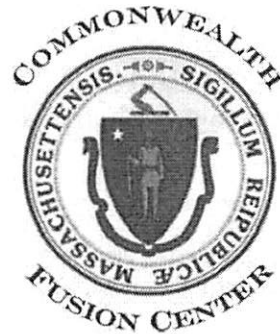


Critical Infrastructure

The Commonwealth Fusion Center has a specialized unit assigned to critical infrastructure. Through access to a variety of intelligence and information sources, this unit works to maintain a real-time level of awareness relating to any and all current threat information, security updates and suspicious incidents relating to critical infrastructure by type and/or geographic locations.

The Fusion Center seeks to become a central point for gathering threat related information, specifically in regard to suspicious incidents that may initially appear isolated but may actually be part of a larger criminal enterprise.

The CFC also seeks to provide direct points of contact for personnel working with sites deemed to be critical infrastructure, who may have security related questions, or seek to provide information related to non-emergency suspicious incidents. This information will be collected and stored in a database that will assist analysts in producing intelligence products for public and private sector partners. The goal is to provide the tools to keep the Commonwealth better prepared to prevent a catastrophic incident and/or respond in the case of an emergency.



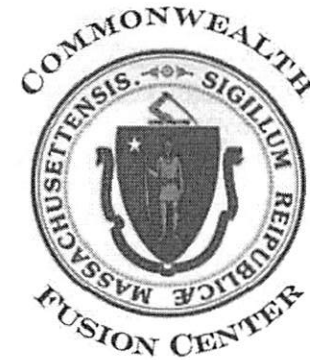
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CFC MISSION

The Commonwealth Fusion Center collects and analyzes information from all available sources to produce and disseminate actionable intelligence to stakeholders for strategic and tactical decision-making in order to disrupt domestic and international terrorism.

CFC GOALS

The Commonwealth Fusion Center will accomplish the following:

- ✓ Work in partnership with local, state, regional and federal public safety agencies
- ✓ Implement a secure, comprehensive mechanism for the timely exchange of information
- ✓ Provide direct analytical support for investigations involving precursor criminal activity
- ✓ Provide accurate and timely intelligence products
- ✓ Promote awareness of priority intelligence requirements and threat indicators to the Commonwealth

In working towards these goals, the Commonwealth Fusion Center and its partners will make Massachusetts safer for all its citizens, visitors and public safety personnel.

CFC Information Sources :

Law Enforcement Databases

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN)

HSIN-MA

Regional Information Sharing System (RISSNET)

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN)

National White Collar Crime Center (NWCCC)

El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)

INTERPOL

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Insurance Service Organization (ISO) - Insurance Claims

SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE

COPLINK

ANALYST'S NOTEBOOK

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

GANGNET (Winter 2006)

StateWide Information Sharing System-SWISS (Winter 2006)

ANALYTIC SUPPORT

Commonwealth Fusion Center Intelligence Analysts are available to assist any and all law enforcement agencies with investigations and projects that contribute to the prevention, detection or deterrence of terrorist activity or possible precursor crimes. CFC Analysts are highly trained professionals who have SECRET level clearances issued by the federal government. Fusion Center analysts will treat partner agency's information with the utmost confidentiality.

In addition to knowledge and training in terrorism related analysis, CFC Analysts also have specific specialty areas including:

International Terrorism
Domestic Terrorism
Information Security
Organized Crime
Identity Theft
Gangs
Prison Gangs/Radicalization
Narcotics Trafficking
Financial Crimes
Crime Patterns and Mapping

Analysts will assist with an intelligence project or complex investigation based on a partner's specific needs. Fusion Center services are also available to task forces to assist them in analyzing information.



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HSIN-MA Fact Sheet

<https://government.hsin.gov/sites/massachusetts/default.aspx>

HSIN-MA is a website created for the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). HSIN-MA is a key component in the Commonwealth's strategy of establishing an information sharing environment among the public safety and critical infrastructure partners in Massachusetts. The website is designed to facilitate the sharing of information between the various public safety disciplines and levels of government. The goal of this site is to provide one convenient and comprehensive information sharing portal where all core stakeholders can find and submit information pertinent to our homeland security mission. The site is secure and requires a user name and password. The CFC nominates and vets all users of HSIN-MA. Users are encouraged to post information on the web site that will benefit public safety in Massachusetts. Assistance or guidance for such posting can be obtained from the CFC.

HSIN-MA is composed of a homepage that can be accessed by everyone and three community specific portlets for which access is role based. The three portlets are: Law Enforcement, General Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure. The CFC strives to share as much information as possible with the widest community possible. Information that is Law Enforcement Sensitive will appear in the Law Enforcement portlet only. Each portlet will have some of the same functionality as the homepage but will be geared to the community of interest that it represents. Each portlet will also include a method for reporting incidents.

Major Components of HSIN-MA Homepage

- **Announcements** – Urgent information will be posted as announcements
- **Info/Doc Sharing** – documents may be posted to the website and can be searched
- **Recently Updated Products** – the most recent documents posted to the document library will appear on the homepage under recently updated products
- **News Scroll** – a scroll of pertinent news items
- **Events Calendar** – can be used to post meetings and training
- **Collaboration** – threaded discussions “for your information” or “requests for information” can be posted and responses added
- **Jabber** – secure chat
- **Search Capability** – searches the documents which have been posted

Training

Training is not mandatory in order to access HSIN-MA. However, both computer based and formal training classes are available through the Department of Homeland Security. Anyone with access to a computer training facility is welcome to request training; please contact the CFC for more information.

Access

Access is encouraged for law enforcement, public safety and critical infrastructure personnel with a need and a right to know sensitive homeland security information. To request access, please email fusion@pol.state.ma.us.