

## The Mission of the Homeland Security Division

Of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training is supporting the law enforcement, intelligence, and emergency response communities in preparing for, preventing and responding to terrorist threats or attacks, as well as providing protective services to the Administrator of EPA.



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# OCEFT Homeland Security Division

Key elements of OCEFT's Homeland Security Division:

- Criminal Investigative and scientific support, including forensic evidence



collection at crime scenes involving hazardous materials and laboratory analysis in response to suspected terrorist incidents;

- Pre-deploying incident response teams at national security special events at the request of the US Department of Homeland Security or the US Department of Justice or other lead agency for the event;
- Facilitating environmental information sharing between our law enforcement partners and EPA, as well as serving as a bridge for EPA emergency responders to potential crime scenes in the event of a suspected terrorist incident;

- Intelligence gathering, analysis, threat assessment and coordination, including providing assistance to the National Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Homeland Security Operations Center;
- Using applied science in analysis of intelligence information in order to anticipate and counter the use of chemical or biological weapons against the homeland;
- Providing training in environmental crime investigations, in support of EPA's Homeland Security Program, emphasizing forensics evidence collection techniques for crime scenes involving hazardous materials and drinking water and waste water infrastructure protection to our colleagues within EPA, as well as our law enforcement and emergency response partners;



- Safeguarding the Administrator by deploying a protective service detail; and
- Ensuring the continuity of operations of OCEFT during a national emergency by effectively implementing a continuity of operations plan.



## Where We've Served

To date, the OCEFT Homeland Security Division has served the nation in the following incidents:

- The terrorist attacks of 9/11
- The anthrax attacks on the US Capitol and Washington, DC's Brentwood Post Office and a suspected ricin attack on the US Capitol
- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- G-8 Economic Summit of leading industrialized nations
- The Salt Lake City, Utah Winter Olympics
- The 2004 National Political Conventions
- Major national sports events, including the Super Bowl, World Series, and All-Star games.



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