Fusion Center Concept and Why....
A Fusion Center is an effective and efficient mechanism to exchange information and intelligence, maximize resources, streamline operations, and improve the ability to fight crime and terrorism by analyzing data from a variety of sources.

The structure and organization of the Fusion Center takes its direction from four key documents, they are:

1. National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (BJA)
2. Fusion Center Guidelines (DHS)
3. National Strategy for Information Sharing (White House)
4. Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers (DHS)
Fusion Center Overview

Who is Fusion?

Participation

- Emergency Management
- Fire Rescue
- Heath Department
- Department of Transportation
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- RDSTF

Federal Partners

- DHS
- TSA
- FBI
- DHS-HIS
- Secret Service
- ATF
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Where is Fusion?

Region 7

There is one (1) designated fusion center within Region 7 which is comprised of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami and Monroe Counties.

Two (2) operational offices with one direction

Southeast Florida Fusion Center (SEFFC)
AND
Palm Beach Regional Fusion Center (PBRFC)

The PBRFC is the Northern Operational Office of SEFFC.
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Where is Fusion?

MISSION

The Southeast Florida Fusion Center works to deter, detect and prevent terrorist acts, as well as prepare for and respond to natural or manmade disasters. It also serves as the conduit to provide real time tactical information to investigative and field personnel for the purpose of crime prevention and/or resolution.

The Southeast Florida Fusion Center (SEFFC), is a collaborative effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies and private industry all working together, to provide a central hub of information for South Florida.

The SEFFC seeks to break down barriers in communication between agencies to facilitate the enhanced sharing of information to better protect the citizens of South Florida.
SEFFC and the PBRFC focuses on Threat Domains that are established throughout the Region.

- Threats to Homeland Security
- Infrastructure & Key Resources
- Alien Smuggling & Human Trafficking
- Fraudulent Identities & Documents
- Prison Radicalization & Violent Criminal Gang Activity
- Illicit Drugs
- Maritime
- Counter Intelligence
- Regional Criminal Activity
- Mass Migrations

We incorporate information and utilize relationships formed from various regional working groups and the Regional Domestic Securities Task Force (RDSTF) to produce assessments to raise situational awareness on a regional level.
The SEFFC & the PBRFC strives to be “Analytic Centers of Excellence.”

Currently PBRFC houses an 8 screen video wall in the main room and a 4 screen video wall in an adjacent room.

In addition to top of the line software and equipment, the PBRFC has CCTV cameras on traffic corridors, the seaport, airport, courthouse and other critical infrastructure sites, Coastal Radar, Facial Recognition capabilities and a Virtual Fusion Center (VFC)-Statewide SharePoint site that is utilized to share information and collaborate with regional partners.

Technological and analytical capabilities continues to grow daily.
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Why?

Besides our Analytical and Technological Capabilities, the Fusion Center has established Working Relationships and Communication abilities utilizing the Virtual Fusion Center (VFC).

1650 regional members on the site as of October, 2012

The (VFC) makes it nearly effortless to reach out to all disciplines other than law enforcement and ensures a level of cooperation and coordination exists to assist in the protection of our citizens, visitors and critical infrastructure.

- In-house direct communication with DHS, ICE, Department of Health, Emergency Management, Fire Safety and School Board Police.
- Home to the FBI's Indicators and Warnings.
- Home to RSS feeds of breaking news and links to relevant sites and applications.
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It takes everyone to recognize terrorism!

Reaching out to disciplines other than law enforcement to create a level of cooperation and coordination that will assist in the protection of our citizens, visitors, and critical infrastructure.

Coordinating information and analysis in support of regional multi-jurisdictional investigations. Employing interagency resources to translate intelligence and policy into action. Acting as a one source action point for decision makers during real time events. To ensure that the constitutional rights, civil liberties, civil rights, and privacy of the citizenry are protected.

The SEFFC & PBRFC are responsible for establishing, enhancing, and maintaining collaborative relationships with all information sharing entities in the region to create and maintain a seamless flow of communication.

8 Signs of Terrorism:

**Surveillance** - The recording or monitoring of activities with a camera; note taking, marking or maps, etc.

**Elicitation** - People or organizations trying to gain information about infrastructure, people, or military operations.

**Tests of Security** - Attempts to measure reaction times or to penetrate physical security barriers in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

**Acquisition of Supplies** - Purchase or theft of explosives, weapons, or ammunition; acquisition of military or emergency responder uniforms or decals, flight manuals, passes or badges.

**Suspicious Persons Out of Place** – People who do not belong in the workplace, neighborhood, or in a particular building.

**Dry Runs/Trial Runs** - Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

**Deployment of Assets** - People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person’s last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

**Finance/Funding** - Terrorist use a variety of methods to raise, launder, and transport funds, including charities, credit card fraud, narcotics, human smuggling, counterfeit goods, smuggling cigarettes with missing or counterfeit tax stamps, and bulk cash smuggling.

If you... SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

http://www.iwatchmiamidade.com/Pages/Home.aspx
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Why?

Fusion News

- Joint Product Assessments
- Facial Recognition Statistics
- Fusion Center RFI's
- Technological App of the Month
- Tradecraft Highlights
- Emerging Trends
- Analyst Spotlight
- VFC New Additions
Long-Term Goals of Fusion Concept

• Meet the Fusion Center Capability Areas as described in DOJ Baseline Capability Report
• Enhance Information Sharing
• Reach out to Public Safety, Health, Transportation, Public Works, and the Private Sector and engage in the fusing of information.
• Expand Participation
• Plan and train for regional events

Encourage individual agencies to work together to achieve mutual goals and enhance Communication & Information Sharing.