Suspicious Activity Reporting Analysis
Training and Technical Assistance for Fusion Center Analysts

Significant progress has been made by the National Network of Fusion Centers to enhance its ability to execute Critical Operational Capability (COC) 2: *Analyze*. The incorporation of suspicious activity reporting (SAR) into fusion center analytic processes is a priority focus that will support achievement of the COCs. To accelerate the incorporation of SAR within fusion center analytic processes, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) are supporting delivery of the following services for analysts.

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Fundamentals and Processes

This 8-hour foundational course provides an overview of the NSI to ensure that fusion center analysts are able to recognize terrorism-related pre-incident indicators and fully understand the evaluation process used to determine whether identified behavior meets the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)-SAR Functional Standard criteria, in accordance with privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections. This course also reviews the technical processes and procedures for submitting a SAR into the NSI SAR Data Repository (SDR) and serves as a prerequisite for the course below.

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Analytic Methodology and Validation

This 16-hour course provides instruction on various methods and approaches to analyzing SAR as part of overall fusion center analytic processes. Specifically, the course will instruct participants in the methods for evaluating SARs; conducting a structured inquiry focused on SAR trends, relationships, and patterns; and incorporating SAR analysis into fusion center product development.

SAR Analysis Technical Assistance

The SAR Analysis Technical Assistance service is a facilitated on-site delivery designed to assist with the SAR analysis process conducted by fusion center personnel. Included in this assistance are the following:

- ▲ Review of the ISE-SAR Functional Standard
- ▲ Review of fusion center workflow for vetting of SARs
- ▲ Review of fusion center policy for the receipt and dissemination of SARs
- ▲ Hands-on utilization of the eGuardian search tool

Technical assistance support is available in conjunction with the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative Analytic Training Series or as a separate stand-alone offering.

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Fundamentals and Processes
- ISE-SAR Functional Standard
- Protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties
- Submitting SARs
- NSI SAR Data Repository

Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) Analytic Methodology and Validation
- Methods and approaches for SAR analysis
- Evaluating SARs
- Analysis of SAR trends, relationships, and patterns
- Incorporating SAR analysis into products

For More Information

Please visit the NSI Website at http://nsi.ncirc.gov for resources, frontline officer online training, online training modules for hometown security partners, and other items of interest related to the NSI. Specific questions or comments may be sent via e-mail to nsiinformation@ncirc.gov.