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STRATEGIC GOAL 1: Prevent Terrorism and Promote the Nation's Security

16% of the Department's Net Costs support this Goal.

Terrorism is the most significant national security threat that faces our Nation. The Department's foremost focus is protecting the Homeland from future terrorist attacks. To ensure attainment of this goal, prevention is our highest priority. The Department has taken, and will continue to take assertive actions to prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur; investigate and prosecute those who commit or intend to commit terrorist acts; and strengthen partnerships to prevent, deter and respond to terrorist incidents. In order to have the information we need to keep our Nation safe, we are continuing to strengthen and expand our counterintelligence capabilities and to ensure that the people that intend to do us harm are brought to justice.

FY 2012 Outcome Goal: No catastrophic acts of terrorism

FY 2010 Progress: The Department is on target to achieve this long-term goal.

Background/Program Objectives: The FBI is committed to stopping terrorism at any stage, from thwarting those intending to conduct an act of terrorism, to investigating the financiers of terrorist operations. All counterterrorism investigations are managed at FBI Headquarters by the Counterterrorism Division (CTD), thereby employing and enhancing a national perspective. CTD provides a centralized, comprehensive, and intelligence-driven approach to addressing both international and domestic terrorism-related matters.

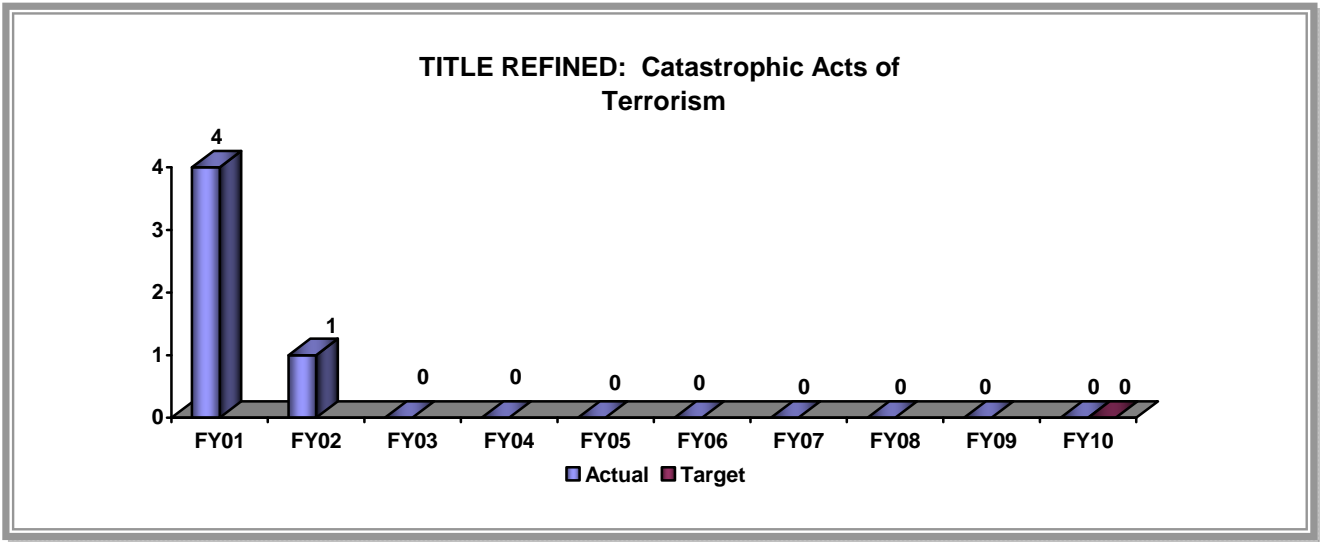
Under the leadership of the FBI Director, the FBI has moved aggressively to implement a comprehensive plan that has fundamentally transformed the organization. The Director has overhauled the FBI's Counterterrorism (CT) operations, expanded its intelligence capabilities, modernized its business practices and technology, and improved coordination with its partners. The FBI is dedicated to preventing and disrupting terrorist plots before they are executed.

Performance Measure: TITLE REFINED: Catastrophic Acts of Terrorism (*Formerly* Catastrophic Acts of Domestic Terrorism) – now includes both domestic and international terrorist acts, and replaces similar measures reporting all acts of international terrorism committed by foreign nationals within U.S. borders and catastrophic acts of domestic terrorism.

FY 2010 Target: 0

FY 2010 Actual: 0

Discussion of FY 2010 Results: The FBI achieved its target for this measure in FY 2010.



Data Definition: Terrorist Acts, domestic or internationally-based, count separate incidents that involve the “unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.” (28 C.F.R. Section 0.85). For the purposes of this performance measure, a catastrophic terrorist act is defined as an act resulting in significant loss of life and/or significant property damage.

Data Collection and Storage: The reported numbers were compiled through the expert knowledge of FBI CT senior management at headquarters.

Data Validation and Verification: All data have been approved and validated by subject matter experts and executives in the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division.

Data Limitations: The decision to count or discount an incident as a terrorist act, according to the above definition, is subject to change based upon the latest available intelligence information and the opinion of program managers. In addition, acts of terrorism, by their nature, are impossible to reduce to uniform, reliable measures.

FY 2012 Outcome Goal: No terrorist acts committed by foreign nationals within U.S. borders
FY 2010 Progress: Discontinued/Consolidated

Performance Measure: DISCONTINUED/CONSOLIDATED MEASURE: Terrorist Acts Committed by Foreign Nationals Against U.S. Interests (within U.S. Borders)

FY 2010 Target: 0

FY 2010 Actual: Not Applicable

Discussion of FY 2010 Results:

This measure has been discontinued and consolidated into the measure, “Catastrophic Acts of Terrorism,” starting in FY 2010. The measure, “Catastrophic Acts of Terrorism” (which formerly was called, “Catastrophic Acts of Domestic Terrorism”), includes both domestic and international terrorist acts, and replaces similar measures reporting all acts of international terrorism committed by foreign nationals within U.S. borders and catastrophic acts of domestic terrorism.