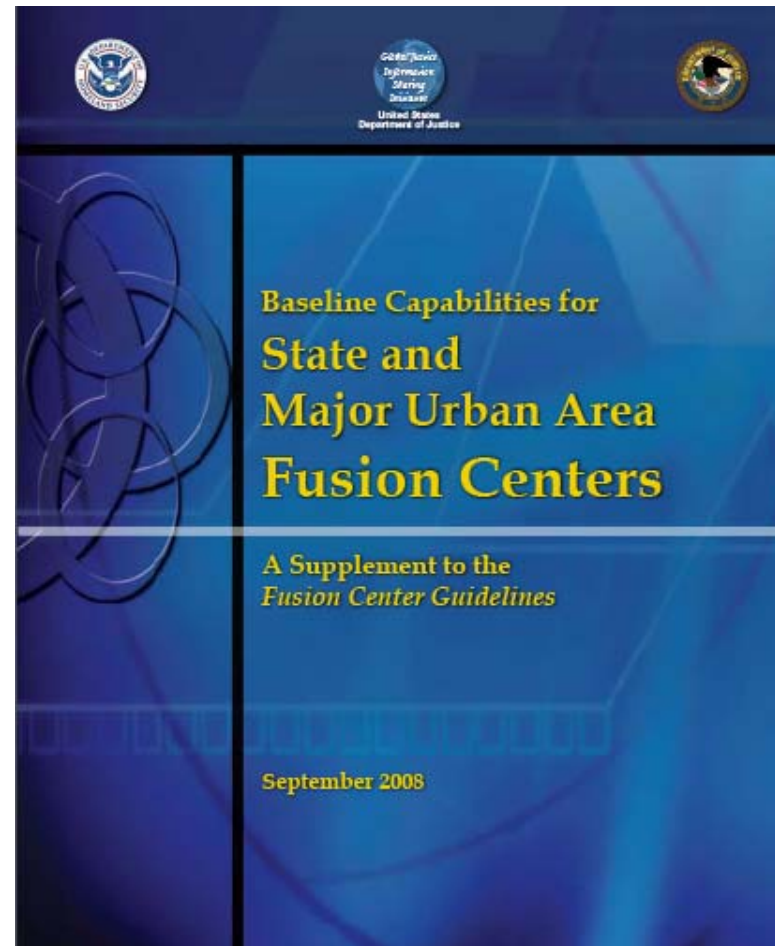
Evolution of the Fusion Center Environment



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Federal, state, and local partners identified necessary fusion center capabilities in the *Baseline Capability for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers*

- The *Baseline Capabilities* are an addendum to the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative's (Global) *Fusion Center Guidelines*
 - Provides guidance to ensure that fusion centers are established and operated consistently across the country.
- SLPO supported the Global to publish the *Baseline Capabilities* in September 2008
 - Identifies the baseline capabilities for fusion centers and the operational standards necessary to achieve each of the capabilities
 - Capabilities are divided into sections:
 - 1) fusion process capabilities
 - 2) management and administrative capabilities



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DHS has deployed 32 intelligence officer to fusion centers across the country

Coordinate

- Understand information requirements and ensure data is delivered to and from SLFCs
- Reach back to DHS for resources such as clearances, IT resources, restricted databases, and finished intelligence
- Establish analyst-to-analyst contacts among fusion centers and with Federal analysts

Analyze

- Support development of State / local finished intelligence products

Disseminate

- Write Homeland Intelligence Reports (HIRs) / provide suspicious activity reports
- Post SLFC products to HSIN-SLIC COI and HSDN

Advise

- Provide state and local situational awareness to DHS leadership
- Provide intelligence support, including briefings, to Governors, HSAs, and other State & local partners



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