

## PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF OHSP

### INVESTIGATIONS

Conducting investigations related to potential terrorist activities, jointly with NJ State Police, the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), as well as with county and municipal law enforcement entities.

### INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND SHARING

Collecting intelligence affecting New Jersey, as well as analyzing it and ensuring that it is shared with relevant public agencies and private sector groups.

### GRANTS

Overseeing and distributing discretionary state and federal homeland security preparedness funds solely on basis of risk.

### EXERCISING

Conducting regular exercises to assess and prepare responses for terrorist and "all hazards" incidents.

### TRAINING

Coordinating statewide training of law enforcement officers, first responders and personnel from other government agencies and the private sector involved with homeland security and emergency preparedness responsibilities.

### CLEARINGHOUSE FOR LEGISLATION

Reviewing all state legislation regarding counterterrorism and preparedness issues.

### PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Working with private industry to protect its facilities against potential terrorism as well as all types of "all hazards" incidents.

### PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Working with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office to help ensure that citizens' rights and civil liberties are protected when it comes to homeland security and preparedness issues.

**Our Most Effective Weapon  
Against Terrorism is YOU.**

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ACTIVITY TO  
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Call 9-1-1**

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*Governor*

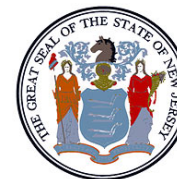
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## MISSION

The executive order defined OHSP's mission as being responsible "to administer, coordinate, lead, and supervise New Jersey's counterterrorism and preparedness efforts." The executive order also set the office's goal as coordination of "emergency response efforts across all levels of government, law enforcement, emergency management, nonprofit organizations, other jurisdictions, and the private sector, to protect the people of New Jersey."

## VISION

A state prepared to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from the full spectrum of destructive and injurious consequences resulting from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and technological emergencies.

## WHO WE ARE

The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness is an office created by Executive Order 5 in March of 2006 after a bi-partisan Homeland Security and Public Safety Transition Policy Group submitted their recommendations to the incoming Governor.

The Office is designated as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for all federal homeland security and preparedness funding.



## WHAT WE DO

This Office has one shared focus – strengthening our state – through a partnership with individual citizens, the private sector, and state and local partners – in the face of many threats and hazards from terrorists to natural disasters. We have taken an all-hazards approach in the discharge of our duties. Our counterterrorism efforts are fully integrated with the NJ State Police, local law enforcement agencies and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). However, Preparedness Planning, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Grants Management efforts are exclusively centralized in the Office.

This Office helps to direct prevention, detection, protection, response, and recovery planning, not only at the state level, but also at the regional and national levels with our varied partners. In addition to coordinating our efforts with other state agencies, we have a critical role in the national and regional arenas to help shape state and inter-state homeland security policy and practices.

This Office oversees the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force (P.L. 2001, c. 246), the state's multi-agency cabinet-level policy body for homeland security, counterterrorism and preparedness issues. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness serves as the Task Force's chair. As such, OHSP is responsible for directing the state's preparedness efforts.

The State Police continues to operate the Office of Emergency Management. The Superintendent of the State Police dual reports to the Attorney General and to the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness on matters related to homeland security, preparedness, and the Office of Emergency Management.



While OHSP has responsibility for overseeing statewide emergency response coordination, the NJOEM continues as the state's primary operational agency in terms of managing the consequences of emergencies and the post-event response to emergencies.

## OHSP ORGANIZATION

The Office is led by Director Charles McKenna and comprised of two Divisions, the Division of Operations and Division of Preparedness, and eight bureaus.

### The Operations Division –

- Conducts counterterrorism investigations in conjunction with the FBI, New Jersey State Police and local and county law enforcement
- Provides state-specific intelligence and analysis relevant to threats and risks faced by New Jersey from potential terrorists, man-made and natural incidents
- Coordinates statewide counterterrorism and preparedness training

### The Preparedness Division –

- Coordinates statewide protection of critical infrastructure
- Coordinates statewide exercising
- Coordinates continuity of operations (COOP) and continuity of government (COG) planning
- Administers federal and state homeland security grants for New Jersey