



Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center Overview



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History

- Information sharing protocols drafted and approved by ATAC Executive Committee – Spring / Summer, 2003.
- Personnel staffing request to federal, state and local agencies – Spring / Summer, 2003.
- Initial operations for Watch Section began November 3, 2003 at 0800;
 - Focused on terrorism activities in Maryland.
- Toll free JTTF and MSP tip lines merged into the Watch Section;
- Strategic analytical training scheduled;
 - SAS began operations April 1, 2004.
- All crimes approach initiated in 2006.



Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee

Multi-disciplined organization (LE, public health, EMS, Transportation, Fire, Military) that includes local, state, and federal agencies that coordinate activities, develop policy, and implement strategic plans to combat terrorism in the State of Maryland.

- Facilitates intelligence and information sharing among federal, state and local authorities (Intelligence/Information Sharing component, MCAC);
- Prevents and disrupts terrorism activity within the state through aggressive investigation and prosecution (Investigation/Prosecution component; JTTF and USAO); and
- Assures that the organizational structure and plans exist to effectively prepare for, and respond to, any future terrorist incidents in the state (Emergency Preparedness/Response component; MEMA, Maryland Military Department).



ATAC Executive Council

Chief Executive Officers of:

- USAO
- ICE
- MD Police Chiefs Association
- MD Fire Chiefs Association
- Maryland State Police
- FBI
- MD Sheriff's Association
- MD Health Officer's Association
- MD Metro Fire Chief's Association
- MD Military Department
- Two Major Jurisdiction Police Chief's
 - Baltimore County
 - Baltimore City
- MTAP
- US Coast Guard
- Maryland Homeland Security Advisor
- MD Fireman's Association



Joint Terrorism Task Force

A full-time, collaborative federal, state and local law enforcement entity that investigates terrorism activity and/or individuals who may be engaged in support of terrorists with the goal of preventing and/or aggressively disrupting any terrorist-related activity and, when possible, bringing federal prosecutions.

The MCAC works in conjunction with the JTTF.



ATAC Structure

ATAC Executive Committee

ATAC MEMBERSHIP

250+ Member Agencies

Local, State, Federal

Law Enforcement

Fire/Emergency Management

Military & Transportation

Public Health

Private Sector

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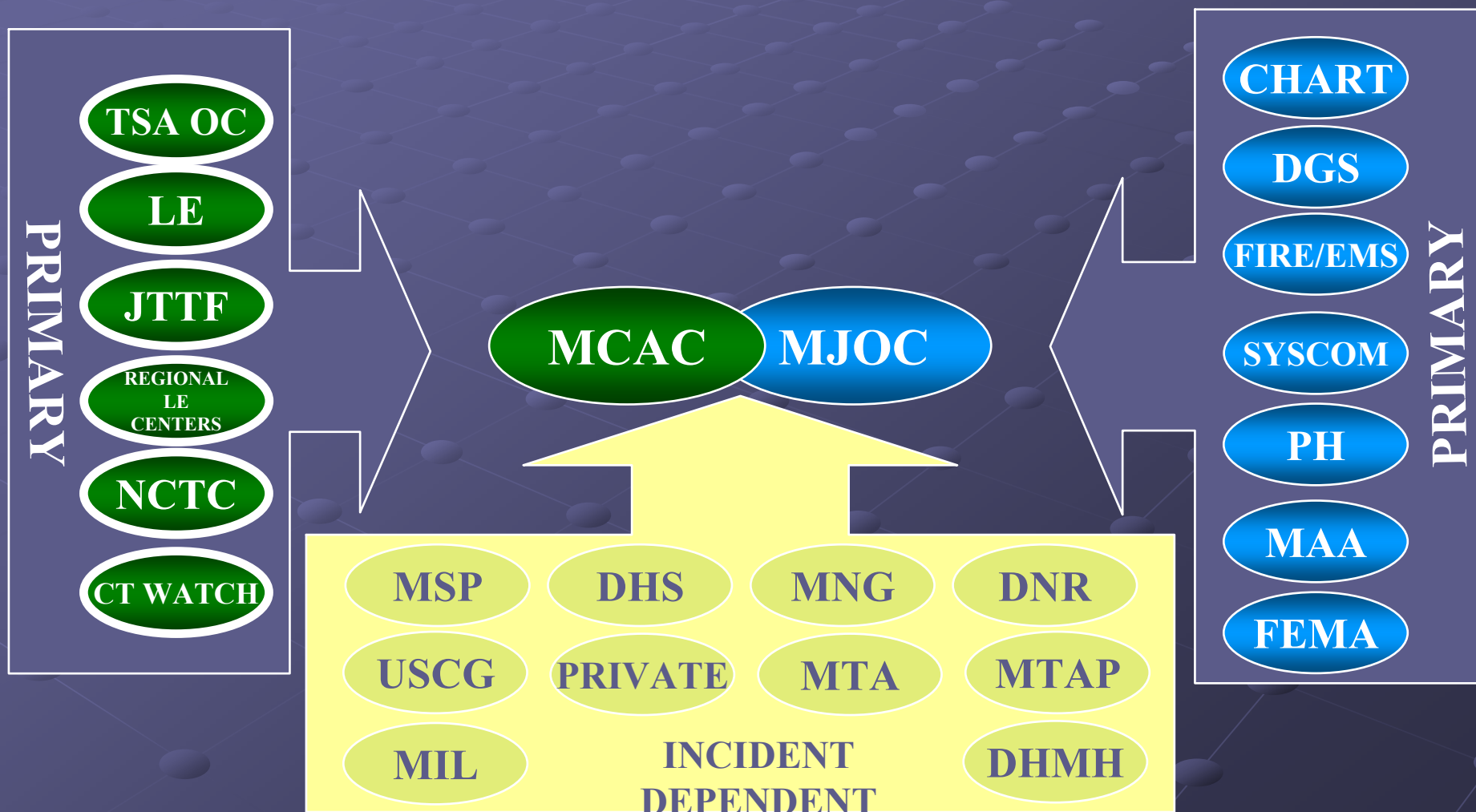
Watch
Section

IT
Section

Strategic
Analysis
Section



MJOC/MCAC Information Flow





MCAC Leadership

Captain Charles Rapp
MCAC Director
Baltimore County PD

Lt. Robin Taylor
Assistant Director
Watch Section Commander
Maryland State Police

Gregory Timberlake
Assistant Director
SAS Supervisor
SSA FBI

Cindy Graf
IT Section Supervisor
University of Maryland

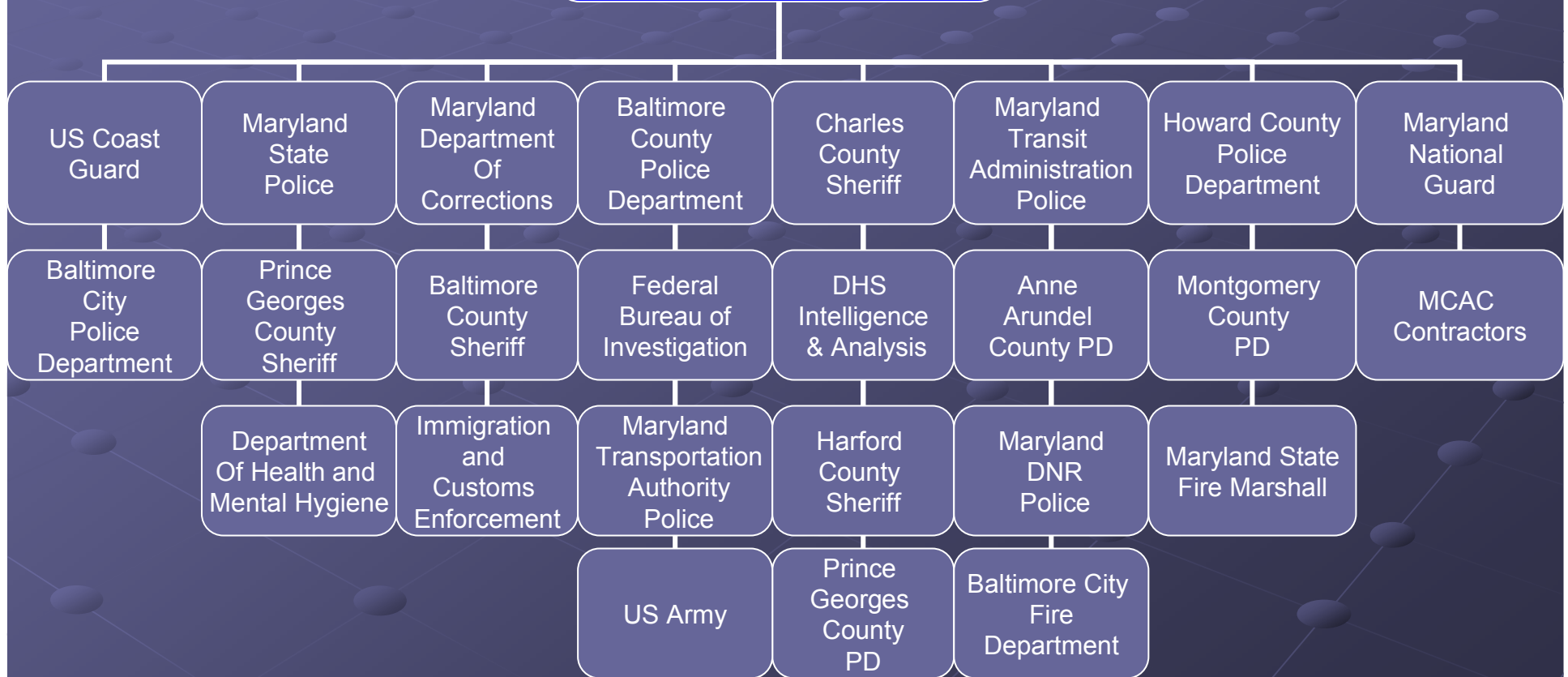
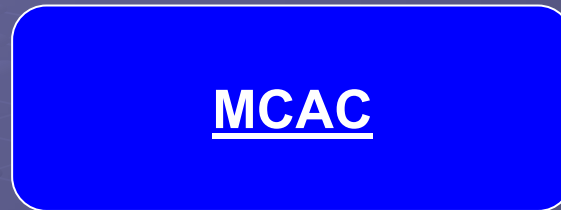


Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center Mission

- **To provide analytical support for federal, state and local agencies involved in law enforcement, fire, emergency medical service, emergency response, public health and welfare, public safety and homeland security in Maryland. (Watch Section)**
- **To provide strategic analysis to better focus the investigative activities being conducted by law enforcement agencies within the state and to better enable public health and safety agencies to perform their important protective functions. (SAS)**



Personnel





Watch Section Core Functions

- Receive and process suspicious activity TIPS.
- Receive and process requests for information (RFI) and requests for service (RFS).
- Monitor all available intelligence resources – monitoring for significant, noteworthy or high profile events/activities to determine any and all impact to the State of Maryland.
- Coordinate Maryland law enforcement resources.
- Disseminate and communicate intelligence information.



Watch Personnel Duties

- **Watch Section Shift Supervisor** – a sworn law enforcement investigator designated by the Watch Section commander. Preferably, a corporal or sergeant with significant supervisory experience and training.
- **Search Analyst** – any sworn law enforcement officer or civilian or military analyst assigned to the MCAC Watch Section who has completed the required training program.
- **Intelligence Analyst** – any sworn law enforcement officer or civilian or military analyst assigned to the MCAC Strategic Analysis Section who has completed the required training program.



Watch Section Terms

- TIP
- Lead
- Threat
- Request for Information (RFI)
 - Ie. Threat assessments, roll call bulletins.
- Request for Service (RFS)
 - Ie. Background checks, suspect work-ups.
- Intelligence Bulletin



Databases

Available Information to all Maryland Law Enforcement - The Watch Section has access to a wide variety of criminal information. This data is continuously expanding and is available to all law enforcement personnel.

Primary Watch Section Databases:

Case Explorer (Non-terrorism TIPS tracking and intelligence database)

SONAR – MCAC tracking database

Guardian – FBI terrorism tracking database

Automated Case System (ACS)

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration



Additional Resources

- Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS)
- Maryland Inter-Agency Law Enforcement System (MILES)
- National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Immigrations and Custom Enforcement (ICE)
- INTERPOL
- El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
- Mid Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime LE Network (MAGLOCLEN)
- AUTOTRACK/Choice Point
- Reference USA
- Wage Records
- Real Property and Corporate Charter Records – Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
- Security Assistance Center (SAS)/Verizon
- SIPRNET



Information Sharing

The Watch Section routinely networks and shares information with various other federal, State and local law enforcement agencies.

Maryland Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)

Terrorist Screening Center (TSC)

FBI Counter Terrorism Watch

National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC)

National Operations Center (NOC)

FBI Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC)

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

NY/NY HIDTA Regional Intelligence Center (RIC)

NYPD Counter Terrorism Division (CTD)

Upper New York Regional Intelligence Center (UNYRIC)

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Public Safety Division of Corrections (DOC)

Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN)

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) - Department of Justice

El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) - DEA, ICE

International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA)

Combined Law Enforcement Intelligence Group (CLEIG)

Maryland Terrorism Information Network (MTIN)

Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network (MARGIN)

Various Private Sector Workgroups



Products

Suspect Work-up Information – Any suspect information resulting from a request for information (inquiry) is faxed or hand delivered to the requestor. Once delivered, the suspect descriptive information is entered into Case Explorer and the case file is filed and maintained per 28 CFR 23.

TIP Reports - Suspicious activity TIP reports (non-terrorist related) are faxed to the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction for investigative follow-up. All suspect descriptive information is entered into Case Explorer and the report is filed and maintained per 28 CFR 23.

Intelligence Bulletins - Intelligence/Law Enforcement related information disseminated to all ATAC members, law enforcement or homeland security personnel by fax, teletype or email. May also be posted to MTIN, JRIES, LEO or RISS (BOLOs, Officer Safety, Wanted and Missing Persons, Heightened Awareness, Alerts, etc.). The bulletins are compiled upon request and disseminated with approval of the Commander.

Intelligence information within Case Explorer - Suspect descriptive information for drug-related inquiries will be forwarded to W/B HIDTA daily via the RISS smart card system. Other non-terrorist criminal matters will be stored in Case Explorer.

Intelligence information within Guardian - All terrorist TIPS are uploaded into the FBI Automated Case System (ACS), National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC) and the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC).



Dissemination

- **HSIN/LEO/RISS**
- **Email & Facsimile Distributions**
- **Text Paging**
- **Telephone (landline)**
- **Cell Phone and Nextel (talk around)**
- **Secure Telephone Unit/Fax (STU)**



Strategic Analysis Section

- Synchronize/harmonize intelligence products – reduce duplicate and contradictory reporting;
- Identify patterns and trends specific to Maryland;
- Co-located with Watch Section
- Staffed by ATAC members:
 - MSP, DHS I&A, HCSO, BPD, BCPD, MD Military Dept, U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, University of Maryland (Contractors).



SAS Resources





Strategic Analysis Section

- Strategic, not operational or tactical
- Connecting the dots – link connections
- Identify patterns and trends
- Assess nature and extent of activities and organizations
- Preventative (Anticipatory)
- Knowledge Bases
- Bulletins, Alerts, Warnings, Advisories, and Assessments



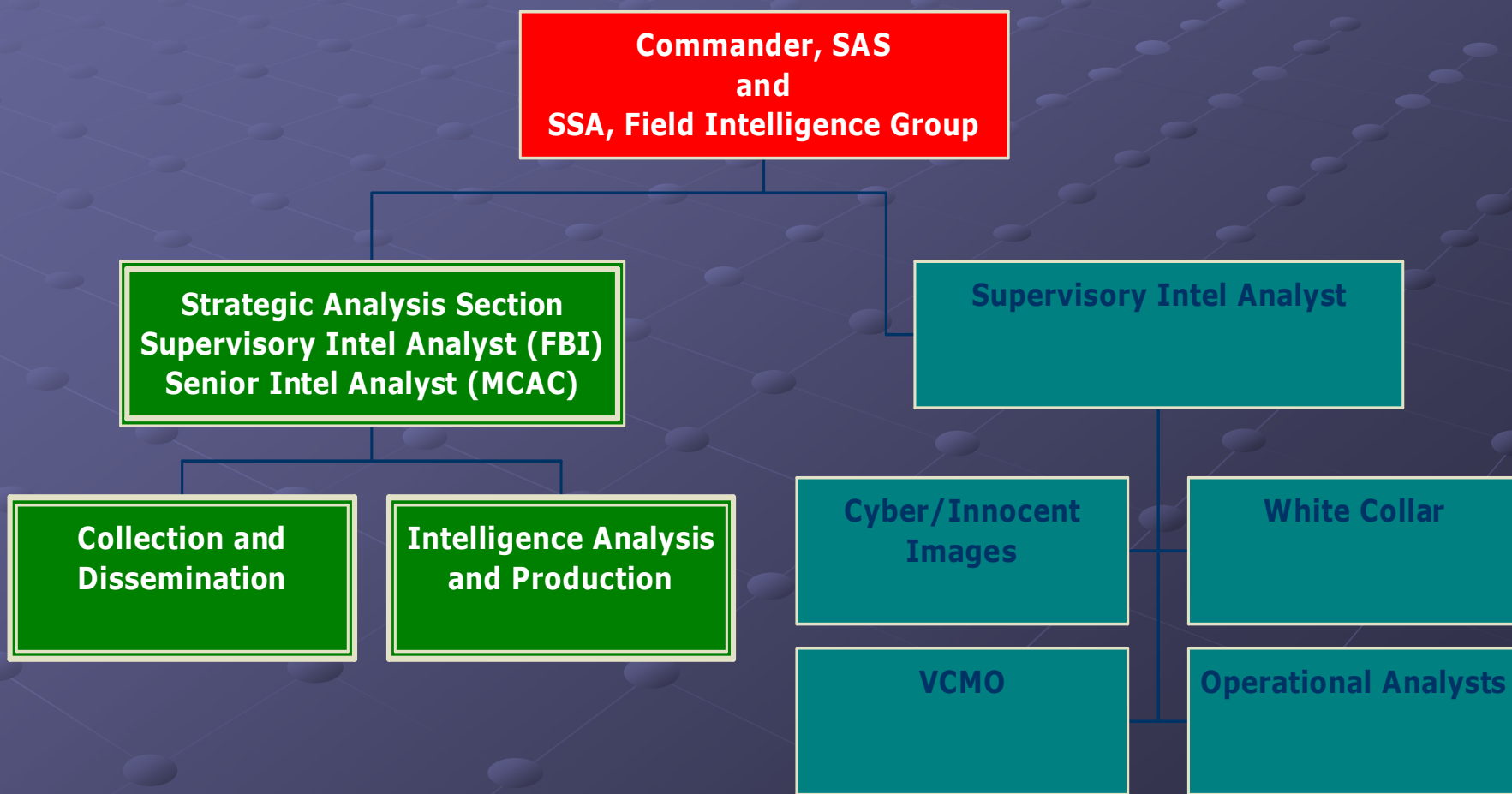
SAS Products

- Threat Assessments
- Bulletins
- Lost/Stolen Equipment BOLO
- ROLL CALL Products
- Intelligence Summaries

Set against SAS priorities
Federal and State/local collaboration
Customer driven
Tailored to the needs of the requestor



SAS/FIG Integration





Suspicious Activities

- Surveillance near critical infrastructure/key facilities/public venues
- Suspicious inquiries regarding key facilities and personnel
- Acquiring supplies; e.g. unusual amounts of explosives, weapons, uniforms, fertilizers
- Security tests
- Suspicious persons
- Dry runs
- Deploying assets; e.g. stockpiling materials

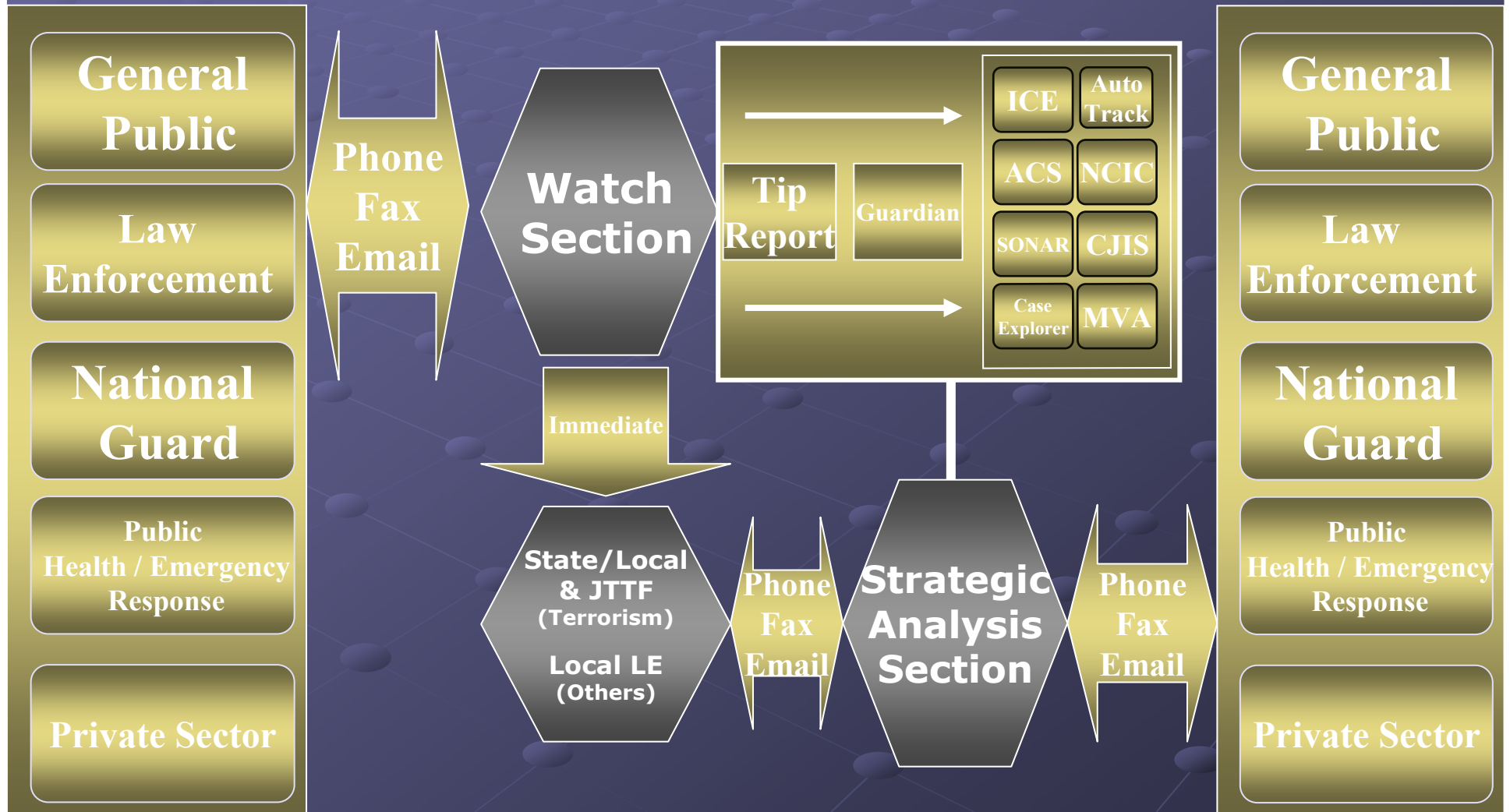


Key Facilities

- Utilities
- Civilian Government
- Military
- Tourist sites
- Symbolic sites
- Commercial/Retail
- Transportation
- Industrial



MCAC Information Flow





Critical Success Factors

- Participation of all ATAC agency members, not just LE
- Executive Leadership Support
 - Funding
 - Personnel – multiple skill sets
 - Sworn, Civilian, Supervisors
 - Access to Information
- Extensive Training Program
- Connectivity to other 48+ Fusion Centers, Federal Agencies, National Operations Center (NOC), Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) and the National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC)
- Participation from other Federal agencies (DHS, ATF, DEA, ICE, FBI, etc.)



Regionalization

- To develop centers across the State of Maryland that use MCAC as their hub.
 - The Southern Maryland Information Center (SMIC)
 - Hughesville, Maryland
 - www.smictf.com
 - Eastern shore
 - Salisbury, Maryland
 - Western Maryland
- Combine regional matters to identify patterns, trends and issues across Maryland.



HSIN - MCAC

- Homeland Security Information Network
 - HSIN Governing agency – Department of Homeland Security.
 - Established the MCAC portal in early 2007, governed by MCAC.
 - Goal: to develop a site open to government agencies across Maryland, enabling an information sharing backbone to Maryland's Homeland Security initiatives and all crime approaches.
 - Possible future private sector involvement.
 - Current Involvement of approximately 5 local law enforcement agencies as well as all members of the MCAC.



Comments / Successes

- “Prior to 9/11, that information was not available to local law enforcement.” - Former MTAP Chief Gary McLhinney, commenting on the role MCAC played in the identification and detention of Ismail Elbarasse
- “(Analyst Name) was professional, friendly and very helpful. She is a credit to your staff.” - PG Co PD
- “With only a name and DOB, you provided me with info to locate a suspect resulting in an arrest. Thanks” – MSP, Hagerstown
- “Wonderful service, fast response” – MSP, Recruitment and Selection
- “MCAC is a model to be emulated.” – VA State Police



Comments / Successes

- “MCAC has done a great job defining protocols, establishing the right governance structure and is helping other states avoid having to reinvent the wheel.” - Alecia Edgington, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- “It’s really the governance structure that makes MCAC unique – its very design facilitates people working together among all levels of government.” - Edward Reiskin, Washington D.C. Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
- “The MCAC is a force multiplier for contiguous states like Delaware.” – David B. Mitchell, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- “The MCAC gets our time-sensitive information at a moment’s notice – and has become a central hub for us to share information with Maryland.” – George Purvis, National Counter-Terrorism Center
- “MCAC wrote the book on how to do fusion centers.” – Captain Chris Reinfurt, Vermont Homeland Security Director



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