

## **THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND ANALYSIS CENTER**

### *Objective*

The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) was established as a model facility for the analysis and dissemination of information in statewide support of law enforcement, public health and welfare, public safety and homeland security. It is one of the four components of the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council of Maryland (ATAC).

### *Primary Function of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center*

The primary function of the MCAC is to provide analytical support for all federal, state and local agencies involved in law enforcement, public health and welfare, public safety and homeland security in Maryland. It is meant to provide strategic analysis to better focus the investigative activities being conducted by law enforcement agencies within the state and to better enable public health and safety agencies to perform their important protective functions. By design, the Center is not an investigative body, but is meant to address a serious analytical deficiency in the state. In addition, the Center, through its Watch Division, enables public and private entities within our state more efficiently to receive and to disseminate critical information to other similar entities established by other states, as well as with any national centers created by the federal government, such as the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), the DHS National Operations Center (NOC) and the FBI's CT Watch.

### *Structure and Organization*

The Executive Committee of the ATAC has selected from the ATAC general membership an Executive Director and three Assistant Directors of the MCAC. As a matter of policy, and to reflect the cooperative nature of the MCAC, it has been decided that these four management positions will be occupied by local, state and federal law enforcement officers. Currently, a retired Commander of the Baltimore Police Department's Intelligence Section, employed by the Maryland State Police, is the Center's Director. A Lieutenant of the Anne Arundel County Police Department is an Assistant Director and supervises the Watch Division. A Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is an Assistant Director and supervises the Intelligence Analysis Division, while an ICE Supervisory Intelligence Analyst supervises the Policy, Programs and Requirements Division as an Assistant Director. Although the ATAC Executive Committee is the policy making body, relying heavily upon input from the general membership of the ATAC, the day to day operation of the MCAC is the responsibility of the

Director and the Assistant Directors. The MCAC management reports, and is responsible, to the ATAC Coordinator, who ensures that the ATAC Executive Committee's policies are adhered to. A Constitutional Protections Advisory Board, chaired by a retired federal judge, provides advice relative to individual privacy and civil liberties issues to the Executive Committee.

The Center is not intended to supplant the numerous investigative bodies now in force within Maryland, but to act in support of these bodies, enabling them to be more effective and focused in their important tasks.

Center staff consists of assigned personnel from over 25 federal, state and/or local agencies with homeland security, public safety, public health and/or law enforcement responsibilities. It is intended that the Center be as inclusive as possible in order to promote efficiency in its critical functions and to achieve the desired synergistic effect.

#### *Location*

The Center is centrally located within the state in order to facilitate its accessibility by all agencies.

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