

Overview

Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC)

Public Safety Committee
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What is a Fusion Center?

A fusion center is a collaborative effort of two or more agencies that provide resources, expertise and information to the center with the goal of maximizing their ability to detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.

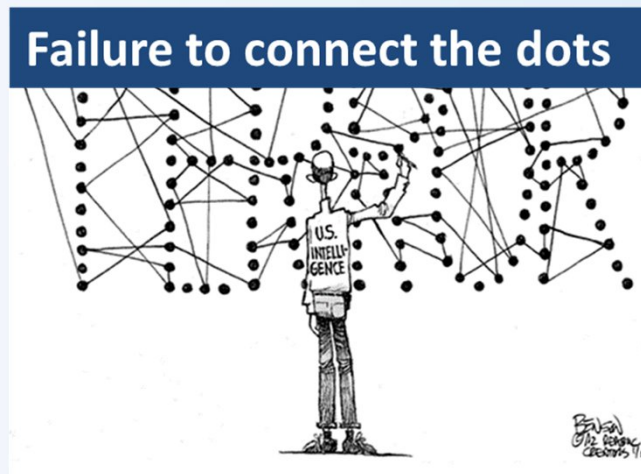
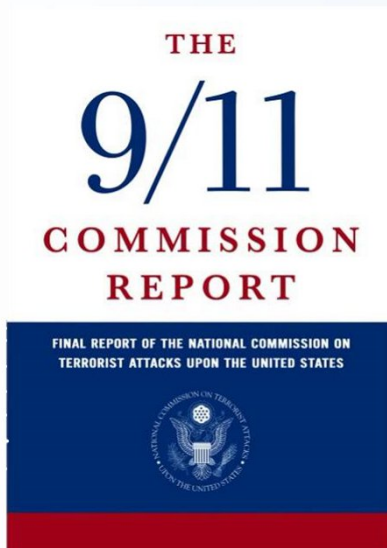


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Fusion Center - Origins

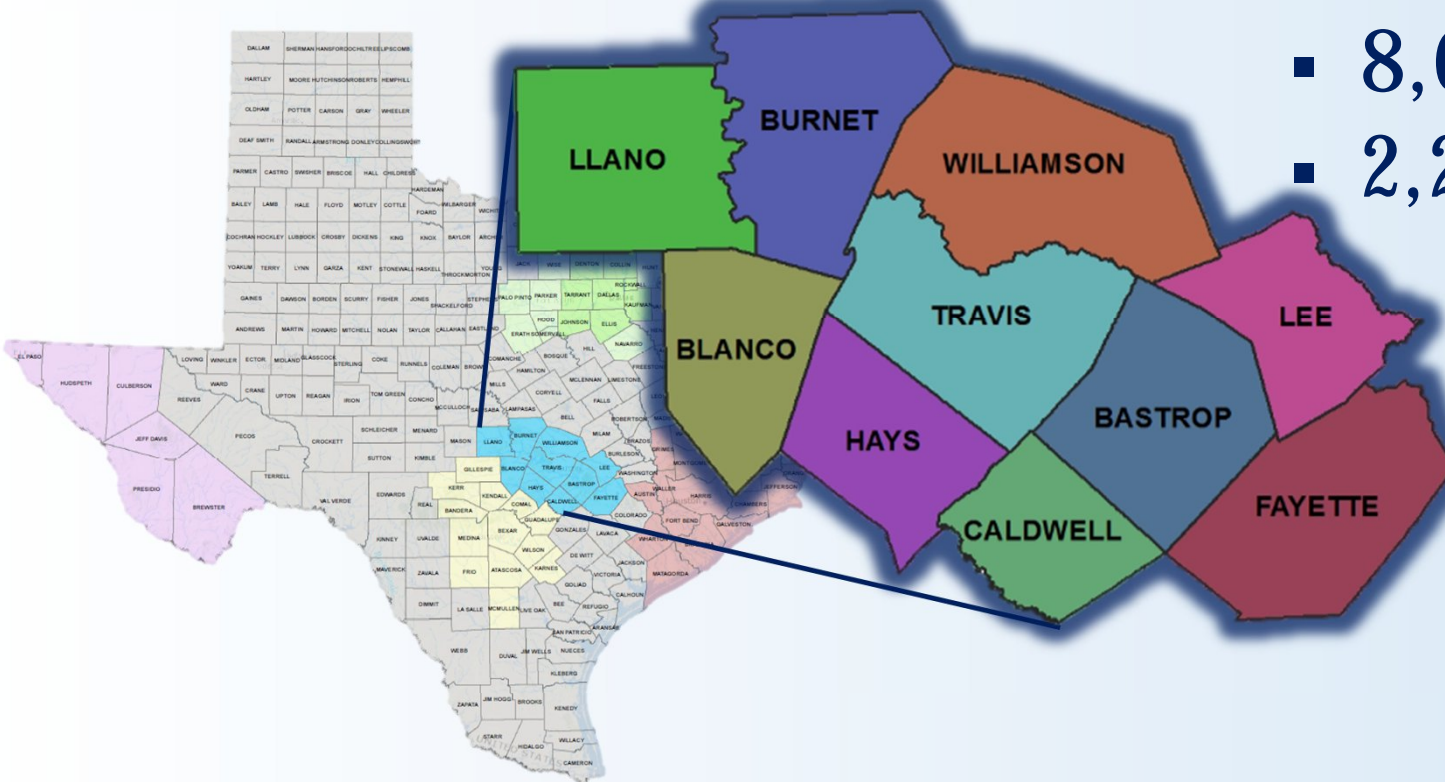
An evaluation of the national intelligence apparatus, centered around the 9/11 Commission, led to the implementation of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. A result of this legislation was creation and evolution of the Fusion Center.





ARIC Area of Responsibility (AOR)

- 10 Counties
- 8,604 square miles
- 2,237,922 people



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What is the ARIC?

The ARIC is a recognized Fusion Center by the Department of Homeland Security.



Our Purpose:

- To collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence information to the law enforcement community.
- To assist law enforcement agencies with case investigations and analysis.
- To vet Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) and assist the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).



ARIC Regional Partners

-  ▪ Austin PD
-  ▪ Austin FD
-  ▪ ACC PD
-  ▪ Austin ISD PD
-  ▪ Bastrop PD
-  ▪ Buda PD
-  ▪ Cedar Park PD
-  ▪ Georgetown PD
-  ▪ Hays County SO
-  ▪ Kyle PD
-  ▪ Manor PD
-  ▪ Pflugerville PD
-  ▪ Pflugerville ISD PD
-  ▪ Round Rock PD
-  ▪ Saint Edwards University PD
-  ▪ San Marcos PD
-  ▪ Sunset Valley PD
-  ▪ Texas State University PD
-  ▪ Travis County SO
-  ▪ University of Texas PD
-  ▪ Williamson County SO

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The ARIC Team

Allotted Personnel:

- 1 Commander [Austin PD]
- 1 Lieutenant/Director [Austin PD]
- 1 Sergeant/Deputy Director [Austin PD]
- 1 Crime Intel Analyst Supervisor/Deputy Director [Austin PD]
- 2 Detectives [Austin PD]
- 2 FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Detectives [Austin PD]
- 10 Crime Intel Analysts [3 APD, TCSO, HCSO, CPPD, UTPD, PPD, WCSO & SMPD]
- 4 Intelligence Officers [Austin PD]
- 1 Fire Lieutenant [Austin FD]
- 1 Public Health [Austin Public Health-Remote]



Daily Operations

- Intelligence information received from various sources is analyzed for its nexus to the Central Texas area, and then disseminated as appropriate.
- Requests For Information (RFIs) & Requests for Analysis (RFAs).
- ARIC Outreach & Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) program.
- Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) vetting and follow up.
- Real-Time Open-Source Analysis.
- Threat Analysis for major events (SXSW, ACL, Formula 1, etc.).



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ARIC Intel and Info Products

- Intelligence information is received from various sources, from the Federal level down to the municipal level.
- That information is collected, analyzed for its nexus to the Central Texas area and then disseminated as appropriate:
 - Crime Trends,
 - Terror Alerts, or
 - Bulletins (Officer Safety, Request to Apprehend, Request to Identify, etc.)



Request For Information (RFI)

- Investigative Case Support
- Query of databases and tools for information, to include (but not limited):
 - Individuals
 - Organizations
 - Gangs
 - Associates
 - Vehicles
 - Weapons
 - Telephone numbers
 - Criminal justice records
 - Intelligence reports
- Various databases are available to ARIC officers & analysts that many investigators do not have access to.