

# FBI

## National Joint Terrorism Task Force & Civil Aviation Security Program



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# Agenda

- NJTTF Overview
- CASP Overview
- Intelligence Brief
- Jurisdiction
- Q & A



Umar Farouk  
Abdulmutallab attempts  
terrorist attack on NWA  
Flight 253





# FBI Structure

- Headquarters in Washington, DC
  - National Security Branch: CTD, CD, DI, WMDD, TSC
  - CTD DT/IT Operations
    - National Joint Terrorism



- 56 Field Offices
  - 400 Resident Agencies
  - 106 JTTFs



- Legal Attaches –LEGATS
  - Over 70 key cities
  - 200 countries





# NJTTF Mission

“To enhance communication, coordination and cooperation between federal, state and local government agencies representing the intelligence, law enforcement, defense, diplomatic, public safety, transportation, and homeland security communities by providing a point of fusion for the sharing of terrorism threats and intelligence; to provide operational support to the Counterterrorism Division; and to provide program management, oversight, and support for the JTTFs throughout the United States.”





# 49 NJTTF Member Agencies

1. **Amtrak Police**
2. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
3. Central Intelligence Agency
4. **Defense Humint Services**
5. **Defense Intelligence Agency**
6. **Defense Criminal Investigative Service**
7. **Defense Threat Reduction Agency**
8. **Department of Defense (DOD-JITCE)**
9. Department of Energy
10. Department of Homeland Security
11. Department of Interior
12. Department of State
13. Department of Transportation
14. Drug Enforcement Administration
15. Environmental Protection Agency
16. Environmental Protection Agency
17. Federal Air Marshals
18. Federal Bureau of Investigation
19. Federal Bureau of Prisons
20. Federal Protective Service
21. Internal Revenue Service
22. **New York Police Department**
23. **National Geospatial Intelligence Agency**
24. **Naval Criminal Investigative Service**
25. **NORAD / NORTHCOM**
26. **Norfolk/Southern Railroad Police Department**
27. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
28. **Pentagon Force Protection Agency**
29. **Washington Metropolitan PD**
30. **SOCOM**
31. Transportation Security Administration
32. Treasury IG for Tax Administration
33. **U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations**
34. **U.S. Army Criminal Investigative Division**
35. **U.S. Army Military Intelligence**
36. U.S. Capitol Police
37. U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
38. U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service
39. U.S. Customs and Border Protection
40. U.S. Department of Agriculture
41. U.S. Food & Drug Administration
42. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
43. U.S. Marshals Service
44. U.S. Park Police
45. U.S. Postal Inspection Service
46. U.S. Secret Service
47. **Virginia State Police**
48. **Washington Metro Transit Police Department**
49. FEMA

**13 DOD- 27%**

**30 Fed (Non-DOD)- 61%**

**6 State/Local/Other- 12%**



The FBI Civil Aviation Security Program (CASP) was created because...



Aviation is an attractive  
terrorist target &  
U.S. aviation  
interests have been  
threatened and attacked  
**PAN AM 103**



# CASP Overview



## Created

- Mandated & Created in 1990

## Organization

- 2 SSAs & 4 Intelligence Analysts
- CTD/NJTTF

August 2006  
UK Liquid  
Bomb Plot







# Airport Liaison Agent Mission

**Detect, penetrate and dismantle** acts of domestic and international terrorism against civil aviation and to provide counterterrorism preparedness leadership and assistance to federal, state and local agencies responsible for civil aviation security.







# Airport Liaison Agent (ALA) Program

## Civil Aviation Security Program

- FBI CID and CTD Agents & JTTF Task Force Officers from the 56 Field Offices respond as ALAs.
- ALAs cover 450 plus Airports.
- ALA Duties: Respond to terrorism and criminal incidents, investigate threats, interview “No Fly” hits, participate in Joint Airport Vulnerability Assessments, FBI Tripwire initiatives, plan and conduct training exercises & develop and conduct local Air Domain liaison.
- Respond and Coordinate with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on aircraft accident investigation.



# FBI & Aviation Security Investigations & Preparedness

## **Criminal Investigative Division (CID)**



**Crimes Aboard Aircraft;  
Crimes Against Aircraft;  
Cargo/Ticket Theft; ITSA**

**Suspected Unapproved  
Aircraft Parts**

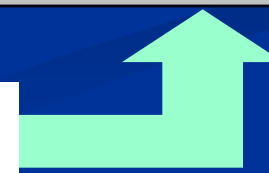
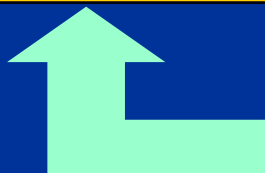
## **Counterterrorism Division (CTD)**



**Airport Vulnerability &  
Threat Assessments;  
National Security and  
Counterterrorism Issues;  
Liaison**

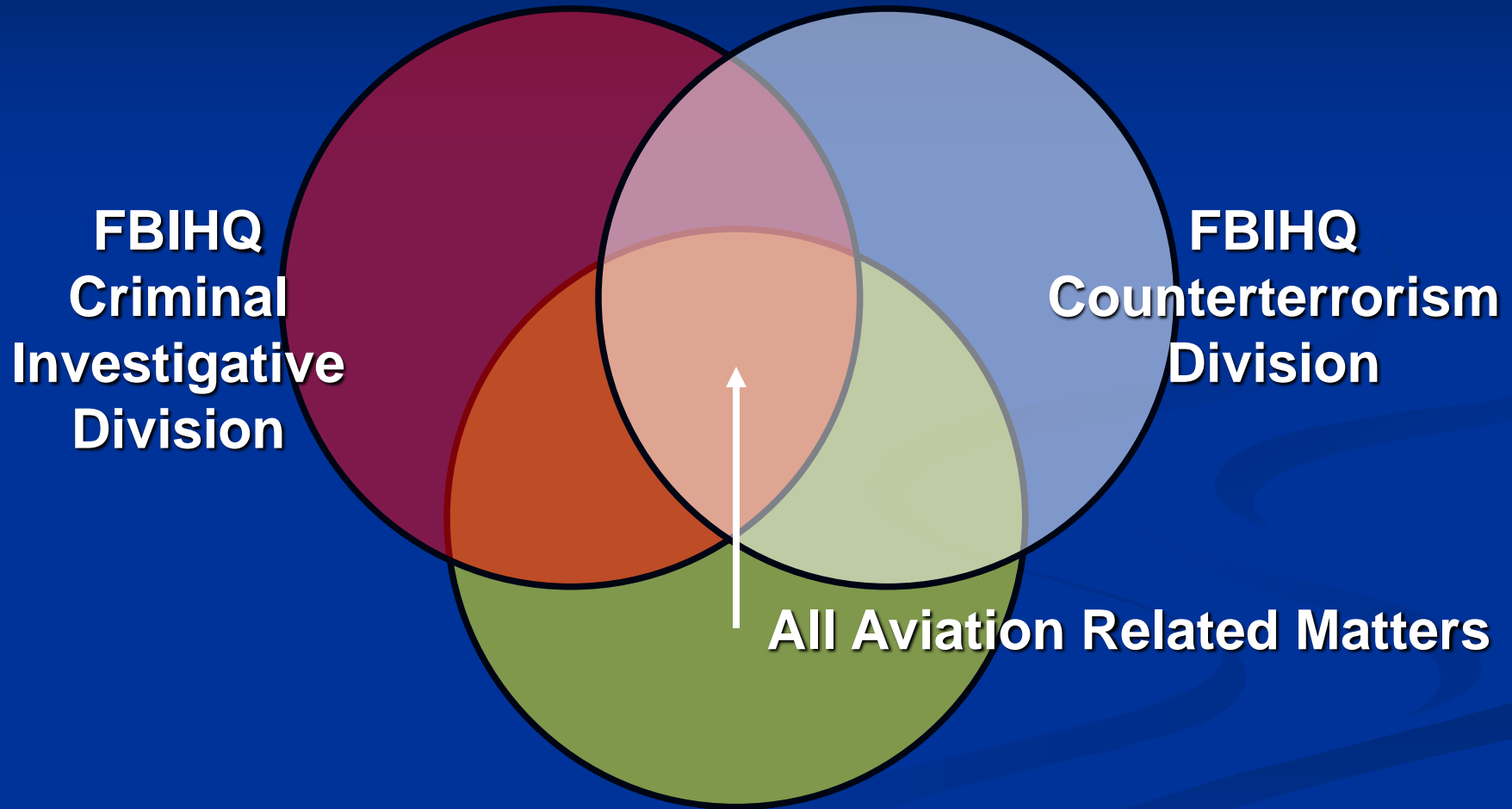
**Terrorism Crimes Aboard or  
Against Aircraft**

**FBI Field Offices**





# FBI & Aviation Security Investigations & Preparedness



**FBI Field Offices**





# Interagency Coordination

## ■ TSA/Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS)

- Joint Airport Vulnerability Assessments (JAVA)
- MANPADS Vulnerability Assessments (MVA)

## ■ FAA

- Domestic Events Network (DEN)
  - Monitor for “real-time” situational awareness

## ■ NTSB

### ■ Aircraft Accident coordination

- Austin IRS GA
- US Airways (NY)
- Continental Flight 3407 (BF)
- Florida Panhandle (pilot bailout)



# FBI Aviation Investigative Matters



- ➔ Crime aboard aircraft
- ➔ Interstate transportation of stolen aircraft
- ➔ Theft of airline property (cargo, ticket, uniforms, IDs...)
- ➔ Hijacking and contingency plans
- ➔ Interference with Flight Crew
- ➔ Destruction of aircraft
- ➔ Bomb Threats
- ➔ Carriage of weapons
- ➔ Laser Incidents
- ➔ FBI/NTSB MOU





# Lasers: Federal Violations

- Title 18 USC 32 (A)(5) – Attempt Destruction of Commercial Aircraft, under the Patriot Act.
- Title 18 USC 32 (A)(8) – Conspire to Attempt Destruction of Commercial Aircraft, under the Patriot Act.





# The Airport Insider Threat

- Who: **ANYONE** with Access
- What: **Terrorism, Criminal/Drugs, Dupes, Stowaways/Smuggling**
- Where: **Aircraft/Ramp/Terminal Ground Transportation**
- Why: **Intent plus Capability**
- When: **Totally Planned?... Totally Spontaneous?...Opportunistic**





# NJTTF Tripwire

- Several OCONUS Airport and Airline attacks involved airport service and security worker insiders (as participants or dupes).
- Several recent high profile investigations included individuals who were or had been airport service related workers.
- Airport service workers who are summarily fired with little or no record keeping often reappear at other airports with no indications on their record.



# Insiders and the Terrorist Planning Cycle

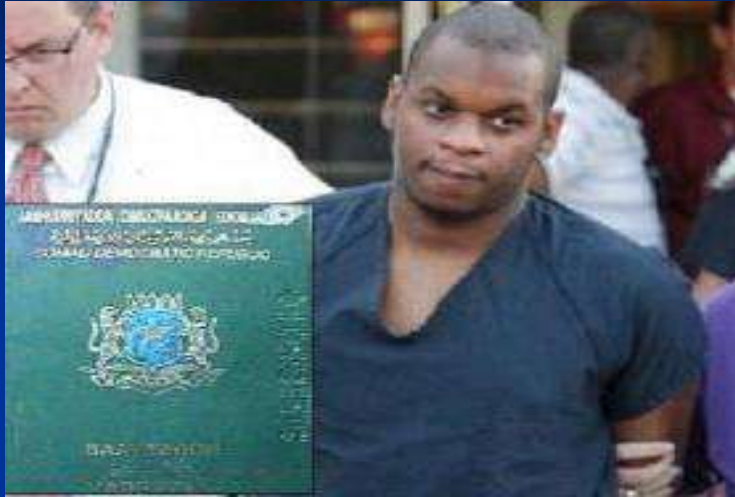


- Insiders can Shorten, Expedite, Participate, in the Terrorist Planning Cycle
- Increased likelihood of success





# Terrorism: Airport Nexus?



- Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, 23, (aka Carlos Bledsoe) drove an airport shuttle for hotel guests and would also take patrons on tours. Attacked Little Rock Recruiting Center.



- Najibullah Zazi 24 was licensed in early 2009 to operate an airport shuttle. Zazi worked for ABC Transportation for six months, before that he worked for another shuttle company at DEN.



# Insider Drug Smuggling



- September 2009 – 25 airline employees arrested for drug smuggling. The employees included baggage handlers and ground crew. The drugs were packed in suitcases pre-loaded in airline cargo containers.



- Drugs in Cargo Bay  
October 2009 PHL, a flight crew observed a baggage driver with a backpack exit their cargo bay without the backpack. A K-9 unit alerted on the backpack





# Dupes...or not



2 Charged In Airline Gun Smuggling  
Pair Arrested On Charges Of  
Bringing 9 MM Handgun Onto Flight  
Bound For Arizona

- June 2009, an airline passenger claimed to be duped by a friend, a US Airways employee, to circumvent security. The badged airline employee went to the gate and passed a bag with a handgun to his friend who was waiting to board the flight. A passenger





# Terminal Threats



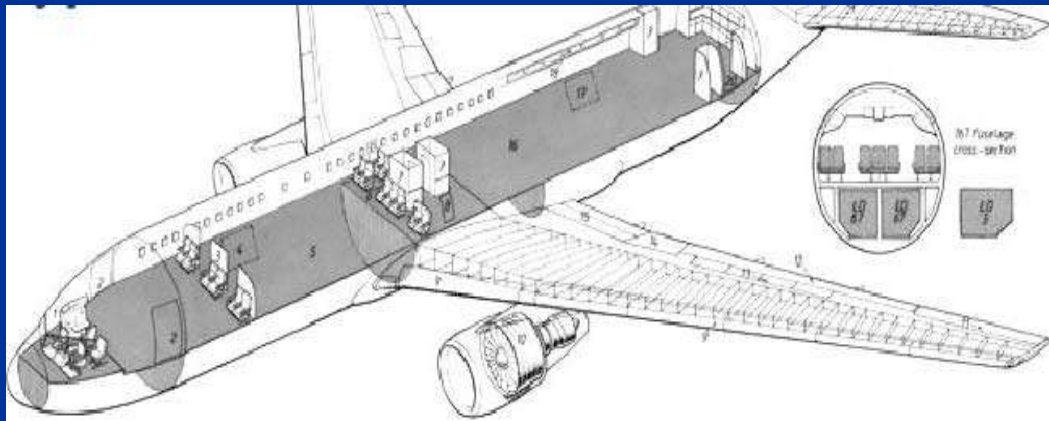
- July 2005 - Four members a homegrown Islamic extremist group, JIS, were arrested for plotting attacks in California, that included the El Al Airline ticket counter at LAX.
- One of the plotters was an LAX Insider who worked for the airport's duty-free shop.



# Aircraft Cleaners Stow-Away Above Mid Galley on 767



- January 2008 Ethiopian Airlines Flight 500 landed at IAD) with two stowaways hidden above the mid-galley of a 767.



- The two Ethiopian Airlines cleaners conducted surveillance but



# What can I expect from my FBI Airport Liaison Agent?

- It depends on the airport
- Large airport > Full-time ALAs (Houston)
- Medium airport > collateral duty (San Antonio)
- Small airport > liaison contact (Del Rio, TX)
- Get to know your ALA *before* there is an incident





# Questions?

