

JCAT DUTIES

JCAT Fellows work at the National Counterterrorism Center under NCTC leadership alongside NCTC, FBI, and DHS analysts and support staff.

Major Duties:

- Produce clear and relevant “federally coordinated” intelligence products on significant international terrorism or terrorism-related events that have the potential to impact local or regional public safety conditions in the United States.
- Ensure terrorism-related information intended for SLTT entities is presented in a usable format that is, to the extent possible, unclassified, to facilitate further dissemination.
- Advise and make recommendations to the Intelligence Community on how to tailor its products to satisfy the needs of SLTT intelligence consumers.
- Conduct outreach to the Intelligence Community and strengthen partnerships with SLTT entities to further enhance the awareness and understanding of the SLTT role in counterterrorism.
- Maintain a working knowledge of relevant terrorism, homeland security, and weapons of mass destruction issues.

For more information, please visit our website at

http://www.nctc.gov/jcat/jcat_index.html



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The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT)

The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is where public safety professionals—law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health officials—are making a difference in the Counterterrorism Community.

JCAT members are state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) First Responders and Public Safety Professionals from around the country, working side-by-side with federal intelligence analysts from the National Counterterrorism Center, Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence for you.

JCAT Mission

The mission of the JCAT is to improve information sharing and enhance public safety. In coordination with the FBI and DHS, JCAT collaborates with other members of the Intelligence Community to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence products for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies and the private sector and advocates for the counterterrorism intelligence requirements and needs of these partners throughout the Intelligence Community.

JCAT Lines of Effort

- Intelligence Review and Collaborative Production
- Partner Liaison and Outreach
- Intelligence Community Education



JCAT is a federal fellowship program that integrates SLTT first responders and public safety professionals into the Intelligence Community (IC). JCAT fellows work alongside analysts from NCTC, DHS, and FBI to analyze intelligence and produce products responsive to the counterterrorism mission of the first responder community. In this capacity, JCAT fellows provide the “SLTT perspective” to federally coordinated finished counterterrorism intelligence.

After their Fellowship, members will return home to their departments with:

- Deep insights into US efforts to counter violent extremism impacting communities nationwide.
- An enhanced understanding of the federal counterterrorism landscape—roles, missions, capabilities, and current initiatives—that can be leveraged to support local CT efforts.
- Knowledge of current and emerging threat streams drawn from NCTC’s access and role as the nation’s primary organization for integrating and analyzing counterterrorism information and strategic operational planning.
- A strong understanding of the intelligence cycle and how terrorist targets, tactics, and trends might impact officer safety, tactics development, training requirements, equipment purchases, staffing, and resource decision making.
- A network of recognized counterterrorism experts drawn from professional interactions with NCTC, the IC, and across multiple federal agencies; access to SLTT alumni nationwide.
- Critical thinking, tradecraft, and analytic skills developed through participation in IC training courses, on-the-job training, and analytic mentoring programs that pair JCAT participants with federal level analysts.

JCAT offers federal fellowship opportunities to public safety professionals—law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire service, intelligence, homeland security, and public health officials—from SLTT agencies. This highly competitive program is sponsored by NCTC, DHS, and FBI and requires a one- year commitment in Washington, D.C., if selected.

Applicants must be a current employee from a SLTT agency and possess a working knowledge of the terrorism and homeland security information needs of SLTT partners.

Applicant should have at least five years experience:

At the SLTT level in one or more of the following areas: law enforcement, fire service, multiagency task forces, long-term investigations, public safety, public health, intelligence, critical infrastructure, or information sharing/ homeland security. First responder experience is highly desirable.

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Conducting research and analysis to produce intelligence assessments for the SLTT community; interpreting investigative information and extrapolating data for analysis, evaluation, and dissemination to appropriate officials; and identifying trends and knowledge gaps relating to terrorist plans, intentions, and capabilities for the SLTT community. Fusion Center experience is highly desirable.