To: Moossy, Robert (CRT)(b) (6)
From: Felte, James (CRT)[(b) (6)
Sent: Wed 10/6/2021 9:56:04 AM (UTC-04:00)
Subject: RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Blumberg works for me. I'll ask him. As you know, he is very big on coordinating a "whole of government approach" to any issue. Also, while CRM might have legal expertise on many of these issues, as Paige pointed out this weekend, very, very, very little of it actually concerns our direct criminal enforcement work.

From: Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Felte, James (CRT)(b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Blumberg? Because basically this is the same set of issues as in the election cases?

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Clarke, Kristen (CRT)"(b) (6)
> **Date:** October 6, 2021 at 9:41:26 AM EDT
> **To:** "Moossy, Robert (CRT)"(b) (6)
> **Cc:** "Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT)"(b) (6)
> **Subject: Fwd: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats**
>
> Robert, I am inclined to designate you or Jim, and Shaheena for this. Your thoughts?
>
> Kristen
> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)"(b) (6)
> > **Date:** October 6, 2021 at 9:02:45 AM EDT
> > **To:** "Polite, Kenneth (CRM)"(b) (6), "McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)"(b) (6), "Clarke, Kristen (CRT)"(b) (6), "Moossy, Robert (CRT)"(b) (6), "Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI)"(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI)"(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)"(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO)"(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA, "Wong, Norman (USAEO)"(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA, "Lesko, Mark (NSD)"(b) (6), "Toscas, George (NSD)"(b) (6)>, "Wiegmann, Brad (NSD)"(b) (6), "Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD)"(b) (6), "Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC)"(b) (6), "Monroe, Becky (OASG)"(b) (6), "Solomon, Amy (OJP)"(b) (6)
> > **Cc:** "Newman, David A. (ODAG)"(b) (6), "Braden, Myesha (ODAG)"(b) (6), "Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)"(b) (6)
> > **Subject: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats**

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To: Moossy, Robert (b) (6)
From: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Wed 10/6/2021 11:08:08 AM (UTC-04:00)
Subject: RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Blumberg is good with participating. He'll be our rep.

From: Moossy, Robert (CRT)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

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To: Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT) (b) (6)
From: Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Wed 10/6/2021 10:17:56 AM (UTC-04:00)
Subject: Fwd: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

Can you respond to Kevin and copy me noting Mark and Shaheena as our representatives. Please also send mark and Shaheena a note letting them know that I plan to put them forth as our Divisions reps. Thank you.I'll be in around 11:15
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Moossy, Robert (CRT)" (b) (6)
Date: October 6, 2021 at 10:13:02 AM EDT
To: "Clarke, Kristen (CRT)" (b) (6)
Cc: "Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

I think given the similarity of this issue to the issue around threats to election officials, we should have the criminal representative be Mark Blumberg. He's the one participating in the election work too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2021, at 9:41 AM, Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: School Board Threats Task Force
To: Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD); Foran, Sheila (CRT)
Cc: (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO); Blumberg, Mark (CRT)
Sent: October 13, 2021 5:28 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, Gerri.

If we can adapt something for our purposes, that would be helpful and efficient. Great idea, Gerri.

To clarify, while we are addressing school board-related threats, it addresses issues more narrow than those raised in the NSBA letter.

Thanks,
Kevin

From: Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Foran, Sheila (CRT) (b) (6)
Cc: (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO) (b) (6) ; Blumberg, Mark (CRT)
(b) (6) ; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: School Board Threats Task Force

Sheila:
Hi-
Kevin Chambers in ODAG is pulling together guidance this week for USAOs related to the recent uptick in incidents at school board meetings/etc. that the Nat'l School Board Association wrote to President Biden about last week. He asked what training we might have for community groups on reporting threats, etc. I mentioned that the Hate Crimes Initiative's community-facing training might be helpful to look at- might be able to use some of the slides, etc. What do you think? I'm copying Kevin here, as well as the EOUSA poc for the task force (b)(6) per EOUSA and the CRT poc Mark Blumberg. (Mark, I'm not sure if you were able to attend the task force meeting today, so this may be hitting you cold, but I saw your name on the invite list, so wanted to include you.) Happy to give you more background/info, Gerri
Thanks, Gerri

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Task Force Meeting, October 13, 2012

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose
- Initial Tasks
- AOB
- Close

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Civil Rights Division
Community Relations Services
Criminal Division
EOUSA
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of Justice Programs

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Purpose

- On October 4, the Attorney General issued a memorandum to the FBI and USAOs along with a press release explaining the Department's response
- Cited a "disturbing spike" in the instances of threats

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Examples of Violence/Threats

A parent attacked a teacher following a mask dispute on the first day of school, a California superintendent said.

Amador County Unified School District
California
August 2021
Physical Altercation

A parent physically assaulted a teacher by ripping a mask off her face.

Eanes Independent School District
Texas
July 2021
Physical Altercation

Three men carrying zip ties showed up at a Tucson, Ariz. elementary school and threatened the principal with a citizen's arrest after the child of one man was told to quarantine under county health guidelines

Mesquite Elementary School
Arizona
September 2021
In Person Confrontation

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Examples of Violence/Threats

"We need to find out where this Board Member lives and go there and bring a rope."

Norway-Vulcan School District
Michigan
September 2021
Communicated via Social Media

"Don't be surprised when you low-IQ, poorly educated, and morally bankrupt pinko traitors are dragged from your beds in the middle of the night and hanged by the neck until dead by the righteously angry parents of your community."

Loudoun County School District
Virginia
April 2021
Communicated via Social Media

[After admitting to having firearm in vehicle] "Your life is f-cking over and career as you know it . . . You don't know what I'm capable of doing."

Jefferson Cty. School District
Kentucky
July 2021
Communicated Orally to Victim

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Examples of Violence/Threats

"I'm going in with 20 strong men . . . I'm going to speak to the school board and I'm going to give them an option. They can leave or they can be removed."

Northampton County School District
Pennsylvania
August 2021
Communicated Orally at Rally

"All of you are going to be spoiled in severe ways. get ready. All of you. targeted."
[Writer then lists the school board members' addresses.]

Waukesha School Board
Wisconsin
August 2021
Communicated via Social Media

"We know who you are. We'll find you. We know who you are."

Williamson County School Board
Tennessee
August 2021
Communicated Orally to Victim

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Examples of Violence/Threats



Hackensack Board of Ed.
New Jersey
September 2021
Sent by U.S. Mail

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Purpose

- On October 4, the Attorney General issued a memorandum to the FBI and USAOs
- Cited a “disturbing spike” in the instances of threats
- DOJ Response – Commitment to several action items
  - Instructions to USAOs to convene meetings with local law enforcement
  - Create training and guidance for use by potential victims
  - Non-enforcement ways to assist
  - Threat tracking and trend identification

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What This Effort Is

- Understand range of potentially criminal conduct and where federal enforcement authority rests
- Assist state and local law enforcement through training and information sharing
- Help protect school board members and school administrators from violence or threats from violence
- Educate victims of threats on how to report threats to law enforcement

What This Effort Is Not

- Not based in ideology. Focus is on acts or threats of violence, not on underlying ideologies.
- Not attempt to suppress speech. Memo clearly stated that non-violent debate is protected and will be respected.
- Not "Federalizing" state and local offenses. Where federal authority is not present DOJ defers to state and local authorities and offers assistance where helpful.

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Tasks

#1: Guidance to USAOs

#2: Training

#3: Non-Enforcement Resources

#4: Tracking Threats

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Task #1: Guidance to USAOs

- Focus on conduct
- Value of convening / information gathering
- Availability of federal statutes
- Applicable state statutes
- Encourage communications

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Task #2: Training

- Create training module/materials for use by potential victims (school boards, etc.)
- Format of training (video/interactive/etc)
- Who best to deliver training

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Task #3: Non-Enforcement Resources

- Coordination with federal agencies (Dept. of Ed., DHS, etc.)
- Grants or other assistance to help local law enforcement address rise in threats
- Establishing relationships with community stakeholders

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Task #4: Tracking Threats

- Understanding of how threats are received by NTOC
- How best to collect and filter threats
- Communication of threats to appropriate USAO/FBI office
- Identifying trends

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Task Force Welcome / Request for Statutes
To: Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD)
Sent: October 11, 2021 7:14 AM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, Gerri!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2021, at 7:04 AM, Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6) wrote:

Hi, Kevin:
CRS isn't aware of any additional statutes.
Thanks, Gerri

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2021, at 12:35 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats
To: Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD)
Cc: (b)(6) per EOUSA/CRS (CRS); (b)(6) per EOUSA/CRS (CRS); (b)(6) per EOUSA/CRS (CRS)
Sent: October 9, 2021 7:58 AM (UTC-04:00)

Outstanding. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2021, at 7:56 AM, Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6) > wrote:

Hi, Kevin:

Sorry for the delayed response! For CRS, please include:

(b)(6) per EOUSA/CRS

Gerri Ratliff
(b)(6) per EOUSA/CRS

Thanks, Gerri

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) ; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) ; Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6) ; Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) ; Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6) ; Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6) ; Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6) ; Ratliff, Gerri L (JMD) (b) (6) ; Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6) ; Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6) ; Solomon, Amy (OJP) (b) (6)
Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6) ; Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6) ; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Task Force Representatives: School Board and School Worker Threats

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