The Sacramento RTAC area of responsibility is the 34 counties shown in the shaded area above.
RTACs are a statewide effort, supported by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with the purpose of facilitating information sharing between local, state, tribal and federal public safety agencies. There are four RTACs, or “Fusion Centers”, in California (Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego). Each RTAC’s area of responsibility mirrors one of the 4 FBI Divisions in the State of California, with the SacRTAC/CCIC area of responsibility being the US District Court’s, Eastern District of California. The Eastern District is comprised of 34 of California’s 58 counties and covers approximately 88,000 square miles.

The SacRTAC/CCIC continuously monitors and exchanges information with the other fusion centers in California and throughout the nation, to further the efforts of combating terrorism and transnational threats on a statewide and national basis.

RTACs are a singular, regional location where the missions of the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO), FBI/INFRAGARD Program, and the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) are merged. Information received from local law enforcement, fire departments, public health agencies, the public/private sector, and members of the public is analyzed, evaluated, and fused with the goal of producing operational intelligence to aid in the detection, deterrence, and disruption of terrorist attacks, both foreign and domestic, against the homeland.

Information related to major crimes/hazards is evaluated and analyzed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a terrorism nexus, and to aid in the preventing an interagency investigative conflict. Generally this type of information is disseminated to the appropriate investigative agencies for follow up. Information suspected of, or determined to have a nexus to terrorism is disseminated to the JTTF for investigation.

The SacRTAC/CCIC is a fully operational, 24/7 facility in partnership with the Western States Information Network (WSIN). WSIN analysts handle SacRTAC/CCIC calls after business hours, on weekends, and on most holidays. The SacRTAC/CCIC maintains strict policies and procedures in alignment with federal and state guidelines intelligence collection with respect to privacy rights.

The Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Program is a concept that was established to develop a trained cadre of public safety officers who serve as the vital link in keeping public safety professionals informed on current terrorist tactics and trends. The goal of every TLO is to enhance the first responders’s ability to identify a potential terrorist threat, and to report that information to the RTAC. The TLO is the first layer of information management, with respect to the threat of terrorism, for every public safety agency in the state.

The TLO is trained to work with the community, other government agencies, and the public/private sector in a cooperative and collaborative effort to identify and report suspicious activity that is suspected of having a nexus to terrorism. The TLO is trained to report this information to the RTAC where it is analytically evaluated. If found to have merit, this information is then investigated by the JTTF.

In addition, the TLO is trained to assist agencies and the community in the ongoing preparation, coordination, and training needed to maintain an effective public safety role in homeland security.

The TLO receives specialized training in terrorism awareness and distributes timely and critical information with the purpose of enhancing situational awareness to aid in prevention, preparedness, and protection of their communities. The TLO is the identified central point of contact for public safety agencies, and community members involved in the program. For more information about becoming a TLO, or the TLO program, go to the Sacramento RTAC’s website for details. (See the back of this brochure for the website information.)