



MARYLAND COORDINATION AND ANALYSIS CENTER

CHARTER

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

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 tactical and 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 MCAC is not an investigative body, but addressed what was a serious analytical deficiency in the state. In addition, the Center, through its Watch and Warning Division, enables public and private entities within our state to more efficiently receive and 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 membership an Executive Director, a Senior Director and five division level Directors at the MCAC. As a matter of policy, and to reflect the cooperative nature of the MCAC, the Executive Committee has decided that these seven management positions will be occupied by at least one local, one state and one federal agency.

LEADERSHIP

- The Executive Director is a Maryland State Police civilian.
- The Senior Director is a Maryland State Police Major.
- The Anti-Terrorism Division Director is a FBI Supervisory Special Agent.
- The Criminal Investigative Support Division Director is a Maryland State Police Lieutenant.
- The Policy, Programs and Requirements Division Director is a Maryland State Police Captain.

- The Watch and Warning Division Director is a Prince George's County Police Department Lieutenant.
- The Artificial Intelligence Threat Division Director is a Prince George's County Police Department Sergeant.

The MCAC management reports, and is responsible, to the ATAC Coordinator, who ensures that the ATAC Executive Committee's policies are adhered to.

While 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 Executive Director, Senior Director and Division Directors. The MCAC management reports, and is responsible, to the ATAC Coordinator, who ensures that the MCAC adheres to ATAC Executive Committee policies.

The MCAC is not intended to supplant the numerous investigative bodies operating within Maryland, such as, the various HIDTA investigative groups, the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), etc., but to act in support of these bodies, enabling them to be more effective and focused on their important tasks.

The MCAC staff consists of assigned personnel from over 27 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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