

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**



MINNESOTA JOINT ANALYSIS CENTER (MNJAC)

Overview: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, has established MNJAC as the designated statewide fusion center. The MNJAC mission is to share information and analytical services statewide and foster a collaborative environment among more than 400 federal, state, and local public safety agencies.

MNJAC is a partner in the Intelligence Communications Enterprise for Information Sharing and Exchange (ICEFISHX) with North Dakota and South Dakota law enforcement agencies. It is an internet-based intelligence sharing initiative and alert network designed to collect and disseminate information relating to terrorist operations and other criminal activities to law enforcement, government agencies and the private sector within the tri-state area. MNJAC also coordinates with the National network of fusion centers to bring disparate information together from agencies across the country to provide comprehensive and timely analysis for law enforcement and homeland security.

JAG funding supports two Criminal Intelligence Analysts and a Management Analyst focusing on information dissemination and training; including innovative online training methods and regular briefings for law enforcement and other key partners.

The following activities were completed by MNJAC:

- Daily Critical Infrastructure Briefs
- 13 Law Enforcement Briefs
- 12 Special Assessments/Advisories
- 7 Situational Alert Bulletins
- 19 Suspicious Activity Reports
- Participation in 5 statewide conferences
- 34 regional meetings and presentations
- Hosted 2 regional fusion center meetings
- 153 users registered for the online training
- 74 completed the first online training "Death by HazMat"

Course evaluations of the online training have been positive and several other courses are in development, including topics such as counterfeiting, Somali culture, response to white powder incidents, and privacy policies. Feedback on briefs and bulletins has been mixed so MNJAC staff are developing a stakeholder survey to determine the most useful information and methods. A process to unsubscribe from bulletins has also been developed to clarify the options for changing user preferences.

A September 2010 U.S. Government Accountability Office study found that federal homeland security funding had helped fusion centers build and sustain information sharing capabilities while maintaining privacy protections. However, they recommended the development and implementation of standard performance measures for all fusion centers.

The federal allocation for FFY10 is \$450,000.