



What is LEO?

Law Enforcement Online (LEO) is a state-of-the-art Internet system that is accredited and approved by the FBI for sensitive but unclassified information. LEO is used to support investigative operations, send notifications and alerts, and provide an avenue to remotely access other law enforcement and intelligence systems and resources. LEO provides all levels of the law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety communities virtual private network access to its "anytime and anywhere" system for secure electronic communications, online training, and information sharing.

Membership Requirements

The Law Enforcement Online (LEO) network is only available to persons duly employed by a law enforcement, criminal justice, or public safety agency/department and whose position requires secure communications with other agencies via the Internet. As an information-sharing forum, all members are encouraged to contribute information in their area of interest or expertise.

LEO Capabilities:

Virtual Command Center (VCC):

Provides an Internet based real-time tool that allows a LEO member to monitor the many moving parts of a complex event in a secure environment.

Law Enforcement Online Special Interest Groups (LEOSIG's):

Multi-level access areas for members to participate in communities of specialized interests to securely share information, database resources, applications, specialized training, and access to other partnering networks.

National Alert System (NAS):

The National Alert System provides a priority mechanism to notify homeland security and law enforcement partners through their existing command, control channels, and wireless notifications to key management officials.

E-mail:

Provides the capability to send and receive electronic mail/attachments between LEO users and any e-mail address on the Internet. Users can also send secure e-mail between LEO users and other partnering government and law enforcement systems.

Special Topics Index:

Topical areas of general interest for LEO members to share information regarding new investigative programs, sources of information for investigators, government grants information, and more.

Forums (Bulletin Boards):

Provides secure bulletin boards of threaded messages by topic or by LEO Special Interest Group for information sharing among LEO users.

Chat:

Provides the ability to have real time secure discussions among users electronically, one to one, in groups, or for presentations and question/answer sessions.

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FBI Wants New Tools In Terrorism Assessments

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By Lori Margasol

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed guidelines Friday that would give the FBI more tools to assess national security and foreign intelligence threats.

Agents would be permitted to use tactics only allowed in criminal cases: physical surveillance, recruitment of sources and "pretext interviews" — where the real purpose would not be revealed.

Justice Department and FBI senior officials briefed reporters on the draft guidelines, but would not be quoted by name because they were discussing proposals that are still likely to be changed.

Some Democratic senators and civil liberties groups have said the proposals would allow Americans to be targeted in part by their race, ethnicity or religion — and be spied on without any other basis for suspicion.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which was briefed by the FBI and Justice Department, quickly criticized the new guidelines. The rewritten rules would "give the FBI the ability to begin surveillance without factual evidence, stating that a generalized threat is enough to use certain techniques," the group said.

LEO Membership Criteria
Online User Application

Active VCCs

VCC	Event	Status	Event
SECURITY	Search Days	Open	09/17
AP/CT	2008 AP/CT	Open	09/19
	Event Based		
ABCD/PA	Single Unit	Open	09/14
	Drop		
ALPS	HE Atlanta	Open	09/10
ALIC	Supervisors	Open	09/10
	Industry Meeting		
ATF-GEN	Carrier/OTI/OTC	Open	09/13
	Event Opening		
ATF/IC	2008 NCFI Case	Open	09/08
	Support		

Electronic Calendar:

Provides national, state, and LEOSIG calendars for posting upcoming dates of interest for conferences, meetings, training courses, seminars, and other important dates.

External Connectivity:

LEO continues to identify and interface with other secure networks to enhance information and intelligence sharing initiatives in order to support our homeland security and other law enforcement investigative programs.

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For questions about becoming a LEO member, e-mail membership@leo.gov

For assistance with LEO Virtual Command Centers, e-mail vcleosupport@leo.gov

Accessing LEO

LEO members can access the virtual private network (VPN) through any connection to the Internet such as cable modem, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), Local Area Network (LAN), or a dial-up Internet Service Provider (ISP). LEO's secure network is web-based and can be accessed anywhere worldwide without the installation of any additional software.



Law Enforcement Online CUI/SBU/LES Information Sharing Network



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Law Enforcement Online Federal Bureau of Investigation CUI/SBU/LES Information Sharing Network For Local, State, Federal, and Tribal Partners

"LEO provides real-time solutions through its Virtual Command Centers, Special Interest Groups, and National Alert System which allows Criminal Justice partners the ability to communicate and share relative, important, and timely information across jurisdictional and agency boundaries."

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