



Virginia Fusion Center (VFC)

Secure Commonwealth Panel

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Fusion Center Concept

- Bring together various resources in one place
 - Multiple Agencies
 - Databases
 - Analysts
 - Investigative resources
- Provide conduit for collection, analysis, and dissemination of information & intelligence
- All Hazards, All Crimes approach

VFC Mission

- Primary Mission – Fuse together resources from local, state, and federal agencies and private industries to facilitate information collection, analysis, & sharing in order to prevent terrorist attacks and criminal activity
- Secondary Mission – In support of VEOC, centralize information and resources to provide coordinated and effective response in the event of an attack

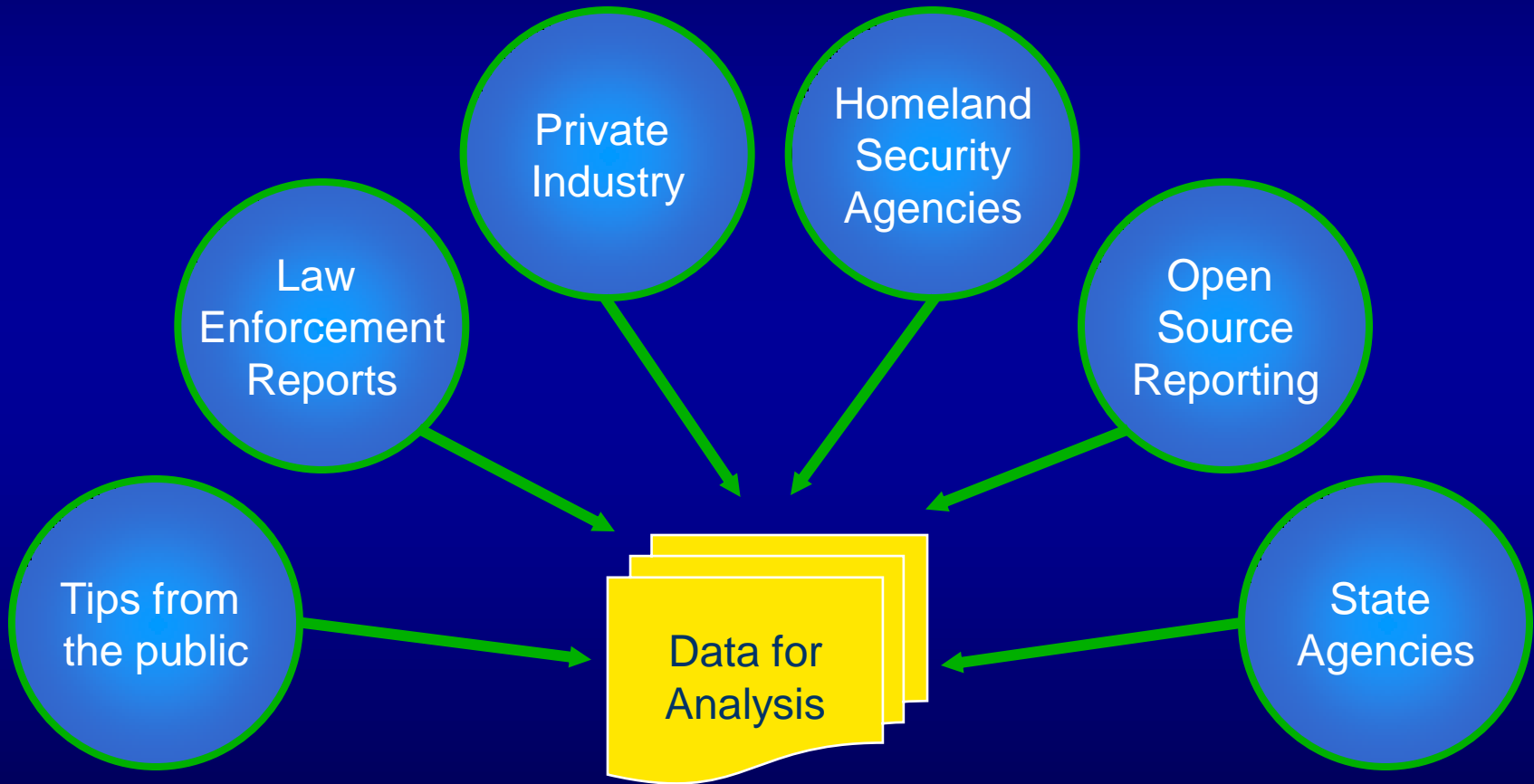
Personnel

- 6 Special Agents (1 assigned to the NOC)
- Analysts: 13 VSP Analysts
 - 1 Analyst assigned Tidewater
 - 5 VDEM Analysts
 - 2 National Guard Analysts
 - 1 Department of Fire Programs Analyst
 - 1 DHS Representative
 - 1 FBI Analyst

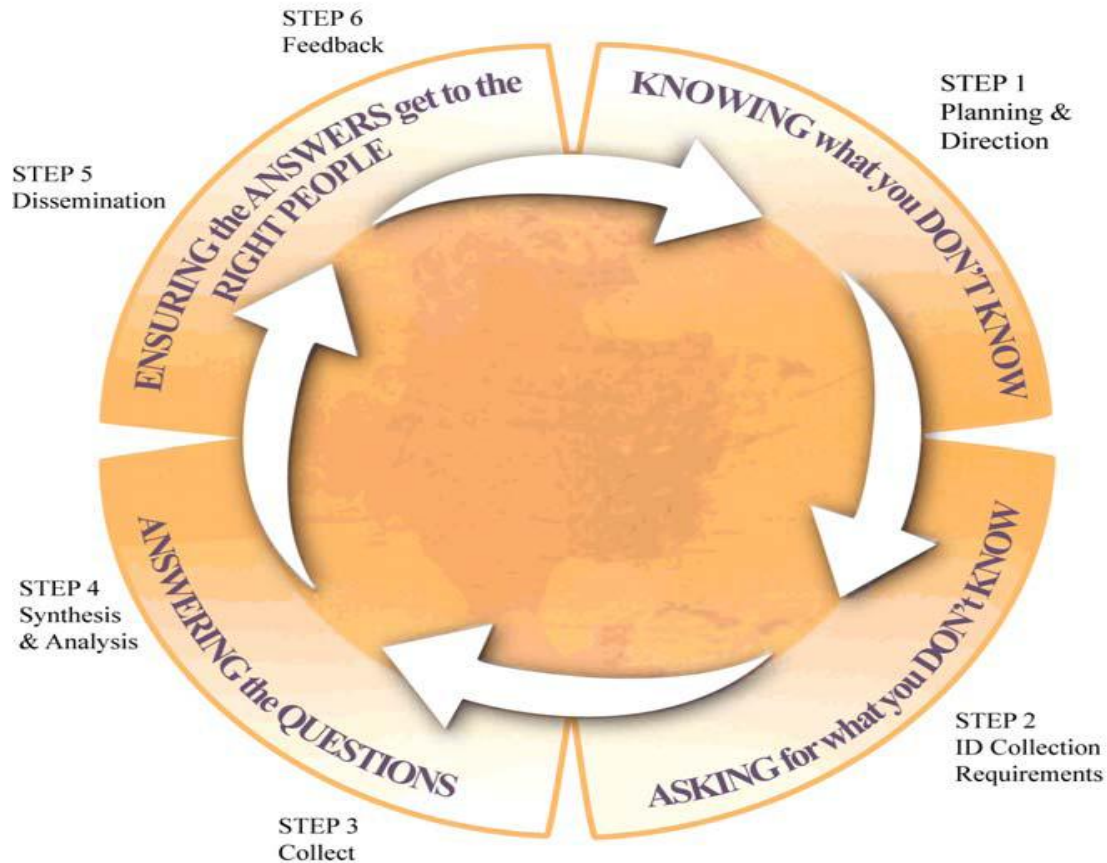
Personnel

- 5 Special Agents assigned to the various JTTF's (Richmond, Norfolk and WFO)
- 1 Special Agent assigned to the National Joint Terrorism Taskforce
- 6 Special Agents assigned throughout the State

VFC Sources of Information



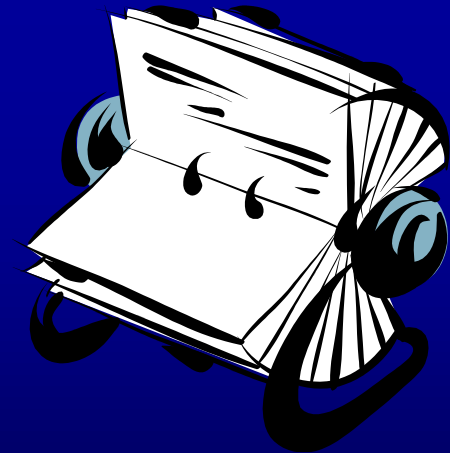
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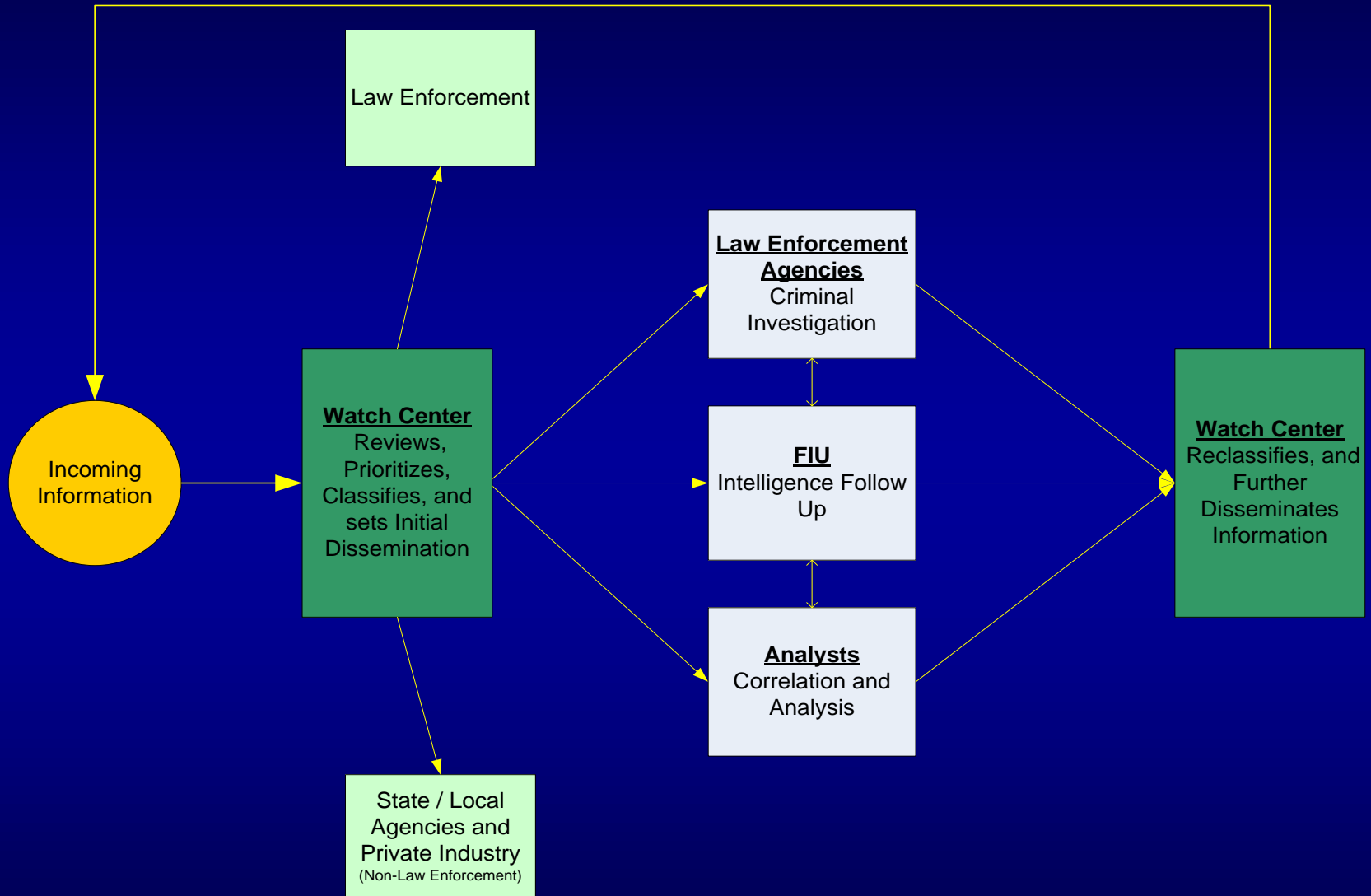
Source: Congressional Research Service

Contacts

- 220 Local Police Departments
- 128 Local Sheriff's Offices
- 25 Other Virginia Law Enforcement Contacts
- 65 State Law Enforcement Centers or Units
- 130 Federal Agency contacts to include:
 - ATF
 - DHS
 - FBI
 - U.S. Secret Service
- 113 Military Contacts



VFC Information Flow

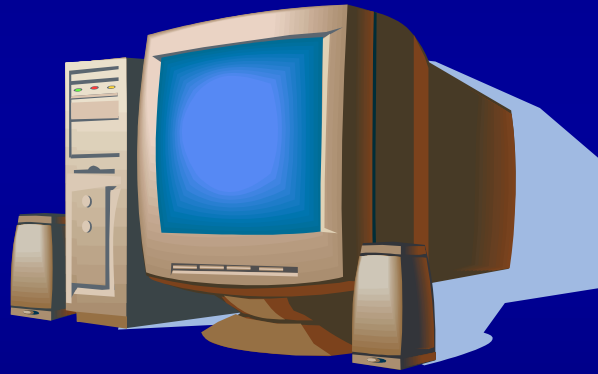


VFC Products

- Weekly Intelligence Briefing at LES, FOUO, and OS
- VFC Intelligence Bulletins
- VFC Intelligence Reports
- Threat Assessments for events
- Annual Threat Assessment for Virginia
- Information Reports
- PowerPoint presentations

VFC Resources

- Accurint
- TIPS
- DMV
- VEC
- NCIC/VCIN
- FinCEN
- FBI/DHS databases
- LIDS
- INTERPOL
- HSIN/HSIN-VA
- HSDN/SIPRNet
- LEO
- ETrace
- LinX
- RISSnet
- USCG Homeport
- FPS portal



HSIN-Virginia



- DHS sponsored Web-based information sharing portal administered by the VFC
- Three Communities of Interest (COIs):
 - HSIN-Virginia
 - HSIN-Virginia Emergency Management
 - HSIN-Virginia Law Enforcement
- Each COI has a document library for content appropriate for the audience
 - All users have posting rights

HSIN-Virginia

- Collaborative tools including:
 - Threaded discussion/RFI areas
 - Jabber secure chat client
 - Common Operational Picture (COP) and ICAV GIS client
 - HSIN-Database suspicious activity/incident reporting tool
- Access
 - Requests for access should be sent to hsin.va@vsp.virginia.gov
 - Include a brief job description indicating a need-to-know for emergency, disaster, and terrorism preparedness/response information.
 - Law enforcement officers and analysts should indicate they are employed in a law-enforcement capacity.

Success Stories

- Virginia Fusion Center received information on Drug Hotline
- Information forwarded to Spotsylvania County
- Spotsylvania Deputy made four arrests

Success Story

- VFC received RFI regarding two telephone numbers and a partial Virginia Tag
- Research conducted and a suspect was identified
- Subject was arrested for Armed Robbery

Success Story

- VFC created a flyer for the FBI to identify a child victim, offender, and a possible location of the offenses
- Flyer was disseminated to all VFC Law Enforcement contacts on May 22
- June 16, offender was located and arrested and the victim was found safe

Success Story

- VFC received information about subject transporting cocaine through Virginia.
- A report was generated and sent to all VA LE contacts and a local Police Department was able to interdict the vehicle
- 1.5 Kilo's of cocaine was located

Initiatives

- Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) Program
- National Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Pilot
- Analyst deployment (Grant process)
 - 2nd Division
 - 3rd Division
 - Richmond UASI
 - Analyst to coordinate VFC critical Infrastructure component



Virginia Fusion Center

VFC Website

<http://www.vsp.state.va.us/FusionCenter>

1. About the Fusion Center
2. 7 Signs of Terrorism
3. Related Web Links
4. National Threat Level Advisory
5. Reporting Suspicious Activity

Questions?



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