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November 4, 2022

VIA E-mail

Michael O'Neill
Landmark Legal Foundation
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LEESBURG, VA 20176-5150
mike@landmarklegal.org

Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 4, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/D. Alaska

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Exemptions claimed:

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(b)(7)(C)

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Sincerely,

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Kevin Krebs
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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PRIVACY ACT: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(USAAK)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAE0) [Contractor]
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:13 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAAK)
Subject: RE: Re: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Received, thank you.

Rebecca Wyrick

Paralegal | Legal Programs
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAAK) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@usa.doj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:08 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAE0) [Contractor] <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: Re: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

The District of Alaska, in accordance with the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff, has convened the required meetings with district law enforcement leaders on October 13, 2021 and again on October 30, 2021.

- (1) The law enforcement agencies that attended these meetings are as follows: Anchorage Police Department, Fairbanks Police Department, Juneau Police Department as the lead law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the major school district areas in the state; Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of Safety as the lead law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the rural school district areas in the state.
- (2) It does not appear that threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff is a significant issue within the District of Alaska.

Respectfully,

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Law Enforcement, Reentry and Community Outreach Coordinator
U.S. Department of Justice

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222 W. 7th Ave, Room 253
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"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction." – Bessie A. Stanley



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Against School Board Members and Administrators/N. D. Ala.

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Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AGENCY/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
1. Johnnie Sharp ✓	SAC	FBI	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
2. Johnny Gandy ✓	Police Chief	Madison Police Department	
Nick McRae ✓	Captain	Madison Police Department	
3. Kevin Turner	Sheriff	Madison County	
4. Seth Sullivan	Captain	Cullman Police Department	
5. Nick Derzis ✓	Police Chief	Hoover Police Department	
6. Mo Canady ✓	Ex. Director	National School Resource Officer	
7. Clay Hammac	Captain	Shelby County Sheriff's Office	
8. Clint Reck	Police Chief	Muscle Shoals Police Department	
9. Ron Puckett	Sheriff	Morgan County	
10. Clark Morris ✗	Dep. AG	AGO	
11. Cheryl Miller	Office Mgr.	Scottsboro Police Department	
12. Ashley Lightner	ASAC	ATF	
(Robert Almgren for Ash Lightner) ✓			
(Justin Hayes for Ash Lightner) ✓			
13. Jeffrey J. Brown ✓	ASAC	FBI	
14. John Samaniego	Sheriff	Shelby County Sheriff's Office	
15. Rick Singleton ✗	Sheriff	Lauderdale County	
16. James Studdard	Sheriff	Clay County	
17. Scott Praytor ✓ ✗	Police Chief	Warrior Police Department	
18. Steven Dick	Police Chief	New Hope Police Department	
19. Eddie Houk	Chief Deputy	Madison County Sheriff's Department	
20. Mark McMurray ✓	Police Chief	Huntsville Police Department	
21. Brent Blankley ✓	Police Chief	Tuscaloosa Police Department	
22. Nick Bowles	Police Chief	Anniston Police Department	
23. Matthew Wade	Sheriff	Calhoun County Sheriff's Office	
24. Jaye Loggins ✓	Police Chief	Mountain Brook Police Department	
Jason Rhoads ✓	Lt. - Investigations	Mountain Brook Police	
25. David Hyche ✓	Police Chief	Calera Police Department	
26. Bill Partridge ✗	Police Chief	Oxford Police Department	

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27. Marcus Wood	Police Chief	Jacksonville Police Department
28. Paul Irwin Jr. ✓	Police Chief	Pell City Police Department
29. Pat Cheatwood	Police Chief	Pelham Police Department
30. Michael Roper ?	Police Chief	Bessemer Police Department
31. Patrick Smith ✓	Police Chief	Birmingham Police Department
32. Matt Gentry ✓	Sheriff	Cullman County
33. Mark Pettway ✓	Sheriff	Jefferson County
Anthony Williams ✓		
Clyde Money ✗		
34. Jeff Shaver	Sheriff	Cherokee County
35. Kelley Johnson	Police Chief	Sylacauga Police Department
36. Gerald Burton ✓	Police Chief	Northport Police Department
37. Anthony Durrah	Chief	Carrollton Police Department
38. Nick Welden	Sheriff	DeKalb County
39. Johnathon Horton	Sheriff	Etowah County
40. Rocky Harnen Kim Rice	Chief Deputy	Jackson County Sheriff's Office
41. Dan Rary	Police Chief	Vestavia Hills
42. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ✗	Sergeant	Trussville Police Department
43. Marty Keely	USM	USMS
44. Danny Carr ✗	DA	Jefferson County
45. Lynneice Washington	DA	Jefferson County
46. Andy Hamlin	DA	Pickens/Lamar/Fayette County
47. Robert Broussard	DA	Madison County
48. Ronald D. Tyler ✗	Police Chief	Florence
49. Michael Jackson	DA	Bibb County
50. James G Hernandez	ASAC	ICE/DHS
51. Jimmy Sellers	Police Chief	Brookwood Police Department
52. Dennis Walker	Police Chief	Attalla Police Department
53. Wayne Bush	Police Chief	Weaver Police Department
54. Judy Yates ✓	supervising VSO	Jefferson County DA's Office
55. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ✓		Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

56.	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	✓	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
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Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Meeting Format

Prim F. Escalona

United States Attorney

Welcome/Opening Remarks

**Purpose of meeting - Assess the extent or lack of the problem; and address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.*

Johnnie Sharp

Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal law enforcement resources

Lines of communication – contacting FBI for assistance

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Victim Assistance Specialist

United States Attorney's Office

&

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Supervising Victim Service Officer

Jefferson County District Attorney's Office

Federal & State Victim Support

Moe Canady

Director

National Association of School Resource Officers

View from NASRO (What are our SROs seeing/hearing)

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lyndon J. Laster

Law Enforcement Coordinator

United States Attorney's Office

Outreach and Training

Prim F. Escalona

United States Attorney

Closing Remarks

From: Chambers, Will (USAALN) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 10:17 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAALN <(b)(6);@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: Expedited FOIA - EOUSA-2022-000376 Landmark

Ok – here is what I found – let me know if I need to add more explanation.
Our meeting – ordered by DOJ was held via WebEx on 10/29/2021

1. Any records of communications between DOJ personnel in your office and state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders discussing meetings held or planning to be held pursuant to the October 4 Memorandum. Communications includes emails (sent from official government accounts or personal email accounts), text messages and letters.

The meeting invitation was this:

Northern District of Alabama Law Enforcement Community

Please join us on Friday, October 29, 2021, at 10:00am via Webex (link below) to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. The Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama want to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, and local, authorities exist and are maintained so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction.

Please note that this meeting is intended for **law enforcement only** and should **not** be forwarded outside of your respective agency. However, given the short timing of this request, please do not hesitate to have someone else from your agency attend if you are unable. Thank you in advance and I look forward to discussing this with you.

Respectfully,

Prim F. Escalona
United States Attorney

2. Any meeting agendas produced, distributed and currently in possession of DOJ personnel in your office relating to meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders held or planning to be held under the directive of the October 4 Memorandum.

Attached is the meeting agenda that we put together – this was only distributed among those who contributed

3. Any records listing names of individuals who have attended any meetings held under the directive of the October 4 Memorandum.

I have attached a listing of everyone invited. This list is highlighted with those who attended and those who declined. If an individual is not highlighted – we received no response

4. Any transcripts or audio recording of meetings between DOJ personnel and state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders held under the October 4 Memorandum.

NONE

5. Any memos received by DOJ personnel in your office from state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders on matters discussed in the October 4 Memorandum.

None that I am aware of

6. Any memos sent by DOJ personnel in your office to state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders on matters pertaining to the matters discussed in the October 4 Memorandum.

None exist that I am aware of.

Non Responsive Record

JTTF Exec Meeting Attendance

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, FBI

, Frankfort PD

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, FBI

, CPD

, DuPage CO

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y, Northbrook PD

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, Lake CO

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, Park Ridge PD

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, U.S. Postal Inspection Service

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ak Brook PD

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, Park Ridge PD

, Chicago Federal Reserve Board

, Metra

(b)(6)

, Lake Zurich PD

(b)(6)

, Cook CO

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), DuPage CO
(b)(6), Western Springs PD
(b)(7)(C), Cicero PD
(b)(7)(C), CFD
(b)(6), FBI
(b)(6), Lincolnwood PD
(b)(6), Amtrak
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(b)(6), FBI
(b)(6), Abbott Laboratories
(b)(6), FBI
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Buffalo Grove PD
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), DHS CISA Ernest Cato, CPD
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), FBI
(b)(6), Sugar Grove PD
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FBI

From: [Jacob Molitor](#)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5
Cc: [Irwin, Scott R. \(FBI\) \(Scott.Irwin@ic.fbi.gov\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Phone Call re School Threats
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:17:24 AM

Thank you for your email. Are you both available at 9:30 this morning?

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Jacob Molitor
Cc: Irwin, Scott R. (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Phone Call re School Threats
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:26:34 AM

Sounds good. I am available and ready whenever you both are. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Irwin, Scott R. (OM) (FBI); Jacob Molitor
Subject: RE: Phone Call re School Threats

I am as well. I am happy to initiate the call if you give me a good number to reach you at.

From: Scott Irwin (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Jacob Molitor <jmolitor.mnpd@meskwaki-nsn.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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From: Jacob Molitor <jmolitor.mnpd@meskwaki-nsn.gov>
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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5
Subject: Re: School Threats Call
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:36:05 AM

Today almost anytime will work for me. Tomorrow afternoon would be better for me and Thursday morning would be good .

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:24:31 AM
To: Irwin, Scott R. (OM) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:28:42 PM

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Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:22:47 AM

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To: Irwin, Scott R. (OM) (FBI); Jacob Molitor
Subject: RE: Phone Call re School Threats
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:25:00 AM

I am as well. I am happy to initiate the call if you give me a good number to reach you at.

From: Scott Irwin (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Jacob Molitor <jmolitor.mnpd@meskwaki-nsn.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN) 5
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To: Berry, Sean (USAIAN)
Subject: RE: School Threats Meetings
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 8:38:12 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Received, thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:28 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(6); (USAEO) [Contractor] (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: School Threats Meetings

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Sean Berry
Acting United States Attorney



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Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAIAN; Irwin, Scott R. (OM) (FBI)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Threats against sch
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:39:01 PM
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Leadership Team,

Tim Duax reached out to me today regarding the DOJ offering assistance on any threats against school officials, or threats to close down schools. This could be precipitated by hot button issues like mask mandates, but could also be related to some of the curriculum changes such as the critical race theory debate. Now logically speaking, this **would not include** 1st amendment issues such as parents constructively complaining at school board meetings. Any cases where there are direct threats that we would consider actionable, they would be interested in knowing about them. Obviously the DOJ has expressed some interest in this subject as you have likely noticed from media reports. Regardless, should you receive such cases, reach out to Scott Irwin at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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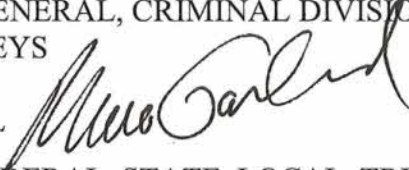




Office of the Attorney General
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October 4, 2021

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
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THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD
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The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

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Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAIAN)
Subject: FW: Threats to School Officials Points for USAOs
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:50:18 AM
Attachments: School Threats for USAs (10.7.pdf)

Looks like I was right. They have section 875 in here. Nice to know I see the fed hook as narrow as it truly is.

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Here are some talking points re: threats to school officials directive that was just sent out from the Office of Public Affairs.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:05 AM
To: USAEO-PublicAffairsOfficers <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: Threats to School Officials Points for USAOs

Dear Colleagues:

As you are aware, on Monday, October 4, Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memorandum to the FBI Director, the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division and all US Attorneys to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. The memo directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

Here is the link to the PR: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>
AG memo: <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

There has been a rash of misinformation about this memo suggesting it somehow limits parental free speech or label parents as “domestic terrorists”. Attached is a set of facts/talking points for use by USAOs in meeting with law enforcement partners, community stakeholders, and the press to keep the record straight as this process plays out.

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Let us know if you have any questions,

Wyn Hornbuckle
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
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- Where criminal conduct involves deprivation of constitutional rights, the federal government has a direct role in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.
- For example, threats of physical harm in interstate or foreign commerce may be prosecuted federally (18 USC § 875), as may threats made because of a protected characteristic (race, color, religion, national origin) and made to interfere with a federally protected activity such as public school employment or education. 18 USC § 245(b)(2).
- In other circumstances, where criminal conduct is non-federal in character, the Department of Justice and its 93 U.S. Attorneys, where appropriate, provide assistance to state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement.
- There has been misinformation circulated that the Attorney General's directive is an effort to silence those with particular views about COVID-related policies, school curricula, or other topics of public discussion.
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- Threats and acts of violence against anyone, regardless of the political or ideological viewpoint of the person making the threat or the victim of the threat, are unacceptable, will be vigorously investigated, and will be prosecuted as appropriate.

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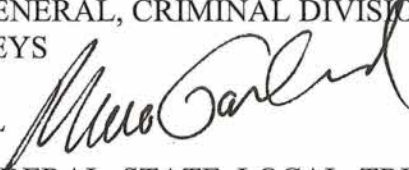
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October 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
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To: (b)(6); (USAID); (b)(6); (USAID); (b)(6); (USAID); (b)(6); (USAID)
Subject: FW: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:59:55 PM
Attachments: [Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators Board Mem.pdf](#)

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Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:47 PM
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Cc: USAEO-FirstAUSAs <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; USAEO-Executive-AUSAs <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; USAEO-LEC <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
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Dear U.S. Attorneys-

A number of districts have reached out to us with questions relating to the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum "Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff" specifically, as it relates to who is responsible for convening the meetings contemplated in the memorandum. We have received clarification that as the chief federal law enforcement officer in your respective districts, the intent is for you to use your convening authority, in partnership with the FBI, to bring the appropriate parties together to carry out the Attorney General's directive.

We expect additional guidance to be provided in the near future. As always, please let us know if we may be of assistance.

Thanks,
Monty

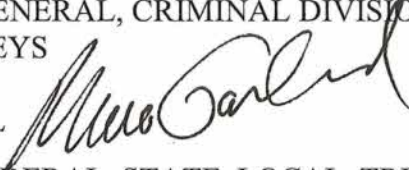
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Subject: School Threat Discussion Points draft
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:43:18 AM

All, Draft discussion points:

Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff: Discussion Topics for Law Enforcement Consultation

-Aim is to assess any potential trends in violations of criminal laws regarding threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees.

-Simply wish to ensure open lines of communication between USAO, FBI and local law enforcement so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of potential criminal conduct that may fall within their jurisdiction.

-Constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. Any federal involvement will protect first amendments rights.

-The USAO, FBI have worked with other stakeholders extensively over the last four years on targeted violence directed at our schools. Local law enforcement and the FBI have established an effective working relationship on this issue, including consultation with the USAO on appropriate potential cases.

-Potential federal nexus includes, threats of physical harm in interstate or foreign commerce (18 USC § 875), as may threats made because of a protected characteristic (race, color, religion, national origin) and made to interfere with a federally protected activity such as public school employment or education. 18 USC § 245(b)(2).

-Acknowledge that not all victims react to threats in the same way. Ensure that processes are in place for assessing the impact on school personnel that will ensure appropriate supports/interventions are available. The USAO's Victim Specialist is available as resource for consultation.

Intelligence Specialist/Law Enforcement Coordinator
USAO Northern District of Iowa

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Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

On October 4, 2021, citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation's public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

Below are talking points for use by U.S. Attorneys and other Department officials in speaking with law enforcement partners, community stakeholders or the press:

- The Department of Justice is committed to doing everything in its power to discourage criminal threats of violence against those who give their time to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment.
- Where criminal conduct involves deprivation of constitutional rights, the federal government has a direct role in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.
- For example, threats of physical harm in interstate or foreign commerce may be prosecuted federally (18 USC § 875), as may threats made because of a protected characteristic (race, color, religion, national origin) and made to interfere with a federally protected activity such as public school employment or education. 18 USC § 245(b)(2).
- In other circumstances, where criminal conduct is non-federal in character, the Department of Justice and its 93 U.S. Attorneys, where appropriate, provide assistance to state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement.
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November 8, 2022

VIA E-mail

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Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 4, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/N.D. Iowa

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is another of a series of additional interim releases of documents in response to your above-numbered FOIA request, representing records submitted to us by United States Attorney's Offices that did not respond to the request of the EOUSA Office of Victim and Legal Programs (OLVP) for reports on their actions responding to the Attorney General's initiative and the EOUSA Director's memorandum implementing the initiative. For your ease in keeping track of which districts' responsive records you have received, and also because the United States Attorney's Offices responded to our request for responsive records separately from one another, we will send you a separate interim response for each district. We will do this on a rolling basis as frequently as possible until we have released records for all offices that did not respond to OLVP but did respond to us. When that process is complete, we will engage in further discussions with you regarding how to proceed and the possible narrowing of your request. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

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Enclosure(s)

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Memorandum of Response to FOIA

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Response- See attachment.

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Response-None

- 3) Any records listing names of individuals who have attended any meetings held under the directive of the October 4 Memorandum.

Response-None

- 4) Any transcripts or audio recordings of meetings between DOJ personnel and state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders held under the October 4 Memorandum.

Response-None

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Response-None

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Response-None

Holmes, (b)(6) (USAINN)

From: Holmes, (b)(6) (USAINN)
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Balko, Stephen D
Subject: RE: SAVE THE DATE-DOJ WEBINAR-The U.S. Attorney General's Initiative On Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff

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You are welcome

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Thanks! Should've started there! Appreciate it.

Thank you,

Steve

Stephen Balko
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Yes. You are more than welcome to attend. I sent an email to (b)(6) earlier today asking that you amplify throughout the SROS allow 1-2 per district to attend.

Thank you
Ryan

Ryan Holmes
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Good afternoon,

I see that attendance is restricted to the Chief Executive Officer of police departments; however, I was curious if I would be able to attend and see how may be able to best support schools from our office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen Balko

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Director of School Building Security

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Good afternoon All,

Please see below.

Thank you.

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From: Balko, Stephen D (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Holmes, Ryan (USAINN)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: SAVE THE DATE-DOJ WEBINAR-The U.S. Attorney General's Initiative On Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff

Thanks! Should've started there! Appreciate it.

Thank you,

Steve

Stephen Balko

Director of School Building Security
Indiana Department of Education

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Good afternoon,

I see that attendance is restricted to the Chief Executive Officer of police departments; however, I was curious if I would be able to attend and see how may be able to best support schools from our office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen Balko

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Director of School Building Security

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Sorry to hear but hope you get well soon!
JC

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You are welcome. Times have been weird with COVID. Hope to see you one day soon.

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From: Michael Nielsen <MNielsen@co.boone.in.us>
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Thank you for all you do for us, sir!

With Respect,

Mike

Sheriff Mike Nielsen
Past President Indiana Chapter FBI/NA
Boone County Sheriff Office

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At War Against Evil *Jake Pickett E.O.W. 3/2/18*
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Kevin Krebs
Assistant Director

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November 17, 2022

VIA E-mail

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Request Number: EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 04, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence
Against School Board Members and Administrators/E.D. Mo.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act request, the following checked paragraph(s) apply:

1. ☐ A search for records located in EOUSA has revealed no responsive records regarding the above subject.
2. **XX** A search for records located in the United States Attorney's Office(s) for the Eastern District of Missouri produced no records responsive to your request.
3. ☐ After an extensive search, the records which you have requested cannot be located.
4. ☐ Records that might have been responsive to your request were destroyed pursuant to the agency's record retention and disposition schedules approved by the National Archives and Records Administration.
5. ☐ Please note that your original letter was split into separate files ("requests"), for processing purposes, based on the nature of what you sought. Each file was given a separate Request Number (listed below), for which you will receive a separate response:

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To: [Woods, Shelese \(USAINS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SAVE THE DATE-DOJ WEBINAR-The U.S. Attorney General's Initiative On Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 10:18:03 AM
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From: Holmes, Ryan (USAINN) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Whitaker, Steven (USAINS) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: FW: SAVE THE DATE-DOJ WEBINAR-The U.S. Attorney General's Initiative On Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff



THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

United States Attorney's Offices
Northern & Southern Districts of Indiana

SAVE THE DATE

November 23, 2021
3:00 pm-4:00 pm (Eastern Time)

**Topic of Discussion: The U.S. Attorney General's
Initiative On Addressing Threats against School
Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff**

This is a coordinated online law enforcement only meeting sponsored by the United States Attorney for both the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indianapolis Field Office.

About the event: Nationwide there has been an uptick of news reports of threats of violence and actual violence against school administrators, teachers, and staff. The U.S. Attorney General directed all U.S. Attorneys and the FBI to conduct a joint meeting with law enforcement regarding such criminal acts. During this webinar, attendees will learn the objective of this initiative and gain an understanding of when such criminal conduct violates federal criminal laws.





Registration link: <https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebfa5e6f4c6aad0c6399e4aa518f7e940>

Once you click on the above link, a new webpage will appear. The page will have “Event Status” on the upper left side. You will need to click “Register” and fill in your agency information to attend this event. Once this is done, you will receive a calendar invite.

Due to limited virtual space, this event is primarily for the Chief Executive Officer of each police agency or their designee. Pre-registration is required on or before November 21, 2021 thru the above electronic link. Questions or comments should be sent to Ryan Holmes at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or

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November 10, 2022

VIA E-mail

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Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 4, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/D. Kan.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is another in a series of additional interim releases of documents in response to your above-numbered FOIA request, representing records submitted to us by United States Attorney's Offices that did not respond to the request of the EOUSA Office of Victim and Legal Programs (OLVP) for reports on their actions responding to the Attorney General's initiative and the EOUSA Director's memorandum implementing the initiative. For your ease in keeping track of which districts' responsive records you have received, and also because the United States Attorney's Offices responded to our request for responsive records separately from one another, we will send you a separate interim response for each district. We will do this on a rolling basis as frequently as possible until we have released records for all offices that did not respond to OLVP but did respond to us. When that process is complete, we will engage in further discussions with you regarding how to proceed and the possible narrowing of your request. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

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From: Jeff Herrig
To: (b)(6) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:41:29 AM

Good morning (b)(6) I would like to be included on the webex meeting on November 9th.
Thank you.

Sent from Sheriff Jeff Herrig

From: [Eric Sauer \[KHP\]](#)
To: (b)(6); [USAKS](#)
Cc: (b)(6); [\[KHP\]](#); [Andrew Dean \[KHP\]](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:36:43 AM

Good morning (b)(6). Hey could you sign me and Major Andy Dean up for this ? I have ccd him here so you have his email address.

Thanks!

Major Eric Sauer
Kansas Highway Patrol
Headquarters, Topeka

From: KACP <ksacp@ksacp.org>

Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 9:20:29 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [KHP] <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

Subject: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9

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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for requesting to join the meeting has been extended to end of day, Sunday, November 7.

Esteemed law enforcement partners:

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas, in coordination with the Kansas City FBI Field Office, invites you to participate in a meeting to discuss partnerships among federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. The aim of the meeting is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws related to harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials and in our schools. In particular we would like to discuss how victims can be supported, state and local laws that address criminal conduct, relevant federal laws and appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority, and potential resources for threat mitigation.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., via Webex. If you or a designated individual from your agency would like to join this discussion, please RSVP by COB on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 to:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Law Enforcement Coordinator

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

An email invitation with a meeting link will be distributed by Monday, Nov. 8. If the email invitation should go to additional individuals within your agency, please provide those email addresses when you RSVP.

Thank you,

Duston J. Slinkard
Acting United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office - Kansas
444 SE Quincy, Suite 290
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Voice: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of
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To: (b)(6), [USAKS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join WebEx Meeting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:21:15 AM

I would like to RSVP for the meeting on November 9th.

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Wakeeney Police Department
525 Warren Ave
Wakeeney, Kansas 67672
Ph (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Ashley Garza - Police Chief

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From: [Gordon Fell](#)
To: (b)(6); [USAKS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Invite
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:06:42 PM

(b)(6);

Please add me to your webex meeting regarding school boards.

Thanks

*Gordon B. Fell
Director of Public Safety
Mulvane Police, Fire & EMS
410 East Main Street
Mulvane, KS 67110*

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: [Tracy Heath](#)
To: (b)(6) (b)(6) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 9:59:28 AM

(b)(6)

Would like to join meeting....."schools"...

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Tracy A. Heath
Chief of Police
Wellington Police Dept.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fwd: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:34:27 PM

Mr. (b)(6)

Please add me to your meeting for next week as the representative from the Riley County Police Department (Manhattan, Kansas).

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Riley County Police Department
1001 S. Seth Child Road
Manhattan, KS 66502
(b)(6); @rileycountypolice.org
785-537-2112 (b)(6)

>>> On 11/5/2021 at 10:57 AM, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:
(b)(6); is this something that you could attend and update us on?

Thanks

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
>>> KACP <ksacp@ksacp.org> 11/5/2021 9:20 AM >>>

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Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police

PO Box 2163, Hutchinson KS 67504-2163

PHONE: 620-899-4122

<http://ksacp.org>

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for requesting to join the meeting has been extended to end of day, Sunday, November 7.

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(b)(6) (b)(6)

Law Enforcement Coordinator

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Thank you,

Duston J. Slinkard
Acting United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office - Kansas
444 SE Quincy, Suite 290
Topeka, KS 66683
Voice: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Fax: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on behalf of
Randy Henderson, Executive Director
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From: m.simpson@bluevalley.net
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USAO WebEx Meeting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 9:25:46 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

(b)(6).

I would like to join the WebEx meeting on November 9th. Additionally, could you add me to your office email distribution list for local law enforcement?

Respectfully,
Matt



Matt Simpson
Assistant Chief
Marysville Police Department
p: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
a: 207 South 10th Street, Marysville, KS 66508







From: [Ash, Don](#)
To: [\(b\)\(6\) \(b\)\(6\) \(USAKS\)](#)
Cc: [Soptic, Daniel](#); [Carver, Andrew](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USAO WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:44:48 PM
Importance: High

[\(b\)\(6\)](#) I would like to participate in this WebEx meeting next Tuesday. Please also include LTC Daniel Soptic and MAJ Andrew Carver, copied above. Thank you...



Donald Ash, Sheriff
Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office
710 N. 7th Street, Ste #20
Kansas City, KS 66101

[\(b\)\(6\), \(b\)\(7\)\(C\)](#) office
[\(b\)\(6\), \(b\)\(7\)\(C\)](#) fax

From: Sandy Horton via Sheriffs <sheriffs@kansassheriffs.net>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:39 PM
To: sheriffs@kansassheriffs.net
Subject: [KS Sheriffs List] USAO WebEx Meeting November 9

All, due to the Fall Conference I am late sending this invitation out. Please note that if you are interested in attending this Webex meeting you will need to reply to [\(b\)\(6\)](#) [\(b\)\(6\)](#) by the end of the day Sunday. Thank you, Sandy

Sheriff Sandy Horton, Retired
Executive Director
Kansas Sheriffs Association

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(b)(6); (b)(6);

Law Enforcement Coordinator

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Thank you,

Duston J. Slinkard
Acting United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office - Kansas
444 SE Quincy, Suite 290
Topeka, KS 66683
Voice: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Fax: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: [Craig Divoll](#)
To: (b)(6), (b)(6) (USAKS)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USAO Webex Meeting
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:00:49 PM



I would like to request that I be granted access to your Webex meeting on Threats against Schools on November 9th.

I would like for our School Resource Officer, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to attend as well. Our email addresses are as follows: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

Craig Divoll
Assistant Chief of Police

Belle Plaine Police Department
419 N. Logan St.
Belle Plaine, KS 67013

O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
C: 
F: 

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From: [Drew Francis](#)
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USAO WebEx Mtg 11/9
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 12:59:54 PM

(b)(6), please add me to the WebEx on Monday.

Drew

Police Chief
Dodge City, Ks

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: [Patrick Kitchens](#)
To:   (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webex Meeting November 9, 2021
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:00:56 AM

I would like to be invited to the Webex meeting to discuss threats against school officials.

Chief Patrick R. Kitchens
Leavenworth, KS Police Dept.

pkitchens@firstcity.org

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From: [Darrell Atteberry](#)
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webex meeting on Nov. 9, 21
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 12:28:15 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Mr. (b)(6),

I would like to join the Tuesday, November 9, 2021 Webex meeting at 1300 hours.

Darrell G. Atteberry

Chief of Police

City of Bel Aire

7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Bel Aire, Kansas 67226

Phone: 316-744-6000

Fax: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)





From: [Richards, Jeff](#)
To: [Nace, \(b\)\(6\) \(USAKS\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] webex meeting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:50:35 PM

(b)(6).

I have been away from the Office attending a conference. Is it too late to join the Webex call on Tuesday?

Jeff



— SHERIFF'S OFFICE —
Franklin
COUNTY KANSAS
— EST. 1850 —

Jeffrey O. Richards, CPM
Sheriff
220 S. Beech Street Ottawa, KS 66067
Office: (785) 229-1200
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www.franklincoks.org

From: [Sandy Horton](#)
To: [\(b\)\(6\) \(b\)\(6\) \(USAKS\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webex RSVP
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:39:56 PM

[\(b\)\(6\)](#) I just got back from the conference and sent you Webex invite out. Please include me in the meeting. Thank you, Sandy

Sheriff Sandy Horton, Retired
Executive Director
Kansas Sheriffs Association

From: [Randy Henderson](#)
To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WebEx
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:20:44 AM

Sign me up please (b)(6)

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From: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: RE: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:19:47 PM

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

Duston and I are looking at these dates as possibilities for the video/telephone meeting: Oct. 25, Oct. 26, Oct. 27 (AM only), Nov. 2, Nov. 3. Our 30-day deadline is Nov. 3, so we'd like to have the meeting by then.

Before I reach out to FBI ASAC Craig Tremaroli re: these dates, are you aware of any conflicts for you or the LEO community in general? Nov. 2 is election day in some areas, so that might not be the best day.

Thanks,
Carrie

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: FW: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Number two of two.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Supervisory Law Enforcement Coordinator
District Office Security Manager
Outreach Programs Manager

United States Attorney's Office-District of Kansas
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Direct (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **Cell** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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JCON-TS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:47 PM
To: USAEO-USAttorneysOnly <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

Cc: USAEO-FirstAUSAs <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; USAEO-Executive-AUSAs <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; USAEO-LEC <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>

Subject: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Dear U.S. Attorneys-

A number of districts have reached out to us with questions relating to the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum "Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff" specifically, as it relates to who is responsible for convening the meetings contemplated in the memorandum. We have received clarification that as the chief federal law enforcement officer in your respective districts, the intent is for you to use your convening authority, in partnership with the FBI, to bring the appropriate parties together to carry out the Attorney General's directive.

We expect additional guidance to be provided in the near future. As always, please let us know if we may be of assistance.

Thanks,
Monty

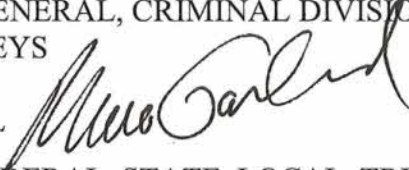
Monty Wilkinson
Director
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
United States Department of Justice
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (direct)



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS
THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD
MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

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Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values. Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.

The Department takes these incidents seriously and is committed to using its authority and resources to discourage these threats, identify them when they occur, and prosecute them when appropriate. In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.

Coordination and partnership with local law enforcement is critical to implementing these measures for the benefit of our nation's nearly 14,000 public school districts. To this end, I am directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.

The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

From: [USAEQ-OTD](#)
Subject: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:43:45 PM
Attachments: [Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators Board Mem.pdf](#)

MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal
and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School
Administrators, Board
Members, Teachers, and
Staff

Please see the attached memorandum from the Attorney General regarding Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

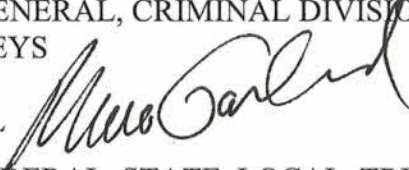
cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 2021

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From: [Capwell, Carrie \(USAKS\)](#)
To: [Slinkard, Duston \(USAKS\)](#)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Subject: Draft - school threats meeting
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:37:15 PM

Duston and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Below is the draft email to send out to law enforcement partners. I cribbed heavily from the WDMO email, so feel free to add in some “Duston” touches.

(b)(6) – I made you the RSVP collector; I hope that is OK. I sent Craig T at FBI a heads up that we’d be sending this out and asked him to let me know by COB today if FBI wanted anything added. So we can send this out later today or in the morning.

Thanks,
Carrie

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The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., via Webex. If you or a designated individual from your agency would like to join this discussion, please RSVP by COB on Thursday, October 28, 2021 to:

(b)(6); (b)(6)

Law Enforcement Coordinator

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Please include the email address to which the invitation to the virtual meeting should be sent. An email invitation with a meeting link will be distributed by Monday, Nov. 1.

Thank you,

Duston J. Slinkard
Acting United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office - Kansas
444 SE Quincy, Suite 290
Topeka, KS 66683

Voice: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Fax: (

From: [Capwell, Carrie \(USAKS\)](#)
To: [Slinkard, Duston \(USAKS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting Confirmation Notification - District of Kansas
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:40:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

We have reported.

From: Wyrick, Rebecca (USAEO) [Contractor] <RWyrick@usa.doj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS) <ccapwell@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Confirmation Notification - District of Kansas

Received, thank you.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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United States Department of Justice

O: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



From: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS) <ccapwell@usa.doj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:27 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: Meeting Confirmation Notification - District of Kansas

Good afternoon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C),

Pursuant to Director Wilkinson's October 20, 2021 memo, this is the District of Kansas's meeting confirmation notification regarding the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

Consistent with the AG's October 4 memo and Director Wilkinson's October 20 memo, the Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas addressed the topic of threats against school officials at the following meetings:

October 26, 2021 – PSN Meeting

FBI
DEA
ATF
Wichita PD
Garden City PD
Sedgwick COSO
Wichita State U.
KS Probation and Parole
Fed Probation and Parole
Sedgwick Co Corrections

November 1, 2021

FBI
Johnson County, KS Sheriff's Office

November 9, 2021*

FBI
KBI
Marysville PD
Wellington PD
Mulvane PD
KHP
Leavenworth PD
Leavenworth Co SO
Kansas Police Chiefs Association
Kansas Sheriffs Association
WaKeeney PD
Bel Aire PD
Dodge City PD
Jefferson Co SO
Franklin Co SO
Riley Co SO
Wyandotte Co SO
Belle Plaine PD
Wichita PD

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* We requested and received permission, via Norman Wong, to convene a meeting outside the 30-day deadline due to an annual conference of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association.

We also attended the meeting hosted by our neighbors, the Western District of Missouri, on October 28, 2021.

No significant issues were raised at any of these meetings that need to be brought to the Deputy AG's attention.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Carrie

Carrie N. Capwell
Chief, Criminal Division
U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Kansas
500 State Ave., Rm. 360
Kansas City, KS 66101

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



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DATE: October 20, 2021

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ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS
ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

FROM: Monty Wilkinson
Director

SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on
Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) *for meeting confirmation notifications)*

Contractor
Legal Programs Office

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) *for non-legal/coordination questions)*

Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager
Office of Legal Programs

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Seth Adam Meinero *(for legal questions)*
National Violent-Crime Coordinator
Legal Programs Office

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, ["Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial](#)

[Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.](#)” The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department’s aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General’s directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney’s office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings.* These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.
- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (*e.g.*, masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics.* While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This

discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;

- Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
- Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Please direct any non-legal questions (*e.g.*, questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to Brandy Donini-Melanson, Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact Seth Adam Meinero. Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAKS)
To: Slinkard, Duston (USAKS)
Subject: FW: Threats to School Officials Points for USAOs
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:20:00 AM

FYI, continues.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:05 AM
To: USAEO-PublicAffairsOfficers <USAEO-PublicAffairsOfficers@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: Threats to School Officials Points for USAOs

Dear Colleagues:

As you are aware, on Monday, October 4, Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memorandum to the FBI Director, the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division and all US Attorneys to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. The memo directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

Here is the link to the PR: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>
AG memo: <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

There has been a rash of misinformation about this memo suggesting it somehow limits parental free speech or label parents as "domestic terrorists". Attached is a set of facts/talking points for use by USAOs in meeting with law enforcement partners, community stakeholders, and the press to keep the record straight as this process plays out.

In addition, here are some pertinent parts of the memo you should be aware of.

As the Attorney General's memo says:

"In recent months, there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools. **While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.** Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values." (emphasis added for clarity)

To address these threats the memo said:

“in the coming days, the Department will announce a series of **measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct** directed toward school personnel.” (emphasis added for clarity)

- Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department’s Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

The Attorney General memo also directed:

“the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the **discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.**” (emphasis added for clarity)

In addition to the memo, the department also announced that it will create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand:

- the type of behavior that constitutes threats,
- how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and
- how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Let us know if you have any questions,

Wyn Hornbuckle
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
To: Franklin County Sheriff's Office; Slinkard, Duston (USAKS); Capwell, Carrie (USAKS); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (KC) (FBI); Tremaroli, Craig L. (KC) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (KC) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Kansas Bureau of Investigation; Marysville Police Department2; Wellington Police Department; Kansas Highway Patrol3; Kansas Highway Patrol2; Leavenworth Police Department; Randy Henderson; Wakeeney Police Department; Bel Aire Police Department; Dodge City Police Department; Mulvane Police Department; Riley County Police Department2; Sandy Horton; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office2; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office3; Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Belle Plaine Police Department; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Gordon Ramsay (gramsay@wichita.gov); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Subject: FW: USAO District of Kansas WebEx Meeting
Start: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:00:00 PM
End: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 2:00:00 PM
Location: Virtual

We are looking forward to meeting with everyone.

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From: (b)(6) (USAKS)
To: Slinkard, Duston (USAKS); Capwell, Carrie (USAKS)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Government Affairs Committee: DOJ Memo
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:17:38 PM
Attachments: image001.jpg

I'm sure you both have seen the news, but thought I would forward what KSA Sandy Horton sent me that he got from National Sheriffs.

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"Live Life Anchors Aweigh"

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(6) (USAKS)" <(b)(6)>
Date: October 25, 2021 at 5:13:29 PM CDT
To: Sandy Horton <sandy@kansassheriffs.net>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Government Affairs Committee: DOJ Memo

Thanks Sandy, I read this in the news today as well.

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"Live Life Anchors Aweigh"

On Oct 25, 2021, at 3:40 PM, Sandy Horton
<sandy@kansassheriffs.net> wrote:

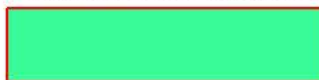
[REDACTED] (b)(6) talk about timing. I just got this email from the National Sheriffs Association. Sandy

Government Affairs Committee:

Please see this article regarding the National School Boards Association backtracking on its letter to DOJ. If you have questions or comments, please let me know!

[School board group backtracks on letter for security help from DOJ - POLITICO](#)

Loren Hoekstra
Loren Hoekstra
Director, Governmental Affairs
National Sheriffs' Association



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From: [REDACTED] (b)(6) (USAKS)
To: Slinkard, Duston (USAKS); Capwell, Carrie (USAKS)
Cc: [REDACTED] (USAKS)
Subject: Law Enforcement Memo WebEx
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:39:00 PM

Duston and Carrie,

I have the following on my list for the initial email invite to federal, state, local and tribal LEO's;

SAC Charles Dayoub FBI
ASAC Craig Tremaroli FBI
SAC Frederic Winston ATF
Colonel Herman Jones KHP
Director Kirk Thompson KBI
Kansas Sheriff's via Executive Director Sandy Horton
Kansas Chief's of Police via Executive Director Randy Henderson
Iowa Tribe Police Chief Nick Hilderbrand
Kickapoo Tribe Police Chief Nathan Gray
Prairie Band Tribe Police Chief Terry Clark
Sac and Fox Tribe Police Chief Mike McDonald

Should we invite KLETC Director Darin Beck? Thoughts? Anyone else?

For your awareness there are several public school police departments in the State that I have not incorporated into the list, but I will if you feel we should.

Also, based on today's WDMO presentation, I have looped [REDACTED] in for your technical representation and advised him of the date and time to save the date.

I am prepared to bcc the first email to the above tomorrow of course adding whomever you advise needs to be added or changes made to the above.

Standing by,

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Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Re: Department of Justice's Suppression of the Free Speech Rights of Parents

Dear President Biden and Attorney General Garland,

Today, we write to you in our capacity as State Attorneys General, chief legal officers for our respective states. Over the last year, as legal officers, we have advised our constituencies of their constitutional right to free speech and encouraged public engagement to voice their opinions on important issues affecting their country, state, and communities, especially parents who have concerns about their children's education. Your recent action seeks to chill lawful dissent by parents voiced during local school board meetings by characterizing them as unlawful and threatening.

On October 4, 2021, Attorney General Garland issued a Memorandum¹ steering the Department of Justice toward combatting what he characterizes as a "disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff", and directs the Federal Bureau Investigation ("FBI"), the United States Attorneys, and the Criminal Division to fan out throughout the United States to put an immediate stop to these activities. However, this Memorandum and the promised "series of measures designed to address" this purported crisis are unnecessary as they:

1. Are based upon a flawed premise, i.e. that there has been a nationwide spike in "threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff";
2. Violate the First Amendment rights of parents to address school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff on educational matters by seeking to criminalize lawful dissent and intimidate parents into silence; and

¹ Office of the Attorney General Memorandum, *Re: Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff*, (October 4, 2021), <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>.

3. Intrude on the well-recognized First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children by intimidating parents away from raising concerns about the education of their children.
1. **The October 4, 2021 Memorandum repeats the canard that “there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff.”**

The October 4, 2021 Memorandum and its statement that “there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff” appears to be based solely on a September 29, 2021 letter from the National School Boards Association (“NSBA”) to President Biden calling for him to invoke “the PATRIOT Act in regards to domestic terrorism,” arguing that as “acts of malice, violence and threats against public school officials have increased, the classification of these heinous actions could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes.”²

To be sure, anyone who attacks or threatens violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, or staff should be prosecuted. However, in its letter demanding action, the NSBA fails to document a single legitimate instance of violence. And even if it did, there are sufficient criminal and civil remedies already available in all 50 states and territories.

Instead, the letter cites news articles about disruptions (“Protesters disrupt Poway Unified board meeting,” “Anti-mask crowd disrupts Gwinnett school board meeting,” “Grand Ledge school board goes into recess due to public ‘disruption’”); disorderly conduct (“Sarasota school board may limit public input after some meetings get disorderly”); and contentious behavior (“School board meeting turns contentious over COVID-19 policies”) all of which were handled quickly and effectively by local law enforcement. Several articles detail the fallacies contained in the NSBA letter.³ The fact is, the vast majority of incidents that NSBA cites involved disruptive

² National School Board Association Letter, *Re: Federal Assistance to Stop Threats and Acts of Violence Against Public Schoolchildren, Public School Board Members, and Other Public School District Officials and Educators* (September 29, 2021), <https://www.nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/nsba-letter-to-president-biden-concerning-threats-to-public-schools-and-school-board-members-92921.pdf?la=en&hash=642B7B91E0029BA4427D0F38D7054A007537160F>.

³ For a detailed analysis of the fallacies in the NSBA letter, *see e.g.*, Max Eden, *Concerned About Your Child's School? You Might Be a Domestic Terrorist*, Newsweek (October 6, 2021 6:30 AM), <https://www.newsweek.com/concerned-about-your-childs-school-you-might-domestic-terrorist-opinion-1635751>; and Lindsay Kornick, *AP's fact check falsely claims NSBA never requested protesting parents to be labeled as 'domestic terrorists'*, Fox News (October 7, 2021), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/ap-factcheck-claims-nsba-never-labeled-parents-domestic-terrorists>.

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and disorderly conduct rather than threats.⁴⁵ In fact, in no known instance, has there been anything like the burning, looting, police assaults, vandalism and other criminal activity that occurred in the summer of 2020. We note that to date your administration has done nothing to bring those thousands of perpetrators to justice and we could not find where the NSBA condemned any of that outright and documented criminal behavior.⁶

Indeed, in its letter, the NSBA seems more concerned about suppressing speech with which it disagrees than real threats of violence. For example, it notes that it is concerned that “[o]ther groups are posting watchlists against school boards and spreading misinformation that boards are adopting critical race theory curriculum and working to maintain online learning by haphazardly attributing it to COVID-19.”⁷

The bottom line is that actual threats and violence towards school administrators, board members, teachers, or staff are rare, and there are already existing criminal and civil legal remedies available if individuals threaten or conspire to commit violence against public officials in person, by U.S. mail, by email or otherwise. A physical assault on a school administrator, board member, teacher, or staff is just that, a criminal assault and will be addressed under state law. Even the NSBA letter itself acknowledges that in the rare instances where there were physical escalations, local law enforcement immediately intervened.

The falsity of the NSBA narrative which forms the basis of the DOJ’s actions are also being challenged by leaders in Congress. For example, Senators Tom Cotton and Josh Hawley questioned Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”) Lisa Monaco in an October 5, 2021 Senate hearing.⁸ During the Senate hearing, DAG Monaco walked back portions of the Memorandum that relied on the NSBA’s domestic terrorism assertions:

⁴ Caroline Downey, *Vast Majority of Incidents Cited by School-Board Group to Justify Federal Intervention Didn’t Involve Threats*, National Review (October 8, 2021 11:04 AM), https://www.nationalreview.com/news/vast-majority-of-incidents-cited-by-school-board-group-to-justify-federal-intervention-didnt-involve-threats/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=breaking&utm_campaign=newstrack&utm_term=25277587.

⁵ One such parent was arrested for “disorderly conduct” after he attempted to bring to the school board’s attention during discussions of their transgender bathroom policy that their daughter has been raped in the girl’s bathroom by a boy “wearing a skirt.” Jennifer Smith, *Loudon County father who was dragged out of work school board meeting reveals his daughter was ‘raped’ in the girls’ bathroom by a ‘skirt-wearing’ male student who was arrested for assaulting the SECOND girl months later – but staff did nothing*, Daily Mail (October 12, 2021 10:19 AM), <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10083783/Loudoun-County-father-arrested-school-meeting-says-daughter-raped-boy-girls-bathroom.html>.

⁶ NSBA discussed how the protests and pandemic pointed to the need to address systemic racism, but clearly omitted any denouncement of violence. *The Time is Now*, NSBA (August 1, 2020), <https://www.nsba.org/ASBJ/2020/August/the-time-is-now>.

⁷ *Supra*, fn. 2 at 5.

⁸ Michael Ginsberg, *Republicans Pepper Deputy AG With Questions About Treating American Parents AS Domestic Terrorists*, Daily Caller (October 5, 2021 5:00 PM), <https://dailycaller.com/2021/10/05/tom-cotton-josh-hawley-lisa-monaco-memorandum-fbi-local-law-enforcement/>.

“The association is asking the administration to use the PATRIOT Act, a law that this Congress passed and has repeatedly reauthorized, primarily to stop the threat of Islamic Jihadists, to bring criminal charges for domestic terrorism against parents who attend school boards to oppose things like Critical Race Theory or mask mandates resulting in a recess being called. Ms. Monaco is it domestic extremism for a parent to advocate for their child’s best interests?” Cotton asked. “What you have described, no I would not describe as domestic extremism,” Monaco responded after initially dodging the question.⁹

Nevertheless, she continued to defend the DOJ and FBI actions in seeking to intervene in what is a quintessential local issue. We would assure you and DAG Monaco that state and local law enforcement are perfectly capable of handling a ruckus at a school board meeting, as well as more serious threats. They do so every day without the specter of FBI involvement.

Surely the FBI and the Department of Justice have more pressing matters to attend to, like the massive spike in murders in major cities throughout the United States. According to figures released by the FBI, “The United States experienced its biggest one-year increase on record in homicides in 2020,” with an “additional 4,901 homicides in 2020 compared with the year before.”¹⁰ Our country’s law enforcement efforts should be focused on this rise in crime instead of harassing and intimidating parents that petition local governments to better serve their children. These parents want the best for their children and are willing to challenge school leaders who seek to supplant their God-given authority to raise their children according to their values.

2. The October 4, 2021 Memorandum violates American parents’ First Amendment rights by seeking to intimidate parents into silence via the threat of federal agents coming to their homes to “investigate” their attempts to effectively participate in and freely discuss the education of their children.

For many Americans, their first, live personal interaction with their government is with their local public school board. Parents or other taxpayers may be aggrieved by what happened at school and/or they want more information about some issue or school practice. For example, a kindergarten parent is upset their child has to wear a mask in school. The parents targeted for suppression by the NSBA letter and the DOJ Memorandum are not lobbyists or politicians or others used to speaking in public—they are simply ordinary Americans who in many cases are, for the first time, speaking in a public forum to express their concerns. This is likely intimidating to parents. We as a country should celebrate their participation in our system of self-government, not

⁹ See *Id.* Following the hearing. On October 6, 2021, Senator Cotton issued a [letter to Attorney General Garland](#) specifically requesting the information underpinning the DOJ’s reliance on the debunked NSBA’s allegations of widespread threats of violence that undergirded his Memorandum.

¹⁰ Neil MacFarquhar, *Murders Spiked in 2020 in Cities Across the United States*, New York Times (September 27, 2021), <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/27/us/fbi-murders-2020-cities.html>. (“The year-to-year increase in homicides from 2019 was the largest since national record-keeping began in 1960.”)

silence them by accusing them of “domestic terrorism”¹¹ and threaten them with the prospect of the FBI knocking on their door to investigate their activities. “Domestic Terrorism” for the FBI’s purposes is defined as activities that:

- (A) involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;
- (B) appear to be intended—
 - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
 - (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
 - (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and
- (C) occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States

18 U.S.C. § 2331(5). Concerned parents at public school board meetings do not meet this definition of “domestic terrorism.” Using federal security apparatuses to quiet individuals is the hallmark of oppressive regimes and has all the characteristics of McCarthyism.

In *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Ct. for Norfolk Cty.*, the Supreme Court recognized both the vital role that citizen participation in government plays and the guarantee of that participation that the First Amendment provides:

[It] is the common understanding that “a major purpose of that Amendment was to protect the free discussion of governmental affairs,” *Mills v. Alabama*, 384 U.S. 214, 218 (1966). By offering such protection, the First Amendment serves to ensure that the individual citizen can effectively participate in and contribute to our republican system of self-government. See *Thornhill v. Alabama*, 310 U.S. 88, 95 (1940); *Richmond Newspapers, Inc. v. Virginia*, 448 U.S., at 587–588 (BRENNAN, J., concurring in judgment). See also *id.*, at 575 (plurality opinion) (the “expressly guaranteed freedoms” of the First Amendment “share a common core purpose of assuring freedom of communication on matters relating to the functioning of government”).

457 U.S. 596, 604 (1982). In *City of Madison, Joint Sch. Dist. No. 8 v. Wisconsin Emp. Rels. Comm’n*, the Supreme Court specifically noted these protections in the context of school board meetings which are open to the public. 429 U.S. 167, 174-175 (1976).

School board meetings are thus “a ‘designated’ and ‘limited’ public forum: ‘designated’ because the government has ‘intentionally open[ed]’ it ‘for public discourse,’ and ‘limited’ because ‘the State is not required to . . . allow persons to engage in every type of speech’ in the forum.” *Lowery v. Jefferson Cty. Bd. of Educ.*, 586 F.3d 427, 432 (6th Cir. 2009) (citing *Cornelius v. NAACP Legal Defense and Ed. Fund, Inc.*, 473 U.S. 788, 802 (1985); *Good News Club v.*

¹¹ *Supra*, fn. 2 at 2.

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Milford Cent. Sch., 533 U.S. 98, 106 (2001)). While school boards are granted some discretion in these limited public fora, “[a]t the same time . . . we have necessarily recognized that the discretion of the States and local school boards in matters of education must be exercised in a manner that comports with the transcendent imperatives of the First Amendment.” *Edwards v. Aguillard*, 482 U.S. 578, 583 (1987) (citing *Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School Dist. No. 26 v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853, 864 (1982)).

Thus, the parents targeted by the NSBA, the DOJ, and the FBI, have a clearly established First Amendment right to “effectively participate in” school board meetings and express their opinions on issues relating to their children’s education. School boards may not appreciate or agree with parents’ spirited concerns, but the remedy for speech we don’t like is “more speech, not enforced silence.” *U.S. v. Alvarez*, 567 U.S. 709, 728 (2012). “[T]he public expression of ideas may not be prohibited merely because the ideas are themselves offensive to some of their hearers.” *Street v. New York*, 394 U.S. 576, 592 (1969). *See also Texas v. Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397, 414 (1989) (“If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable.”) The NSBA letter and the subsequent October 4, 2021 Memorandum, however, are clearly designed to, and will have the effect of, suppressing these parents’ First Amendment rights.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly noted that task forces, investigations, and inquiries of the type ordered in the October 4, 2021 Memorandum by their very nature intimidate citizens into foregoing their First Amendment rights. “[W]hen a State attempts to make inquiries about a person’s beliefs or associations, its power is limited by the First Amendment. Broad and sweeping state inquiries into these protected areas. . . discourage citizens from exercising rights protected by the Constitution.” *Baird v. State Bar of Ariz.*, 401 U.S. 1, 6 (1971) (citing *Shelton v. Tucker*, *supra*; *Gibson v. Florida Legislative Investigation Committee*, 372 U.S. 539 (1963); *Cf. Speiser v. Randall*, 357 U.S. 513 (1958)).

Just three months ago the Supreme Court reaffirmed the chilling nature that actions of this kind have on Americans’ exercise of their First Amendment rights: “When it comes to ‘a person’s beliefs and associations,’ ‘[b]road and sweeping state inquiries into these protected areas ... discourage citizens from exercising rights protected by the Constitution.’” *Americans for Prosperity Found. v. Bonta*, 141 S. Ct. 2373, 2384 (2021) (citing *Baird v. State Bar of Ariz.*, 401 U.S. 1, 6 (1971)).

3. The October 4, 2021 Memorandum proposing a Federal Task Force to coordinate the fight against parents expressing concerns about their children’s education at school board meetings also violates their First Amendment Rights and also their Fourteenth Amendment rights.

As noted above, the NSBA’s letter focused on disputes between parents and their local schools over educational issues impacting their children such as school boards adopting critical

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race theory curriculum and disagreements over whether young children should be forced to wear masks at school. These are issues where the Supreme Court has clearly and unequivocally held that parents have constitutionally protected rights to advocate about, and indeed, to direct the education of their children.

In *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205 (1972), the Court noted that “this primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition” citing *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, 268 U.S. 510 (1925) and noting that under *Pierce* “the values of parental direction of the religious upbringing and education of their children in their early and formative years have a high place in our society.” The Court quoted the following passage from *Pierce*:

“Under the doctrine of *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390, 43 S.Ct. 625, 67 L.Ed. 1042, 29 A.L.R. 1146, we think it entirely plain that the Act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the Constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the State. The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this Union repose excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.” 268 U.S., at 534—535, 43 S.Ct., at 573.

Yoder, 406 U.S. at 233.

These parental rights are also protected under the 14th Amendment: “In a long line of cases, we have held that, in addition to the specific freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights, the ‘liberty’ specially protected by the Due Process Clause includes the righ[t] . . . to direct the education and upbringing of one’s children.” *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702, 720 (1997) (citing *Meyer* and *Pierce*). “In light of this extensive precedent, it cannot now be doubted that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children.” *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 66 (2000).

Congress has also recognized the primary role parents play in the education of their children. For example, the United States Department of Education Organization Act’s preamble states that “parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children, and States, localities, and private institutions have the primary responsibility for supporting that parental role.”¹² The federal government does not have any such role. In the Department of Education

¹² 20 USC § 3401(3)&(4) (Pub. L. 96–88, title I, § 101, Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 669).

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Organization Act Statement in October of 1979, former President Jimmy Carter reiterated that the “[p]rimary responsibility for education should rest with those States” and warned of the dangers of federal intrusion: “Instead of assisting school officials at the local level, it [the Federal Government] has too often added to their burden.”¹³

Despite the “primary role of the parents” in “direct[ing] the education and upbringing of [their] children” the NSBA letter and the October 4, 2021 Memorandum seek to intimidate parents under the threat of being investigated as “domestic terrorists” from exercising their rights.

To that end we request that you immediately withdraw the October 4, 2021 Memorandum, to immediately cease any further actions designed to intimidate parents from expressing their opinions on the education of their children, and demand that you respect their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and to raise their children.

Sincerely,



Todd Rokita
Indiana Attorney General



Steve Marshall
Alabama Attorney General



Mark Brnovich
Arizona Attorney General



Leslie Rutledge
Arkansas Attorney General



Christopher Carr
Georgia Attorney General

¹³ “Department of Education Organization Act Statement on Signing S. 210 Into Law,” *American Presidency Project*, October 17, 1979, <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/departments-education-organization-act-statement-signing-s-210-into-law>.

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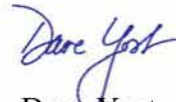
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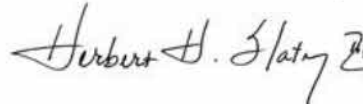
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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
To: Randy Henderson
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:08:00 PM

Yes sir, thank you!

From: Randy Henderson <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:06 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS) <snace@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Can you give us until the end of the day on Nov 7th to respond to RSVP please?

Randy Henderson
Exec Director KACP
PO Bx 2163
Hutchinson KS 67504-2163
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
[www.http://ksacp.org](http://ksacp.org)
Retired Sheriff Reno Co KS
FBINA 227th

On Oct 29, 2021, at 10:19 AM, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> wrote:

Sandy and Randy,

Please forward the attached email invitation to your respective memberships at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Law Enforcement Coordinator

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Thank you,

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Voice: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USAKS
To: Richards, Jeff
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] webex meeting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:07:33 PM

Jeff,

I will send you an invite first thing in the morning.

Best regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Outreach Programs Manager
District Security Manager

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On Nov 8, 2021, at 4:50 PM, Richards, Jeff <JRichards@franklincoks.org> wrote:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

I have been away from the Office attending a conference. Is it too late to join the Webex call on Tuesday?

Jeff

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Jeffrey O. Richards, CPM
Sheriff
220 S. Beech Street Ottawa, KS 66067
Office: (785) 229-1200
Fax (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
To: "Sandy Horton"
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Webex RSVP
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:42:00 PM

Sandy,

Thanks again for your support, I have added you to the list and invites will go out Monday afternoon. I have heard the conference was a great success and am truly sorry I was not able to participate. Hopefully next year will be different for me.

Best regards,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: Sandy Horton <sandy@kansassheriffs.net>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:40 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(6) (USAKS) <snace@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webex RSVP

(b)(6) I just got back from the conference and sent you Webex invite out. Please include me in the meeting. Thank you, Sandy

Sheriff Sandy Horton, Retired
Executive Director
Kansas Sheriffs Association

From: Nace, (b)(6) (USAKS)
To: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS)
Subject: RE: School meeting - reporting to EOUSA
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 2:32:01 PM

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ATF
Wichita PD
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Wichita State U.
KS Probation and Parole
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KBI
Marysville PD
Wellington PD
KHP
Leavenworth PD
Leavenworth Co SO
Kansas Police Chiefs Association
Kansas Sheriffs Association
WaKeeney PD
Bel Aire PD
Dodge City PD
Jefferson Co SO
Franklin Co SO
Riley Co SO
Wyandotte Co SO
Belle Plaine PD
Wichita PD

Of course we had multiple participants from several of the agencies in both meetings.
Let me know if you need anything else.

(b)(6)

From: Capwell, Carrie (USAKS) <ccapwell@usa.doj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:54 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(6) (USAKS) <snace@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: School meeting - reporting to EOUSA

(b)(6)
(b)(7)(C)

I will need to identify the agencies that participated.

So, for the PSN meeting, please send a list.

Also for today's meeting. Please.

Thank you!

Carrie

Carrie N. Capwell
Chief, Criminal Division
U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Kansas
500 State Ave., Rm. 360
Kansas City, KS 66101

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
To: "Drew Francis"
Subject: RE: USAO WebEx Mtg 11/9
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:25:00 PM

Hi Drew,

I have added you to the list and to my contacts. The WebEx is on Tuesday, 11/9, at 1:00 pm and I will send out all of the invites on Monday afternoon.

Thanks for responding.

Best regards,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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JCON-TS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

"Live Life Anchors Aweigh"

From: Drew Francis <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:00 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(6); (USAKS) <snace@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USAO WebEx Mtg 11/9

(b)(6); please add me to the WebEx on Monday.

Drew

Police Chief
Dodge City, Ks

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6) (b)(7) (USAKS)
To: Slinkard, Duston (USAKS); Capwell, Carrie (USAKS); (b)(6) (b)(7) (USAKS); (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (KC) (FBI); Tremaroli, Craig L. (KC) (FBI); (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (FBI); (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Kansas Bureau of Investigation; Marysville Police Department2; Wellington Police Department; Kansas Highway Patrol3; Kansas Highway Patrol2; Leavenworth Police Department; (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Wakeeney Police Department; Bel Aire Police Department; Dodge City Police Department; Mulvane Police Department; Riley County Police Department2; Sandy Horton; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office2; Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office3; Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Belle Plaine Police Department; (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Gordon Ramsay (b)(6) (b)(7)(C); Salcido, Jose
Subject: USAO District of Kansas WebEx Meeting
Start: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:00:00 PM
End: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 2:00:00 PM
Location: Virtual

We are looking forward to meeting with everyone.

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Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAKS)
Bcc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (KC) (FBI); Tremaroli, Craig L. (KC) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Capwell, Carrie (USAKS); Slinkard, Duston (USAKS); Kansas Bureau of Investigation; Kansas Highway Patrol; Iowa Tribal Police Department; Kickapoo Tribal Police Department; Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police; Sac and Fox Tribal Police Department; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: USAO District of Kansas WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:27:00 AM

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Law Enforcement Coordinator

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Voice: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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From: [Nace, \(b\)\(7\) \(USAKS\)](#)
To: [Sandy Horton](#) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Bcc: [Slinkard, Duston \(USAKS\)](#); [Capwell, Carrie \(USAKS\)](#)
Subject: USAO WebEx Meeting November 9
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:18:00 AM

Sandy and Randy,

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Best regards,

(b)(6); (b)(6)

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From: [Slinkard, Duston \(USAKS\)](#)
To: [Capwell, Carrie \(USAKS\)](#); [\(b\)\(6\) \(b\)\(7\)\(C\) \(USAKS\)](#)
Subject: Webex PowerPoint
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:34:54 PM
Attachments: [School Webex 11-9-2021.pptx](#)

I think this ready to go unless either of you see anything. Thanks!

Duston J. Slinkard
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Threats Against School Officials November 9, 2021 Law Enforcement Sensitive

United States Attorney's Office
District of Kansas

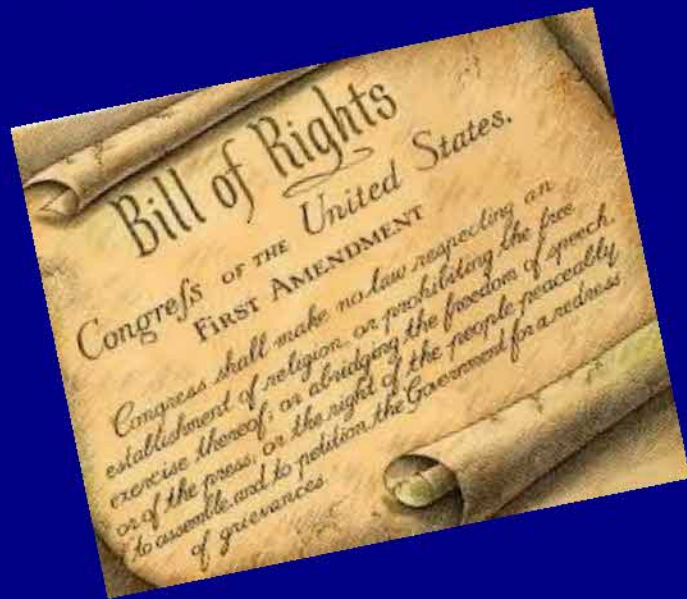
Overview

- Local law enforcement primary agency for response to threats, altercations, disruptions
Federal agencies will play supportive role in state and local investigations when requested
Federal resources can support investigations and assist victims, however there is no mandate requiring federal assistance
State authorities have primary jurisdiction of juvenile offenders

Local Law Enforcement Response

- Respond to physical altercations & make arrests
Investigate cyber threats, harassment, threats to disrupt school & harm students, etc.
Provide security details to school officials
Provide security at meetings

First Amendment



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

**Federal Government supports,
encourages, and defends *1st*
Amendment protected activities**

- ***1st Amendment protects a citizen's right to say almost anything 1st Amendment does not protect: Crimes involving threats or harassment Assaults or other physical crimes Crimes involving child pornography obscenity, or exploitation Notice to others regarding speech (Private sector consequences) Potential crimes may warrant local, state or federal investigation (fact dependent)***

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Potential State Statutes

Missouri Criminal Statutes

Contact State Prosecutor

- K.S.A. 21-5412 AssaultK.S.A. 21-5413 BatteryK.S.A. 21-5415 Criminal ThreatK.S.A. 21-5427 StalkingK.S.A. 21-5808 Criminal TrespassK.S.A. 21-5922 Interference With Public BusinessK.S.A. 21-6203 Disorderly ConductK.S.A. 21-6206 Harassment by Telecommunication DeviceK.S.A. 21-6301 Criminal Use of WeaponsK.S.A. 21-6302 Criminal Carrying of a Weapon

The background of the slide features a large, faded, and slightly offset seal of the United States Department of Justice. The seal is circular, with an eagle in the center holding an olive branch and arrows. The words "DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" are inscribed around the top inner edge, and the Latin motto "QUI PRO DOMINA JUSTITIA SEQUITUR" is at the bottom. The text "DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" is also visible in a larger font across the top of the image.

Potential Federal Statutes

18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

Interstate Transmission of Threat

There are three elements: First: the defendant knowingly transmitted a communication containing a threat to [kidnap any person] [injure the person of another]; Second: the defendant transmitted the communication with the intent to make a threat, or with knowledge that the communication will be viewed as a threat; Third: the communication was transmitted in interstate or foreign commerce.

18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

Interstate Transmission of Threat

A “threat” is a serious statement expressing intent to instill fear, which, under the circumstances, would cause apprehension in a reasonable person, as distinguished from mere political argument, idle talk, exaggeration, or something said in a joking manner. It is not necessary that the defendant intended to carry out the threat, nor is it necessary that the defendant had the ability to carry out the threat.

18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

Interstate Transmission of Threat

Use Note The definition of “threat” comports with case law defining a “true threat,” which is not protected expression under the First Amendment. The word “true” is omitted to avoid jury confusion. See *Virginia v. Black*, 538 U.S. 343, 359–60 (2003); *United States v. Watts*, 394 U.S. 705, 707 SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSES 2.37.1 147 (1969). Whether a statement is a “true threat” is a jury question. See, e.g., *United States v. Dillard*, 795 F.3d 1191, 1201, 1207 (10th Cir. 2015); *United States v. Wheeler*, 776 F.3d 736, 742–43 (10th Cir. 2015); *Nieler v. Bd. of Cnty. Comm’rs*, 582 F.3d 1155, 1167–68 (10th Cir. 2009); *United States v. Viefhaus*, 168 F.3d 392, 395–96 (10th Cir. 1999). Section 875(c) does not specify a mental state for violation of the statute. The second element is taken from *United States v. Elonis*, 575 U.S. 723, —, 135 S. Ct. 2001, 2012 (2015), where the Court interpreted 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) to require such intent. In *United States v. Heineman*, 767 F.3d 970 (10th Cir. 2014), the court held that the First Amendment required the government to show that a defendant intended to instill fear. See *id.* at 982. Negligence is not sufficient to support a conviction under § 875(c). *Elonis*, 135 S. Ct. at 2013. The *Elonis* Court declined to decide whether recklessness would suffice. 135 S. Ct. at 2012. For a definition of “interstate or foreign commerce,” see Instruction 1.39. Source: Tenth Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction 2.37.1

Other Possible Federal Statutes

- Mailing Threatening Communication (18 USC 876) Stalking (18 USC 2261A) Federally Protected Activities (18 USC 245)

School Violence & Threats

Federal Assistance Available
Active Shooter Threats to student body, faculty,
and facilities
Firearms or incendiary devices
brought to schools or school property

Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012 (IAVCA)Threat intake to the FBI from NTOC, complaints from the public, or state/local partners as a TTL GuardianPost-incident response for threats in progressImmediate communications with state/local partnersOffer or request for federal assistance

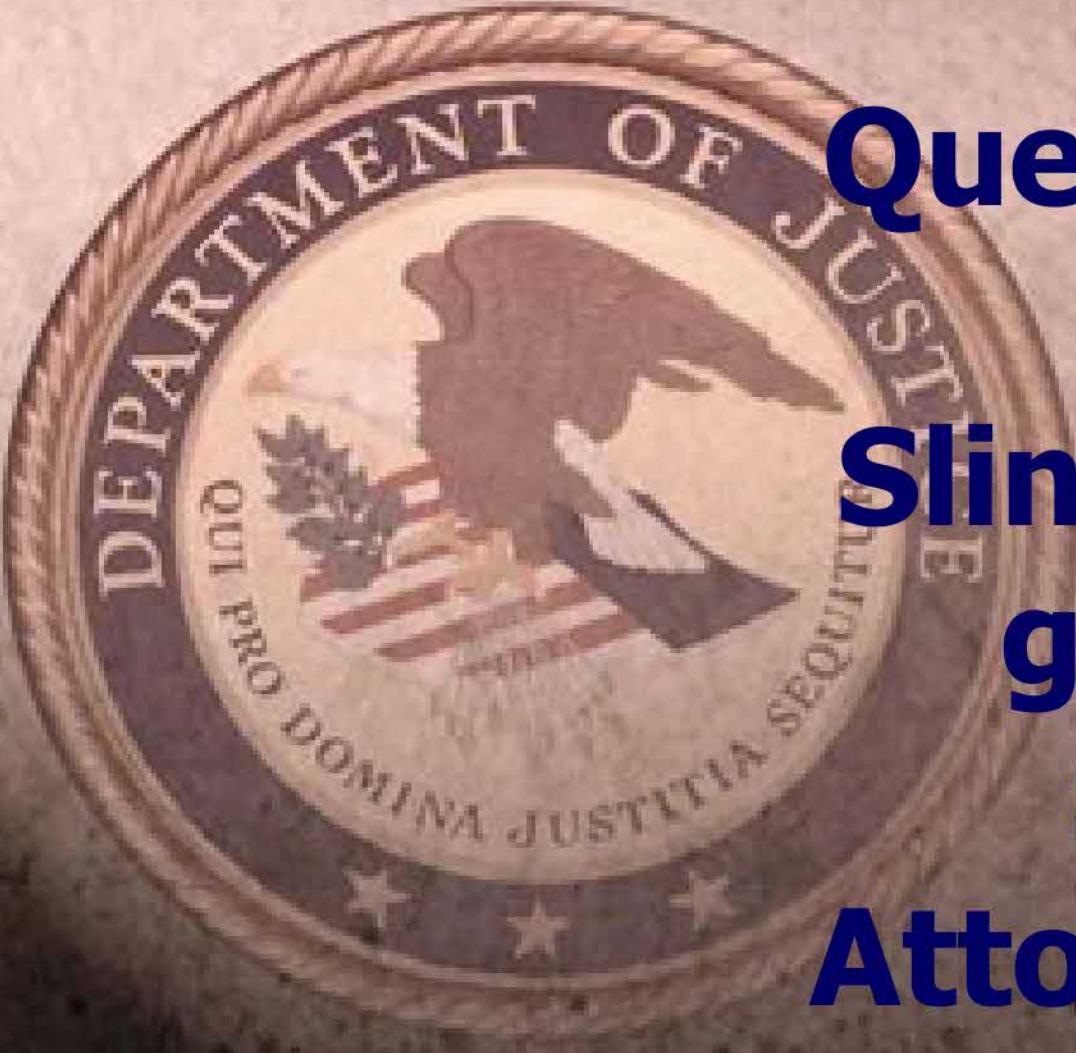
Federal Bureau of Investigation

- **InvestigativeSpecial Agents and Task Force OfficersCellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST)Digital Imaging and Video Retrieval Team (DIVRT)Intelligence Intelligence Analysts and Tactical AnalystsSocial Media Exploitation TeamEvidence Recovery Team**
- **TechnicalCrisis ResponseEvidence Recovery Team (ERT)Victim AssistanceBehavioral Analysis and Threat AssessmentsDigital Forensic ExaminationTechnically Trained Agents (TTAs)**

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November 17, 2022

VIA E-mail

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Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 4, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/D. Nev.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is another in a series of additional interim releases of documents in response to your above-numbered FOIA request, representing records submitted to us by United States Attorney's Offices that did not respond to the request of the EOUSA Office of Victim and Legal Programs (OLVP) for reports on their actions responding to the Attorney General's initiative and the EOUSA Director's memorandum implementing the initiative. For your ease in keeping track of which districts' responsive records you have received, and also because the United States Attorney's Offices responded to our request for responsive records separately from one another, we will send you a separate interim response for each district. We will do this on a rolling basis as frequently as possible until we have released records for all offices that did not respond to OLVP but did respond to us. When that process is complete, we will engage in further discussions with you regarding how to proceed and the possible narrowing of your request. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

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(b)(7)(C)

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Kevin Krebs
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

FOIA: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

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PRIVACY ACT: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

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Non Responsive Record

But please note that the attached documents from the Western District of Michigan disclose that the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts acted jointly in implementing the initiative and contain communications by personnel in both offices.

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December 21, 2021

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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. O'Neill

Your FOIA request was received in this office on December 21, 2021, via electronic mail. This letter is to make you aware that the request has been received by this office and is being researched and processed for the requested information. All FOIA requests must be directed to the FOIA Office of the U.S. Department of Justice. The address is listed below.

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Sincerely,

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/s/ Calvin H. Moore
Calvin H. Moore
FOIA Liaison

LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS COMMITTEE**(LECC) RSVP List for October 21, 2021**

	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Members Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Boulder City Police Department	Timothy Shea	Chief of Police	
2	Boulder City Police Department	Aaron Johnson	Commander	
3	Boulder City Fire Department	Will Gray	Fire Chief	
4	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives	Patrick Gorman	SAC	
5	Bureau of Land Management	Brad Sones	Chief Ranger	
6	City of Henderson Fire Dept	Scott Vivier	Deputy Fire Chief	
7	City of Henderson Police Dept.	Izthak Henn	Captain	On behalf of Chief Andres
8	City of Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Jeff Buchanan	Acting Fire Chief	
9	City of North Las Vegas Police Dept	Jacqueline Gravatt	Asst. Chief of Police	
10	City of Mesquite Police Dept	Maquade Chesley	Chief of Police	
11	Clark County Fire Dept	Warren Whitney	Deputy Chief	
12	Clark County School District Police	Henry Blackeye	Interim Chief of Police	
13	Drug Enforcement Agency	Dan Neill	ASAC	
14	Dept of Interior, Reclamation	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Regional SA	
15	Homeland Security Investigations	Juan Estrada	ASAC	
16	LVMPD	Joseph Lombardo	Sheriff	

17	National Park Service	Trouper Snow	Chief Ranger	
18	Nellis Air Force Base Legal Office7	Debra Luker	Colonel, Staff Judge Advocate	
19	Nellis Air Force Base, Special Investigations	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Operations Officer	
20	Nevada DPS Training – Southern Division	Scott Tuenkel	Captain	
21	Nevada Highway Patrol	Anne Carpenter	Colonel	
22	Nevada Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division	James Taylor	Chief	
23	Nevada HIDTA	Keith Carter	Director	
24	Nevada Parole & Probation	Sherri Sneen	Major	
25	Paiute Tribal Police Dept	Jim Owens	Chief	
26	Transportation Security Administration	Karen Burke	Director	
27	Transportation Security Administration	John Broadhurst	Ass. Director	
28	Transportation Security Administration Federal Air Marshal	Megan Rooney	SAC	
29	United States Attorney's Office	Christopher Chiou	Acting US Attorney	
30	United States Attorney's Office	Brian Whang	Section Chief, NCE	
31	United States Diplomatic Security Service	Jonathan Searles	SAC	
32	United States Forest Service	Don Harris	Captain	
33	United States Marshal	Gary Schofield	United States Marshal	
34	United States Marshal	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Deputy US Marshal	
35	University Police Services, So. Command	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Sgt.	On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
36	University Police Services, So. Command	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Assistant	

37	United States Secret Service	Brian Spellacy	SAC	
38	United States Postal Inspection Service	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Supervisor, Postal Inspector Team Leader	
39	United States Probation Dept	Chad Boardman	Chief Probation Officer	
40	Veterans Administration So. Nevada Healthcare System	Christina Tobon	Chief of Police	
41	Veterans Administration So. Nevada Healthcare System	Travis Payne	Deputy Chief	

From: Fahami, Sue P. (USANV)
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USANV)
Subject: FW: District of Nevada Report - Implementation of Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Monday, December 27, 2021 5:25:56 PM
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Fahami, Sue P. (USANV) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: District of Nevada Report - Implementation of Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Received, thank you.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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United States Department of Justice
O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: Fahami, Sue P. (USANV) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:27 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: District of Nevada Report - Implementation of Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1. I would like to confirm that the District of Nevada convened two meetings with district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum. The first meeting was held in Reno on October 19, 2021 and the second meeting was held in Las Vegas on October 21, 2021.
2. Law enforcement agencies that participated in the first meeting (Reno): Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Transportation Security Administration,

United States Secret Service, Homeland Security Investigations, Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, University of Nevada Police, Reno Tahoe Airport Police, Nevada Highway Patrol.

Law enforcement agencies that participated in the second meeting (Las Vegas): Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Transportation Security Administration, United States Secret Service, Homeland Security Investigations, Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boulder City Police Department, Boulder City Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, City of Henderson Fire Department, City of Henderson Police Department, City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, City of North Las Vegas Police Department, Clark County Fire Department, City of Mesquite Police Department, Clark County Fire Department, Clark County School District Police, Department of Interior (Reclamation), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, National Park Service, Nellis Air Force Base Legal Office 7 and Special Investigations, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division, Nevada HIDTA, Nevada Parole and Probation, Paiute Tribal Police Department, United States Diplomatic Security Service, United States Forest Service, United States Marshal, University Police, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Probation Department, Veterans Administration.

3. We do not have any significant issues arising from the meetings to report.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Sue

Sue Fahami
Deputy United States Attorney
District of Nevada

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) office direct
cell



Agenda for Southern Nevada LECC Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Now Cafe

- **USAO Updates**

1. Executive Order 14043 (Department of Justice Employees)
 - Status and key upcoming dates for DOJ personnel
2. Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff (October 4, 2021 Memorandum from Attorney General Merrick Garland)
 - FBI's National Threat Operations Center
3. 2021 Law Enforcement Summit in Reno
 - Thanks to Secret Service and Nevada Attorney General's Office for presenting
4. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
5. Upcoming Federal Trials in Las Vegas in November
 - *Sims*: November 15
 - *Nelson*: November 16
 - *Thayer*: November 29

- **Agency / Department Updates**

[Next meeting: Thursday, November 18]



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Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

Federal and State Joint Law Enforcement Meeting

*Implementing Attorney General Garland's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against
School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff*

October 26, 2021

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Statement of Purpose for the Meeting
- III. State, County and Local Law Enforcement Observations
- IV. Appropriate Exercise of Applicable State Law
- V. Appropriate Exercise of Applicable Federal Law
- VI. Lines of Communication to Federal Officials
- VII. Victim Support and Any Outreach and Training Needs, Including Resources for Threat Mitigation

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PROSECUTING THREAT CASES FEDERALLY

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Assistant U.S. Attorney

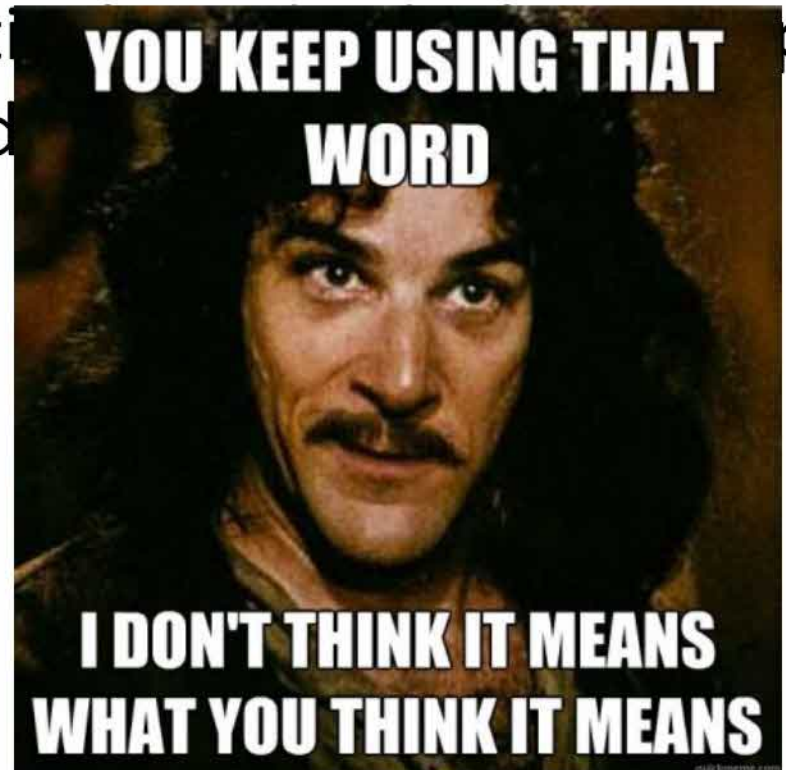
Starting Point

The First Amendment protects the right of the government to regulate speech on its content. “True the traditional exception to content-based restrictions on speech.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT
CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECT-
ING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR
PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF;
OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR
OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE
PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE
GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.
PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, SUPPORT THE CBLDF

What is a true threat?

“True threats” encompass those statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or individuals. Let’s break down the pieces



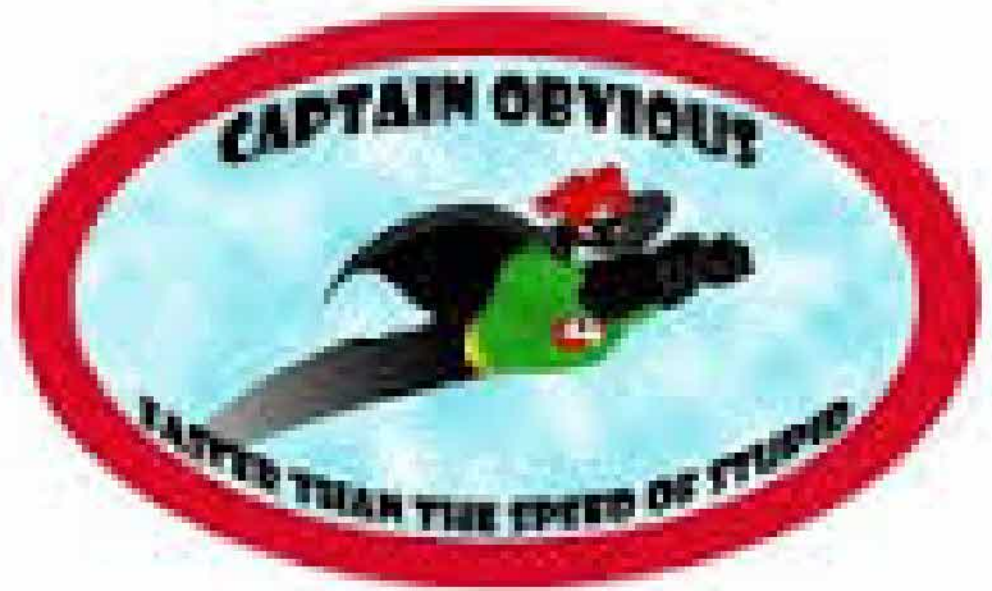
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D Means to [communicate a threat]: How do we prove this element? Defendant made statement “for the purpose of issuing a threat,” or “with knowledge that the communication will be viewed as a threat.”

Elonis, 135 S.Ct. at 2012.

What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a threat]: So that means he basically has to admit that he's threatening people? Who would ever do that? Let's meet E





Reply



(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

You're fucking stupid then.

If you had been around filming the SS, would that have stopped the holocaust?

Kill all cops on sight. No matter the circumstances.

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If you're such a badass then why don't you give it a try?

Like · 1 · More · 9 hours ago



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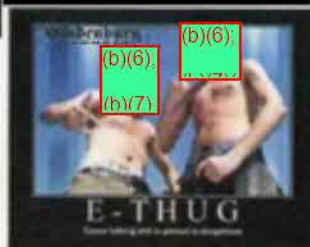
Will do if I witness a horrific act.

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Didn't you say, no matter the circumstance?

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Yes, I did. I meant the circumstances ranging from assaulting a clearly undeserving person, to shooting a pet, to merely threatening someone.

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

No. I talk shit in person all the time. I stand behind my words.

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FAVORITES

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

I'm already there. Waiting to witness an atrocity, so I can send my message.

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That is exactly what is wrong with this whole country everyone is waiting for the big one and don't seem to give a damn on what they have already done stop waiting revolution time is now not when they come to your doors and say hand over your true protection & it's coming

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Let's congregate all like minded people.

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If that was to actually to happen We could take back our country from the rich& privileged

Like · More · 8 hours ago

You'll lose. And lose big time. But Eduardo Guzman, why are you waiting? You said kill all cops. Go for it you big badass

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I call bullshit, this country can be taken back & I'd be happy to lead the charge live or die I did what's right for the people of this country

Like · 1 · More · 8 hours ago

Then die you shall. If you spent just a small portion of your hatred towards law enforcement and directed that towards the corrupt politicians like Barack, Harry Greed, Nancy, etc you'd have your country back. But no you'd rather do away with law and order and go straight into anarchy.

Like · More · 8 hours ago

[REDACTED] And then continue to wonder why police violence hasn't been curtailed. Eric Garner's case proves CAMERAS DO NOTHING!!

Edited · Like · 3 · More · 8 hours ago

FAVORITES

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I'm going to personally kill and behead Daniel Pantaleo. This is a written threat and has to be taken extremely seriously.

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[REDACTED] Haha fucking dumbass.

Like · More · 11 minutes ago

Write a reply...

Reply



What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a serious threat]: Daniel Pantaleo was the NYPD officer who choked Eric Garner, resulting in his death. Eddie's threats grew from general to specific (more on that later), and he told us all exactly the purpose of his statement ◇ to threaten Eddie was prosecuted, convicted, and served one year in jail

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D Means to [communicate a serious threat]: For Defendants not like Eddie, how do we prove what his intent was? specific words of the threat context of the threat other words of defendant prior history of the defendant capability to carry out the threat

Example: Rodney Termini

On April 15, 2013 – Boston Marathon Bombing



Example: Rodney Termini

A few hours later, facebook user (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) posted to Conway Freight facebook page:
“HEHEHEHEHAHAHAHAHAH!!!!!! TOOK CARE OF THE BOSTON MARATHON AND NOW I TAKE CARE OF CONWAY IN MICHIGAN AND LASALLE.”

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) then wrote “There boy your facilities, have fun finding it.”



Example: Rodney Termini

Sent preservation letter
Sent exigency request
for subscriber information



Example: Rodney Termini

More follow up revealed: Worked as a contractor for Conway Freight
Upset he didn't get hired on permanently
Criminal history for making threats on a courthouse
POINT: Context, specific words/target, prior history, motive
◇ prosecuted, 13 months custody



What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a threat]: When someone is not like Eddie (the confessor) or Rodney (the prior), getting inside a defendant's mind is very difficult. So we seek this background information (other posts, other social media information, priors, etc.) to defeat potential defenses/explanations regarding defendant's intent. For example...

What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a threat]: Joking;
AKA Trolling



What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a threat]:

Puffing Posturing Fantasizing

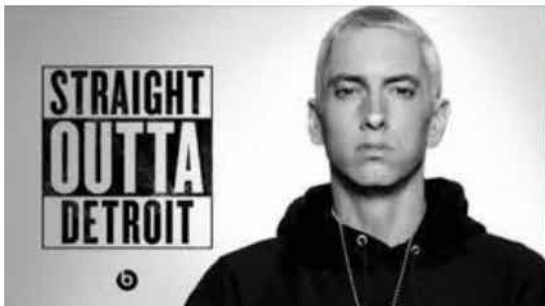
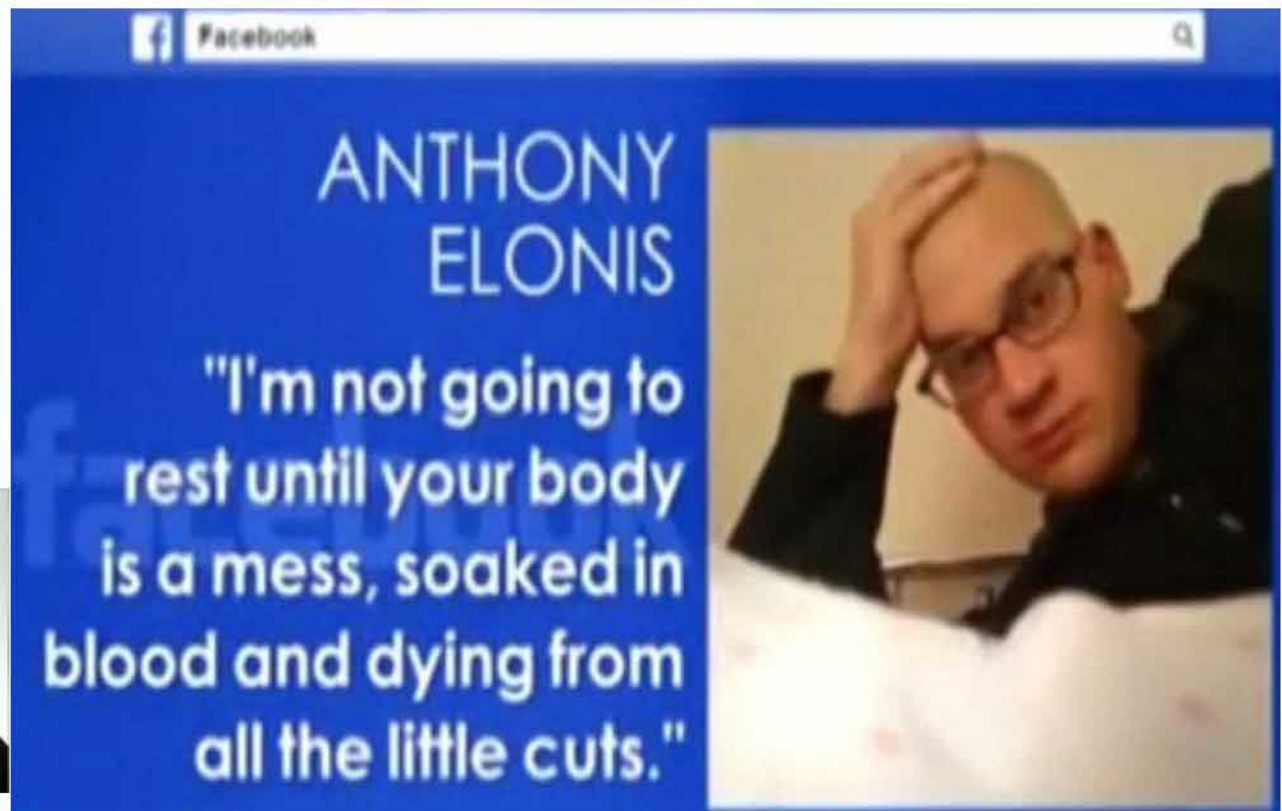


INTERNET TOUGH GUY

Because it's easy to be a 6 foot 4 Olympic powerlifter and streetfighting god,
from behind the confines of a keyboard.

What is a true threat?

D Means to [communicate a threat]: Art



What is a true threat?

“True threats” encompass those statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals. Let’s look at the last two pieces....

What is a true threat?

Intent to commit an act of unlawful violence:
More than generalized angry speech



What is a true threat?

Intent to commit an act of unlawful violence: So not unkind, hateful speech Or even the “somebody oughta...” kill, hurt, assault, rob, etc. some specific person



What is a true threat?

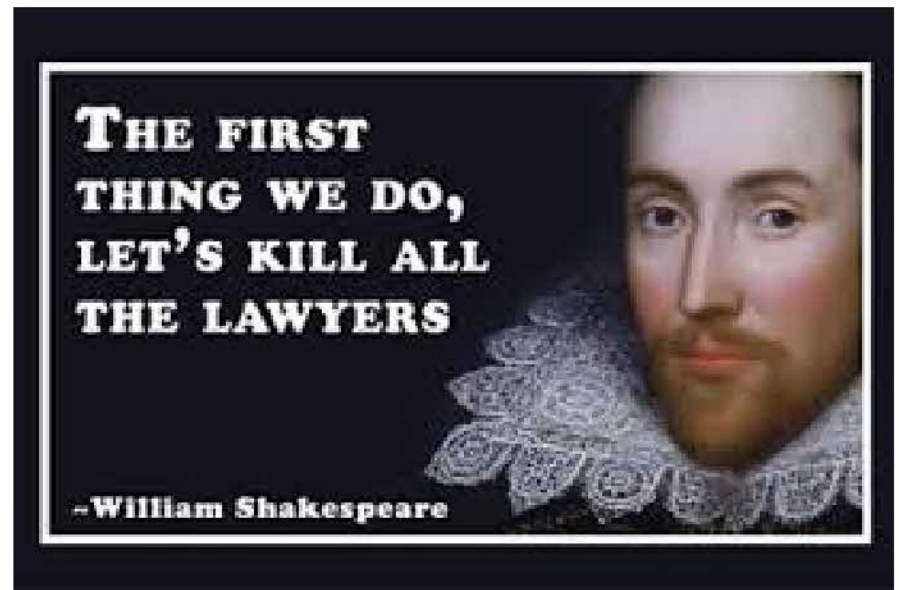
Intent to commit an act of unlawful violence:
Need to express an intent to commit an act of
unlawful violence: “I’m going to kill, shoot, stab,
hurt, etc.” Not conditional statements of
intent... “If X happens, I will shoot, kill, stab...”

What is a true threat?

“True threats” encompass those statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals. Let’s look at the last part: particularity

What is a true threat?

Particular individual or group of individuals: A
specific person or identifiable groupNot “all
_____” cops, Muslims, prosecutors, Pokemon
Go players, etc.



What is a true threat?

Particular individual or group of individuals:
Recall the Eddie example “Kill all cops on sight”
was not enough only when he mentioned
Daniel Pantaleo specifically could we act



Will we charge every true threat?

Sometimes, even threats that meet this standard may not be prosecuted U.S. v. McFadden



Will we charge every true threat?

We will look at a lot of factors, including

- Age of defendant
- Context of threat
- Capacity to carry it out
- Remorsefulness
- Other characteristics of D
- Reaction of victim
- Disruption in service



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MEMORANDUM – Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS
ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

FROM: Monty Wilkinson
Director

SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on
Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: Rebecca Wyrick (*for meeting confirmation notifications*)
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Rebecca.Wyrick@usdoj.gov

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Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager
Office of Legal Programs
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This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, ["Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."](#) The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department's aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General's directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney's office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings.* These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.
- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (*e.g.*, masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics.* While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;
 - Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
 - Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to Rebecca Wyrick at Rebecca.Wyrick@usdoj.gov.

Please direct any non-legal questions (*e.g.*, questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to Brandy Donini-Melanson, Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact Seth Adam Meinero. Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) on behalf of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE)
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); (b)(6) (USAMIE); Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @misheriff.org; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @michigan.gov; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (DE) (FBI); Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW); (b)(6) (USAMIE); (b)(6) @eatoncounty.org; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @michiganpolicechiefs.org
Subject: FW: U.S. Attorney WebEx Meeting Regarding School Official/Employee Threats

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:34 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE); Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @misheriff.org; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @michigan.gov; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (DE) (FBI); Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @eatoncounty.org; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @michiganpolicechiefs.org
Subject: U.S. Attorney WebEx Meeting Regarding School Official/Employee Threats
When: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Via WebEx

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From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE)
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE); Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE); Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW)
Subject: FW: U.S. Attorneys' Meeting Regarding School Threats
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:29:39 PM

(b)(6) as we discussed, please go ahead and include (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on your WebEx invite. She will attend and will forward the invite to the subject matter expert at the AG's office.

Andrew, we should coordinate on who from our respective offices can speak about our federal authorities. We have experts here who have presented before on 875 threats, if you want us to recruit them. We should figure out what other statutes are appropriate too.

Thanks, Mark

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (AG) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:38 PM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: U.S. Attorneys' Meeting Regarding School Threats

Hello Mark,

Thank you for extending the invitation, I am doing well and hope you are too! I will be in attendance and I will get back to you by tomorrow morning if that's ok on who else will be attending from our office. I know this is a very important subject to AG Nessel. Looking forward to talking to you soon.

My best,

(b)(6),
(b)(7)(C)

From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:43 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (AG) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@michigan.gov>
Subject: U.S. Attorneys' Meeting Regarding School Threats

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Hello (b)(6),
(b)(7)(C)

I hope you're doing well.

EDMI's Acting U.S. Attorney, Saima Mohsin, and WDMI's U.S. Attorney, Andrew Birge, are jointly hosting a virtual meeting with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to discuss the U.S. Attorney General's directive to federal agencies to coordinate a discussion regarding threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. This will be a relatively brief and high-level meeting to discuss our respective legal authorities and resources to address these types of

crimes and to reaffirm our commitment to strong partnerships and maintaining/improving our lines of communication. The meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 26, at 1:30 p.m. I wanted to extend you an invitation, as well as Attorney General Nessel and anyone you all think should attend from your office. It will be a fairly small meeting—just higher-level officials from the respective agencies, and perhaps a subject matter expert who can describe the pertinent state and federal laws implicated. I am sorry for the short notice. If you can make it, I will forward you a WebEx invite. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Mark

Mark Chutkow

Chief of Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, E.D. Michigan

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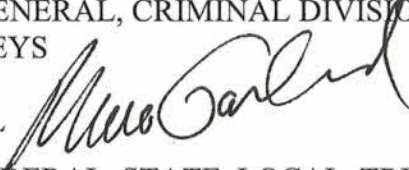
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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS
THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD
MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

In recent months, there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools. While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.

Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values. Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.

The Department takes these incidents seriously and is committed to using its authority and resources to discourage these threats, identify them when they occur, and prosecute them when appropriate. In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.

Coordination and partnership with local law enforcement is critical to implementing these measures for the benefit of our nation's nearly 14,000 public school districts. To this end, I am directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.

The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

From: [Chutkow, Mark \(USAMIE\)](#)
To: [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#); [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: USAOs for EDM I & WDMI Compliance with Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing School Threats
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:48:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI, mission accomplished.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)" (USAE0) [Contractor]" <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Date: October 27, 2021 at 1:22:10 PM EDT
To: "Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE)" <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: USAOs for EDM I & WDMI Compliance with Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing School Threats

Received, thank you.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Paralegal | Legal Programs
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
United States Department of Justice
O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:54 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAE0) [Contractor] <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Cc: Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; Baker, Stephen (USAMIW) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: USAOs for EDM I & WDMI Compliance with Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing School Threats

Dear (b)(6),
(b)(7)(C),

As requested, this email confirms that on October 26, 2021, the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan held a statewide WebEx meeting with top law enforcement leaders in the State of Michigan to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. Leaders from the following law enforcement agencies participated: (1) the USAOs for EDMI and WDMI; (2) FBI—Michigan Field Office; (3) Michigan Attorney General's Office; (4) Prosecution Attorney's Association of Michigan; (5) Michigan State Police; (6) Michigan Sheriff's Association; and (7) Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. No significant issues arose from the meeting that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

Please let us know if you require further information from us.

Mark Chutkow

Chief of Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, E.D. Michigan

211 W. Fort St., Ste. 2001, Detroit, MI 48226 | (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (direct) | (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(cell) | (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

cc: Saima Mohsin, U.S. Attorney, EDMI
Andrew Birge, U.S. Attorney, WDMI



From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Protecting school officials
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:23:05 AM

FYI below. Also, I accepted an invite to a call with FBI and EDM I USAO Tuesday on this initiative at 11. Any of you may join, but not a meeting in which I plan to make any decision. FBI was expecting further guidance from their leadership, and this will mean they have to relay it only once to USAs. I'm not inclined to necessarily approach this the same way as EDM I. Not even sure what they plan to do.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Totten, Mark" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) >
Date: October 10, 2021 at 9:09:29 AM EDT
To: "Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW)" <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protecting school officials

Andrew,

We saw AG Garland's memo from this past Monday regarding efforts to protect school officials from harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence. This issue has been top of mind for us as to both school officials and also local health officials. We hear about it often, and have taken some steps in partnership with the Michigan Department of Attorney General. If there are opportunities for the state and federal governments to partner here, please let me know.

Thanks, Mark

Mark Totten

Chief Legal Counsel
Office of the Governor, State of Michigan
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111 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48909

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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way; and (2) contact me immediately.

From: [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#)
To: [Birge, Andrew \(USAMIW\)](#); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:54:00 PM

WELCOME/INTRO (10 mins): Mohsin, Birge, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

STATE LE (10 mins): One of the state/local LE chiefs could describe what, if anything, they're seeing out there. (Birge and (b)(6) reaching out to give them heads up.)

STATE LAWS (10-15 mins): Someone from the MI-AG's Office (Nessel, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)) or whoever they delegate) will explain what state laws are available.

FEDERAL LAWS (10 mins): EDM I (Chutkow or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)) describe 875 threats. WDMI (Birge or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)) describe the federal stalking statute. (Civil Rights statutes don't seem too applicable here unless anyone disagrees.)

VICTIMS (5 mins): EDM I, WDMI or FBI VW coordinator talk about resources for victims.

TRAINING (5 mins): FBI or LECC to discuss.

OPEN FORUM (10 mins).

Thanks,
Mark

From: (b)(6); (USAMIW)
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#)
Subject: Points of Contact
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:09:46 PM

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Michigan Sheriffs Association

(Stay away Monday and Tuesday of next week)

(b)(6); @misheriff.org

Ph: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Robert Stevenson

Executive Director

Michigan Chiefs of Police Association

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ph: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan

Eaton County Prosecutors Office

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ph: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Joseph Gasper

Colonel

Michigan State Police

(b)(6); @michigan.gov

PH: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: [Chutkow, Mark \(USAMIE\)](#)
To: [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#); [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (DE) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (DE) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAMIW; (b)(6); USAMIE; (b)(6); USAMIE; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAMIE
Subject: Premeeting Regarding Agenda for Tuesday Threats Meeting with State/Locals
Start: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:00:00 PM
End: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:45:00 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Would you all be available on Monday afternoon for a pre-meeting to make sure we're all on the same page for the threats presentation on Tuesday? Here's a proposed "run of show" that the USAOs for the EDM I and WDMI think should work. It'll take about an hour.

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Thanks,

Mark

MC | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell) | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) <mailto:(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>

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From: [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#)
To: [Chutkow, Mark \(USAMIE\)](#); [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#)
Subject: RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:59:00 PM

This run of show works for me.

We might just say "we agree" with your summary of federal law. the so-called federal stalking statute criminalizes certain intimidation and harassment (I was hoping DOJ would clarify their use of these terms in the memos), but I do not believe that statute can be used consistent with the constitution very much in the context of public officials and school board meetings that are addressing subjects of public interest. Criminal civil rights statutes do not fit well, since those are focused on a victim's particular status.

From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Thank you, Andrew. Copying Saima too. Not much guidance here from DOJ. Thinking out loud here (to get your reaction), how about we structure the meeting it as follows:

WELCOME/INTRO (10 mins): Mohsin, Birge, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

STATE LE (10 mins): One of the state/local LE chiefs could describe what, if anything, they're seeing out there. Maybe MSP?

STATE LAWS (10-15 mins): Nessel, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or whoever they delegate to explain what state laws are available.

FEDERAL LAWS (10 mins): EDMI has two AUSAs available (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who have done numerous presentations on 875 threat cases. I suggest one of them gives a 5-10 minute presentation on threats. Maybe a WDMI AUSA could describe other federal laws available? (Not sure what they'd be, maybe civil rights?)

VICTIMS (5 mins): EDMI, WDMI or FBI VW coordinator could talk about resources for victims

TRAINING (5 mins): LECC could discuss?

OPEN FORUM (10 mins)

This schedule would take about an hour. I asked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to give us more time on WebEx if we need it.

From: [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#)
To: [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#)
Subject: RE: School Threats Meeting with the State
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 9:39:47 AM

Thanks Andrew. Bob is working on a date.

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: School Threats Meeting with the State

I agree with this list.

From: Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Pokey, Robert (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) DE (FBI) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
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Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW); (b)(6), USAMIW; (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE); (b)(6), (b)(6), (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(6), USAMIE
Subject: RE: U.S. Attorney WebEx Meeting Regarding School Official/Employee Threats
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:43:13 AM

Hello Everyone,

Thank you all for attending yesterday's WebEx meeting of top law enforcement leaders in the State of Michigan to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. I am sorry I was not able to join you at the meeting because of a health-related matter. I very much appreciate your willingness to work together to assess and discuss trends in violations of our respective criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. I am confident that we will continue to maintain our open lines of communications so that we all are aware of, and alerted to, criminal conduct that falls within our respective jurisdictions. This is an important issue that requires coordinated and effective enforcement of our respective laws, while at the same time safeguarding our citizens' constitutionally protected speech. I am confident that together we will strike the appropriate balance.

My office's supervisory law enforcement specialist, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), will follow up this email with a list of participants and their contacts so that we all know who to reach out to should a situation arise requiring consultation or coordination.

Kind regards,

Saima Mohsin

To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE)
<(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
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Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW)
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:51:00 AM

I recommend we circulate to all invitees, which is a short list, so they know where we are going and we have a written record of sorts that we addressed *appropriate* enforcement. Your statute does look like it might apply at least theoretically to the extent school personnel are participating in a federally funded program or activity. I think the gravamen of the applicable laws discussion will be violence and threats of violence, which appears to be the common denominator of the statutes and AG's latest remarks—though I don't know what force or threat of force would meet the definition of 245 off hand. And of course we have various jurisdictional wrinkles the state does not have. And, with any statute, the AG does not want us suppressing and we shouldn't suppress spirited debate.

From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE)
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Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting

Thanks, Andrew. Do you want me to ask Bob to circulate this to the attendees? Or is this just for us? Also, in reading Monty Wilkinson's October 20 guidance, he makes clear that these meetings are for LE partners only and not for education system or school officials. So we can cite Main Justice if that comes up. Finally, I was looking at 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(1)(E) to see if it might apply to school threats. That section prohibits use of force or threats of force to wilfully injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person or class of persons from participating in or enjoying the benefits of any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. That section does NOT require that the victim otherwise have a protected status. Do you all think that section applies and we should reference it?

Thanks,
Mark

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE)
<(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; O'Connor, Chris (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
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Cc: [Baker, Stephen \(USAMIW\)](#)
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:01:00 AM
Attachments: [joint law enf mtg agenda.docx](#)

Added victim support, which Mark and the guidance memo had as well.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAMIE)
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United States Attorney's Offices
Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

Federal and State Joint Law Enforcement Meeting

*Implementing Attorney General Garland's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against
School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff*

October 26, 2021

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Statement of Purpose for the Meeting
- III. State, County and Local Law Enforcement Observations
- IV. Appropriate Exercise of Applicable State Law
- V. Appropriate Exercise of Applicable Federal Law
- VI. Lines of Communication to Federal Officials
- VII. Victim Support and Any Outreach and Training Needs, Including Resources for Threat Mitigation

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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAMIE; [Chutkow, Mark \(USAMIE\)](#); [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#)
Subject: RE: school board threats meeting thank you and question
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:02:00 PM

No problem. I am sure the AG leadership will appreciate the personal call from Mark anyway. I forwarded the invite to my Chief (Steve Baker) and Deputy Chief (Chris O'Connor) of the Crim Division over here, as at least one of them will be attending in addition to me. Thanks for juggling the calendars.

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: school board threats meeting thank you and question

This is My fault.

I completely forgot to extend an invite to the Mich. AG.

If you have a contact as indicated, can you please extend an invite.

With the exception of Bob Stevenson, the 26th was the only date that worked for everyone else.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has confirmed for the meeting.

From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAMIE <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
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Andrew, I'm copying (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to see if he can fill in on your questions. I know Fadwa Hammoud (the #2 at the AG's office), if you need me to reach out. Mark

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: school board threats meeting thank you and question

Thanks for setting up the virtual meeting. Did the State AG and PAAM President decline? Or is that still in the works? I don't recognize all the names on the Webex attendance list, but I think we should have someone with expertise in the applicable state laws confirm their scope. I thought the plan was to invite them and I advised the State AG of as much when she and I spoke recently. (She

said she has a busy schedule herself, but I would have thought she'd send someone). I can reach out to encourage attendance by at least someone from that office with relevant knowledge if attendance is an issue. The previous and current President of PAAM are also on the west side.

Thanks,

Andrew

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIW)
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW)
Subject: Re: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 9:11:05 PM

Notes from our call and a few other thoughts, chat on Thursday.

-Andrew to check with FBI (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as to what FBI Grand Rapids and Lansing Offices is doing or how they want to field calls and handle as indicated in the memo.

-Create a joint letter with FBI, or a individual letter from our office signed by Andrew and send it to our chiefs, sheriffs, tribal law enforcement and also the 8 major school districts, and colleges/universities in our district. The ATAC list can be used to meet this need. Also include the Chiefs and Sheriffs Association to push the message out.

-Have a 1hr max Microsoft teams meeting that highlights the letter and have the USA brief those law enforcement agencies and contacts mentioned above on DOJ partnership and push behind this initiative. Also include FBI on the call to speak. A lot of the school districts have a county sheriff or police officer assigned to the schools, the school resource officer would be a good avenue to get the message to school administration.

-Andrew to check with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on thoughts.

-Does FBI know what Michigan State Police are doing as it relates to threats and schools?

-Do we consider doing a joint press release with EDMT on this and FBI or do our own press release?

-We have a distro of all county prosecutors in our district, do we also send them a copy of the letter as FYI?

-Send a letter out October 12-13?

-Do the webinar sometime the week of October 25th?

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:33 PM, Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW)

<(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> wrote:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I'd like to see about getting at least a word in at the Sheriff's Conference on this. Thoughts? Are there other local law enf. regional meetings taking place in the next 30 days?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: USAEO-OTD <USAEO.OTD@usa.doj.gov>

Date: October 4, 2021 at 5:43:54 PM EDT

**Subject: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among
Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to
Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board
Members, Teachers, and Staff**

MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES
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ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES
ATTORNEYS

ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among
Federal, State, Local, Tribal
and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats
Against School Administrators, Board
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Staff

Please see the attached memorandum from the Attorney General
regarding Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and
Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School
Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

<Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal
and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School
Administrators Board Mem.pdf>

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Hello Fadwa,

I hope you're doing well.

EDMI's Acting U.S. Attorney, Saima Mohsin, and WDMI's U.S. Attorney, Andrew Birge, are jointly hosting a virtual meeting with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to discuss the U.S. Attorney General's directive to federal agencies to coordinate a discussion regarding threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. This will be a relatively brief and high-level meeting to discuss our respective legal authorities and resources to address these types of crimes and to reaffirm our commitment to strong partnerships and maintaining/improving our lines of communication. The meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 26, at 1:30 p.m. I wanted to extend you an invitation, as well as Attorney General Nessel and anyone you all think should attend from your office. It will be a fairly small meeting—just higher-level officials from the respective agencies, and perhaps a subject matter expert who can describe the pertinent state and federal laws implicated. I am sorry for the short notice. If you can make it, I will forward you a WebEx invite. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Mark

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FEDERAL AGENCY LEADERSHIP VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

November 9, 2021 10:00 am

WELCOMING REMARKS

1) U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Non Responsive Record

-Federal Agency Directory (attached)

-DOJ School board threat memo, meeting completed

Non Responsive Record

2) DISTRICT COURT REPORT

Non Responsive Record

3) "SHOUT-OUTS" FOR RECENT TRIAL COURT SUCCESS STORIES

Non Responsive Record

Non Responsive Record

4) APPELLATE REPORT FROM APPELLATE CHIEF JEN McMANUS

5) AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

-U.S. Postal Inspection Service Inspector in Charge Rodney Hopkins (Welcome)

-U.S. Secret Service Special Agent In Charge John Marengo (Welcome)

-IRS SAC Sarah Kull (few updates internally)

-ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (b)(6) (few updates internally)

-Veterans Affairs-OIG Special Agent In-Charge Gregg Hirstein retired, acting SAC Gavin McClaren

-Diplomatic Security Service, Special Agent In Charge Jim Eisenhut (Welcome)

CLOSING COMMENT

Next meeting: TBA

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Western District of Michigan**

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SUBMIT UPDATES OR CORRECTIONS TO:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: [Chutkow, Mark \(USAMIE\)](#)
To: [\(b\)\(6\), \(b\)\(7\)\(C\) USAEO \[Contractor\]](#)
Cc: [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#); [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#); [Baker, Stephen \(USAMIW\)](#); [O'Connor, Chris \(USAMIW\)](#); [\(b\)\(6\) \(USAMIE\)](#)
Subject: USAOs for EDM I & WDMI Compliance with Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing School Threats
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:53:38 AM

Dear [\(b\)\(6\)](#),

As requested, this email confirms that on October 26, 2021, the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan held a statewide WebEx meeting with top law enforcement leaders in the State of Michigan to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. Leaders from the following law enforcement agencies participated: (1) the USAOs for EDM I and WDMI; (2) FBI—Michigan Field Office; (3) Michigan Attorney General's Office; (4) Prosecution Attorney's Association of Michigan; (5) Michigan State Police; (6) Michigan Sheriff's Association; and (7) Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. No significant issues arose from the meeting that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

Please let us know if you require further information from us.

Mark Chutkow

Chief of Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, E.D. Michigan
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cc: Saima Mohsin, U.S. Attorney, EDM I
Andrew Birge, U.S. Attorney, WDMI



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United States Attorney's Offices
Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

Federal and State Joint Law Enforcement Meeting

*Implementing Attorney General Garland's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against
School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff*

October 26, 2021

Agenda

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- VI. Lines of Communication to Federal Officials
- VII. Any Outreach and Training Needs, Including Resources for Threat Mitigation

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From: [Birge, Andrew B. \(USAMIW\)](#)
To: [Wong, Norman \(USAE0\)](#); [Wilkinson, Monty \(USAE0\)](#)
Cc: [Mohsin, Saima \(USAMIE\)](#)
Subject: question re School Board/Administrator Threats meetings
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:07:00 PM

Norm and Monty:

The Attorney General's October 4 memorandum on partnering with locals on threats against School Boards and Administrators advises that "In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel." Are you aware of when we might receive more information on these measures? The FBI advises that they understand there is some sort of working group in D.C. that may be working on that. We in Michigan are working on who we invite to the meeting or meetings we have been directed to convene and what ground we cover. The to-be-announced measures would likely impact both of those decisions. We are considering a joint meeting convened by both offices in Michigan, but we haven't decided on that.

Any information you can share would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Byerly Birge
United States Attorney
Western District of Michigan

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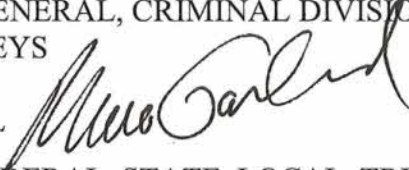
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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS
THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD
MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

In recent months, there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools. While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.

Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values. Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.

The Department takes these incidents seriously and is committed to using its authority and resources to discourage these threats, identify them when they occur, and prosecute them when appropriate. In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.

Coordination and partnership with local law enforcement is critical to implementing these measures for the benefit of our nation's nearly 14,000 public school districts. To this end, I am directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.

The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

From: [REDACTED] (USAMIE)
To: [REDACTED] AG; Mohsin, Saima (USAMIE); Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@misheriff.org; Robert Stevenson [REDACTED]@michiganpolicechiefs.org; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@michigan.gov; [REDACTED] (FBI); Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW); [REDACTED] (USAMIE);
[REDACTED]@eatoncounty.org; HammoudF1@michigan.gov [REDACTED]@twp.grand-blanc.mi.us; [REDACTED]
(DE) (FBI); [REDACTED] (USAMIE); [REDACTED] (USAMIE); NesselD34@michigan.gov; O'Connor, Chris
(USAMIW); Baker, Stephen (USAMIW); [REDACTED] (USAMIE); [REDACTED] (FBI)
Subject: Agenda for the School Threats Meeting Scheduled for Today at 1:30 p.m. est.
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:16:43 PM
Attachments: [joint law enf mtg agenda.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon;

Attached is the brief agenda for the meeting today.

We look forward to seeing/hearing from all of you.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief, Security and Law Enforcement
U.S. Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Michigan

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAMIE)
Sent: Tue, 26 Oct 2021 15:52:31 +0000
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW); Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE); O'Connor, Chris (USAMIW)
Cc: Baker, Stephen (USAMIW)
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting

I will send it out shortly.

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Chief, Security and Law Enforcement
U.S. Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Michigan
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; O'Connor, Chris (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Cc: Baker, Stephen (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting

I recommend we circulate to all invitees, which is a short list, so they know where we are going and we have a written record of sorts that we addressed *appropriate* enforcement. Your statute does look like it might apply at least theoretically to the extent school personnel are participating in a federally funded program or activity. I think the gravamen of the applicable laws discussion will be violence and threats of violence, which appears to be the common denominator of the statutes and AG's latest remarks—though I don't know what force or threat of force would meet the definition of 245 off hand. And of course we have various jurisdictional wrinkles the state does not have. And, with any statute, the AG does not want us suppressing and we shouldn't suppress spirited debate.

From: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; O'Connor, Chris (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Cc: Baker, Stephen (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting

Thanks, Andrew. Do you want me to ask Bob to circulate this to the attendees? Or is this just for us? Also, in reading Monty Wilkinson's October 20 guidance, he makes clear that these meetings are for LE partners only and not for education system or school officials. So we can cite Main Justice if that comes

up. Finally, I was looking at 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(1)(E) to see if it might apply to school threats. That section prohibits use of force or threats of force to wilfully injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person or class of persons from participating in or enjoying the benefits of any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. That section does NOT require that the victim otherwise have a protected status. Do you all think that section applies and we should reference it?

Thanks,
Mark

From: Birge, Andrew B. (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Chutkow, Mark (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAMIE) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; O'Connor, Chris (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Cc: Baker, Stephen (USAMIW) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: proposed agenda for this afternoon's meeting
Importance: High

I merged Mark's run of show with the recent guidance memo. Something to keep us on track.



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November 18, 2022

VIA E-mail

Michael O'Neill
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mike@landmarklegal.org

Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 4, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/N.D. Ohio

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is another in a series of additional interim releases of documents in response to your above-numbered FOIA request, representing records submitted to us by United States Attorney's Offices that did not respond to the request of the EOUSA Office of Victim and Legal Programs (OLVP) for reports on their actions responding to the Attorney General's initiative and the EOUSA Director's memorandum implementing the initiative. For your ease in keeping track of which districts' responsive records you have received, and also because the United States Attorney's Offices responded to our request for responsive records separately from one another, we will send you a separate interim response for each district. We will do this on a rolling basis as frequently as possible until we have released records for all offices that did not respond to OLVP but did respond to us. When that process is complete, we will engage in further discussions with you regarding how to proceed and the possible narrowing of your request. We have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

Enclosed please find:

1 page(s) are being released in full (RIF);
6 page(s) are being released in part (RIP);
0 page(s) are withheld in full (WIF). **The redacted/withheld documents were reviewed to determine if any information could be segregated for release.**

The exemption(s) cited for withholding records or portions of records are marked below. An enclosure to this letter explains the exemptions in more detail.

Exemptions claimed:

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Because this is an interim partial release, we are not advising you of your right of administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Krebs', is placed over a light pink rectangular background.

Kevin Krebs
Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

FOIA: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by and Executive order to be kept secret in the in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

PRIVACY ACT: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualification for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.

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(USAOHN)

Subject: Call re federal response to cyberstalking, threats and intrusions

Location: + (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ##

Start: Tue 11/2/2021 1:00 PM

End: Tue 11/2/2021 1:30 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Riedl, Daniel J. (USAOHN)

Required Attendees Thomas Weldon; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (CV) (TFO) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @ic.fbi.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (CV) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov

I would greatly appreciate it if you would join me for a brief call tomorrow regarding our federal response to cyberstalking, threats and intrusions.
Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely yours,
Dan Riedl

Daniel J. Riedl
Chief, National Security and Cyber Unit
Northern District of Ohio
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Cleveland, OH 44113-1852
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<https://usao.webex.com/join/daniel.riedl>

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From: Riedl, Daniel J. (USAOHN)
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN)
Subject: RE: Proposed statement regarding threats/harassment

Here's the statement I used:

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio remains committed to responding to acts of cyberstalking and interstate threats of violence. There are three federal statutes that are most often used to prosecute stalking or threatening activity: Cyberstalking, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2)(B), Interstate threatening Communication in violation of 18 USC § 875(c) and Damaging Protected Computers in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030.

The charge of cyberstalking requires proof that an individual, "with the intent to kill, injure, harass, intimidate, or place under surveillance with intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person, uses the mail, any interactive computer service or electronic communication service or electronic communication system of interstate commerce, or any other facility of interstate or foreign commerce to engage in a course of conduct that—

- (A) places that person in reasonable fear of the death of or serious bodily injury to a person; or
- (B) causes, attempts to cause, or would be reasonably expected to cause substantial emotional distress.

There is an enhancement if the victim has an active protective order against the individual.

The charge of Interstate threatening Communication requires proof that an individual transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce any communication containing any threat to injure the person of another. The threat must be a "true threat" which is a serious expressions of an intent to commit harm, rather than "political hyperbole," jest, or other forms of speech protected under the First Amendment. The Sixth Circuit has held the definition of "true threat" is satisfied by proof that a reasonable person would consider the communication a threat, noting that the test is whether, "in light of the context a reasonable person would believe that the statement was made as a serious expression of intent to inflict bodily injury."

Finally, the United States Attorney's Office can use Title 18, Section 1030 to investigate and prosecute individuals who commit acts of cyber intrusion. Section 1030 can be used against an outsider who intrudes on a computer network or to prosecute an insider who intrudes onto parts of a computer network he or she does not have permission to be in.

If you investigate a case that you believe might meet these elements or any other violation of federal law, please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime.

Thank you for taking the time to join this call here today.

Daniel J. Riedl

(o) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(m) [REDACTED]

From: Riedl, Daniel J. (USAOHN)
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Proposed statement regarding threats/harassment

Suhadolnik, Jena (USAOHN)

From: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN)
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 2:28 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAOHN)
Subject: FW: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

From: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN)
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

(b)(6);
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I can answer for the office here:

The law enforcement agencies that participated were Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Secret Service (USSS), and a Task Force Officer (Toledo Police) from our Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

No significant issues.

Tom

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Ok. Great. Can you or someone in your office send us back the required information? I have meeting this afternoon and need to provide an update on the USAO outreach. The following is the information we're looking for:

- (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting;
- (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and
- (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

A response to this email is fine. No need for a memo. Please let me know if you prefer I reach out to someone else there.

Thank you.

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From: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Good morning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C),

The answer to your question is yes we have convened our meeting.

Regards,

Tom Weldon

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Weldon, Thomas P. (USAOHN) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: FW: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Hi, Tom. Has NDOH held its meetings with law enforcement? We were looking for your report back and couldn't find it. Let me know if I should reach out to someone else.

Thanks!

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: USAEO-OTD <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:15 PM
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO [Contractor] <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> (USAEO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

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MEMORANDUM – Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS
ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

FROM: Monty Wilkinson
Director

SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on

Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) *(for meeting confirmation notifications)*
Contractor
Legal Programs Office
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) *(for non-legal/coordination questions)*
Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager
Office of Legal Programs
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) *(for legal questions)*
National Violent-Crime Coordinator
Legal Programs Office
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, ["Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."](#) The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department's aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General's directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney's office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings.* These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal

threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.

- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (*e.g.*, masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics.* While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;
 - Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
 - Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to Rebecca Wyrick at Rebecca.Wyrick@usdoj.gov.

Please direct any non-legal questions (*e.g.*, questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to Brandy Donini-Melanson, Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact Seth Adam Meinero. Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries



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November 18, 2022

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Re: Request Number EOUSA-2022-000376
Date of Receipt: November 04, 2021
Subject of Request: Attorney General's Initiative Regarding Threats or Violence Against
School Board Members and Administrators/E. D. Pa.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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In response to your Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act request, the following checked paragraph(s) apply:

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From: Keightly, David A. <dakeightly@buckscounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:12 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAPAE) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Pennsbury Threats Against Jews

Good afternoon Nancy,

I attended the E.D.Pa. regional law enforcement meeting back on 10/21/21 (also back in July) on behalf of the Bucks County DA's Office. This past Thursday, Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) asked the attendees to bring to her attention whether we've heard of any threats being made against school boards generally, or their individual members.

At the time, I hadn't heard of any. However, just yesterday The Intelligencer published an article relating to members of the Pennsbury School District receiving threats that have been described variously as "grotesque and pervasive." The link is here:

<https://www.theintell.com/story/news/2021/10/25/pennsbury-president-supports-plan-address-threats-against-school-district-leaders/6173749001/>

I told Matt Weintraub that I saw the article and that Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was interested in such cases, and he showed me the below email chain that he's been part of since Sunday. It pertains to the same situation and highlights the nature of some of the threats, many of which are Anti-Semitic in nature. It also provides a link to a Newsweek article on the issue.

So, I wanted to follow through on my promise and let Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) know that I have heard of a situation regarding intimidation/threatening of school board members in our county. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me for any follow-up.

Thank you.

David A. Keightly, Jr.
Deputy District Attorney
Bucks County District Attorney's Office
100 N. Main St., 2nd Floor
Doylestown, PA 18901

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (w)
(f)

From: Weintraub, Matthew D. <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@buckscounty.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:56 PM

To: Keightly, David A. <(b)(6)@buckscounty.org>

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@buckscounty.org; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

<(b)(6)@buckscounty.org>

Subject: FW: Pennsbury Threats Against Jews

Dave, this is in answer to your query. You can forward this if you like.
Matt

Matthew D. Weintraub

Bucks County District Attorney

100 N. Main St.

Doylestown, PA 18901

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

From: Weintraub, Matthew D.

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:57 AM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@gmail.com>

Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@buckscounty.org; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

<(b)(6)@buckscounty.org>

Subject: RE: Pennsbury Threats Against Jews

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I am not specifically aware of any such local or county investigation. I note that the article states that the complaints were made to the FBI, and not to local law enforcement. I don't have federal jurisdiction, as you know, and often the FBI conducts investigations that I am completely unaware of. If someone were to complain to local law enforcement then our office might be involved. Certainly if any person feels threatened, then they should call 911 immediately.

Matt

Matthew D. Weintraub

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Weintraub, Matthew D. <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@buckscounty.org>
Subject: Fwd: Pennsbury Threats Against Jews

Dear Matt,

Below is a note I sent to the Bucks County Kehillah (consortium of Bucks County synagogues), Rabbi (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (my rabbi at Temple (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)), and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) President of Temple (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). What is reportedly happening in Pennsbury is frightening with threats to people's lives, threats of rape, and intimidation of Jews, immigrants, and trans individuals. I have already connected with a couple of Rabbis about the response to this. Has anything been reported to your office, and is there any investigation you can speak about regarding these incidents. If not, will there be one based on the article in Newsweek (link below).

Many thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Date: Sun, Oct 24, 2021 at 11:59 AM
Subject: Pennsbury Threats Against Jews
To: Bucks Kehillah <buckscounty@kehillah.jewishphilly.org>, Rabbi (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Dear Rabbi (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

There have been threats made against the lives of Pennsbury School Board Directors, as reported in Newsweek (link below).

<https://www.newsweek.com/pennsylvania-school-board-gets-violent-anti-semitic-threats-following-mask-mandate-1641868>

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	Table	Agency	SAC or Head of Agency (at table)	RSVP	Delegates* or add'l (red - needs tent card)
2		Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Yes	
3		Amtrak Office of Inspector General	Michael J. Waters, SAC	Yes	
4		Berks County District Attorney's Office	John T. Adams, DA		
5		Bucks County District Attorney's Office	Matthew Weintraub, DA	No*	David Keightly, Deputy DA
6		Chester County District Attorney's Office	(b)(6)	No	
7		City of Philadelphia, Office of Controller	Terri Domsy, Deputy Controller of Investigations	Yes	
8		City of Philadelphia, Office of Controller	Rebecca Rhynhart, City Controller		
9		City of Philadelphia, Office of Inspector General	Alexander F. DeSantis, Acting IG		
10		Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Office of Inspector General	Kishara Gant, RAC	Yes	Presenter
11		Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Office of Inspector General	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Cyber Field Office)	Yes	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) presenter
12		Delaware County District Attorney's Office	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
13		Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations	William S. Walker, Deputy SAC	Yes	William S. Walker
14		Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations	Brian A. Michael, SAC	Yes	(also representing HIDTA at the meeting)
15		Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General	Julio Santana, ASAC		
16		Department of Agriculture	Charmeka Parker, ASAC		
17		Department of Education, Office of Inspector General	(b)(6)		
18		Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Kent Frederick, Chief Counsel (Phila.)		
19		Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection	Edward T. Moriarty, Area Port Director	Yes	
20		Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General	Shawn Rice, Acting SAC	Yes	
21		Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General	Danny Barbat-Gonce, ASAC	Yes	Add'l
22		Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General	Todd McHale, ASAC	Yes	
23		Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General	Syreeta Scott, Acting SAC	Yes	
24		Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security	R. Michael Escott, RAC	No*	SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
25		Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General	Brian C. Gallagher, ASAC	Yes	
26		Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Criminal Investigation	Chris Algieri, RAC		
27		Drug Enforcement Administration	Thomas Hodnett, Acting SAC	Yes	
28		Environmental Protection Agency	Jennifer Lynn, SAC	No	
29		Federal Air Marshal Service	John Schaal, SAC		
30		Federal Bureau of Investigation	Bradley S. Benavides, Acting SAC		
31		Federal Detention Center	Kevin Pistro, Warden	Yes	
32		Food & Drug Administration	Glen A. McElravy, RAC	No	
33		General Services Administration - OIG	Ninh Jang, Assistant SAC		
34		Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General	Maureen Dixon, SAC	No*	ASAC John Bork
35		Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations	Brian McShane, Acting Field Office Director	Yes	
36		Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation	Yury Kruty, Acting SAC	Yes	
37		Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation	Timothy F. Connelly, Assistant SAC	Yes	Add'l
38		Lancaster County District Attorney's Office	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	
39		Lehigh County District Attorney's Office			
40		Liberty Mid Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area	Jeremiah A. Daley, Executive Director	No*	(Brian A. Michael as Deputy Director)
41		Montgomery County District Attorney's Office	Kevin Steele, DA	No	
42		National Park Service	Cynthia MacLeod, Superintendent		

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43		Northampton County District Attorney's Office	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
44		Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General	Joshua D. Shapiro, AG		
45		Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General	Jennifer Selber, Deputy AG	Yes	
46		Pennsylvania State Police	Lt. Col. Robert Evanchick	No*	Captain Jamie Kemm
47		Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office	Lawrence S. Krasner, DA		
48		Philadelphia Police Department	Danielle Outlaw, Commissioner	No*	Benjamin Naish, Deputy Commissioner
49		Postal Inspection Service	Damon E. Wood, Inspector in Charge		
50		Postal Service, Office of Inspector General	Peter Brown, Deputy Special Agent in Charge	No	
51		Securities and Exchange Commission	Scott Thompson, Acting Co-Reg. Director		
52		SEPTA (South Eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority)	Denise S. Wolf, IG	No	
53		Small Business Administration	Lee Bacon, ASAC	No	
54		Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General	Michael McGill, SAC		
55		Transportation Security Administration-DHS	Victoria Jones, Assist. Fed. Security Director/LE	No	
56		Transportation Security Administration-Federal Air Marshal Service	Richard Altomare, Federal Security Director	No	
57		Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration	Michael Herring, Assistant SAC		
58		Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration	Michael Bell, Assistant SAC		
59		U.S. Marshals Service	Marshal Eric Gartner	Yes	
60		U.S. Pretrial Services	Kim E. Diefendorf, Chief		
61		U.S. Probation Office	Jana G. Law, Chief	No*	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
62		U.S. Probation Office	Deputy Chief Jonathan Henshaw	Yes	Add'l
63		U.S. Secret Service	James M. Henry, SAC	No	



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From: [Coan, Frank \(USATXE\)](#)
To: [\(b\)\(6\); \(b\)\(7\)\(C\) USAEO \[Contractor\]](#)
Cc: [\(USATXE\)](#)
Subject: EDTX Compliance with 10/04/21 Attorney General Memo
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:04:00 PM

I wanted to report our district's compliance with Director Wilkinson's memo of 10/20/21 that outlined guidance for implementing the Attorney General's 10/04/21 memorandum. In coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas, we had a meeting with appropriate NDTX/EDTX law enforcement leaders on October 26, 2021, during which the "discussion topics" outlined on page three of Director Wilkinson's memo were covered. This meeting was conducted at the FBI Dallas Field Office.

The following state and local law enforcement agencies participated:

- Texas Department of Public Safety**
- The Colony Police Department**
- Dallas Police Department**
- Dallas County Sheriff's Office**
- Fort Worth Police Department**
- Frisco Police Department**
- Grand Prairie Police Department**
- Mansfield Police Department**
- Rockwall Police Department**
- Tarrant County Sheriff's Office**
- Trophy Club Police Department**

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- DEA**
- ATF**
- DHS Homeland Security Investigations**
- DHS Citizenship and Immigration Services**
- DHS Customs and Border Protection**
- Social Security Administration-OIG**
- U.S. Marshals Service**
- U.S. Secret Service**

There were no significant issues arising from the meeting that I believe should be brought to the DAG's attention.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualification for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.

Cowles, Eugenia (USAVT) on behalf of (b)(6)
(b)(6) (AL) (FB): dps.govcouncil@list.vermont.gov
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: [REDACTED]@vermont.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Please find the meeting agenda attached... The SEOC will be available for in person if you would like to attend, or you may join us virtually.

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States, Montpelier

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
To: Cowles, Eugenia (USAVT)
Subject: RE: USAO VT Implementation of AG Memo on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators and others
Date: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:15:33 PM
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Received, thank you.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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United States Department of Justice

O: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: Cowles, Eugenia (USAVT) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 1:33 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAVT) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: USAO VT Implementation of AG Memo on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators and others

Dear Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C),

The USAO participated in a meeting presenting required information under this memo on October 20, 2021. No issues requiring AG attention were raised during the discussion. The agencies listed below participated in the meeting.

Vermont Governor's Office
Vermont Emergency Management
Civil and Military Affairs Secretary
VT National Guard
Agency of Administration
Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
Agency of Transportation
Agency of Digital Services
Agency of Education
Vermont School Safety Center

Agency of Human Services
Department of Health
CDC
Department of Public Safety
E-911
Office of State's Attorneys
Vermont Chiefs of Police
Vermont Sheriffs Association
VT State Firefighters Association
Professional Fire Fighters VT
Vermont Intelligence Center
Representative for Town Administrators
American Red Cross
VT Hospitals/Health Care Coalition

Thank you.

Geni Cowles

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Direct line: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2021

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Purpose: Inform on the status of the State's overall emergency management and homeland security preparedness, policies and communications, and to advise on strategies to improve our current system.

AGENDA

Topic	Speaker	Time
Welcome and Opening	General Michael Dubie, Chair	1:00- 1:10 PM
COVID-19 Pandemic Update	Dr. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) VDH Dr. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) CDC	1:10- 1:40 PM
Threats Against School Staff	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FBI Geni Cowles, VT US Attorney's Office	1:40- 2:00 PM
Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Outcomes	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) VEM Homeland Security Unit	2:00- 2:20 PM
GEPAC Charter Update	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) VEM	2:20- 2:30
General Discussion		2:40- Adjourn

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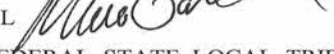
10/4/21 Message from AG Garland



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL,
AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS
THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD
MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

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Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values. Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.

Federal Statutes Targeting Harassment

18 USC 875/876-
Threats by
Wire/Mail

18 USC 2261A(2)
- Cyberstalking

18 USC 875/876- Threats by Wire/Mail

- Interstate Transmission
(internet/phone/mail) Threat to kill or injure
another 5 year max penalty

What is a threat?

- Excluded from 1st Amendment protection Meant to communicate “a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals.” Virginia v. Black, 538 U.S. 343, 359 (2003). Elonis v. United States, 135 S.Ct. 2001 (2015)- Objective and subjective test.

18 USC 2261(A)(2)- Cyberstalking

- With intent to kill, injure, harass, intimidateUses mail/interstate wire (including internet)To engage in course of conduct that either A) places in fear of death/injury to person, pet, service animal or horse; or B) causes/ expected to cause emotional distress5 years for threat, increases if injury results

Questions?

Geni CowlesAUSA/Criminal ChiefU.S. Attorney's Office

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From: [USAEQ-OTD](#)
Subject: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 5:43:43 PM
Attachments: [Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators Board Mem.pdf](#)

MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 4, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal
and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School
Administrators, Board
Members, Teachers, and
Staff

Please see the attached memorandum from the Attorney General regarding Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

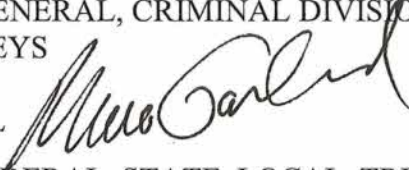
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Office of the Attorney General
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October 4, 2021

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The Department takes these incidents seriously and is committed to using its authority and resources to discourage these threats, identify them when they occur, and prosecute them when appropriate. In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.

Coordination and partnership with local law enforcement is critical to implementing these measures for the benefit of our nation's nearly 14,000 public school districts. To this end, I am directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.

The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

From: [Ophardt, Jon \(USAVT\)](#)
To: [Cowles, Eugenia \(USAVT\)](#)
Subject: FW: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 3:51:00 PM
Attachments: [Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators Board Mem.pdf](#)

From: Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:47 PM
To: USAEO-USAttorneysOnly <[REDACTED]>
Cc: USAEO-FirstAUSAs <[REDACTED]>; USAEO-Executive-AUSAs <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED]>; USAEO-LEC <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Dear U.S. Attorneys-

A number of districts have reached out to us with questions relating to the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum "Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff" specifically, as it relates to who is responsible for convening the meetings contemplated in the memorandum. We have received clarification that as the chief federal law enforcement officer in your respective districts, the intent is for you to use your convening authority, in partnership with the FBI, to bring the appropriate parties together to carry out the Attorney General's directive.

We expect additional guidance to be provided in the near future. As always, please let us know if we may be of assistance.

Thanks,
Monty

Monty Wilkinson
Director
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
United States Department of Justice

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (direct)



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Washington, DC 20530

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ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS
ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

FROM: Monty Wilkinson
Director

SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on
Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) *for meeting confirmation notifications)*

Contractor

Legal Programs Office

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for non-legal/coordination questions)

Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager

Office of Legal Programs

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) *(for legal questions)*
 National Violent-Crime Coordinator
 Legal Programs Office
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, ["Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."](#) The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department's aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General's directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney's office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings.* These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.
- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (*e.g.*, masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics.* While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;
 - Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
 - Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Please direct any non-legal questions (*e.g.*, questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

From: [Wilkinson, Monty \(USAEO\)](#)
To: (b)(6); [USAttorneysOnly](#)
Cc: (b)(6); [FirstAUSAs](#); (b)(6); [Executive-AUSAs](#); (b)(6); [LEC](#)
Subject: Follow-up on Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:47:31 PM
Attachments: [Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal State Local Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators Board Mem.pdf](#)

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From: [Wilkinson, Monty \(USAEO\)](#)
To: [Ophardt, Jon \(USAVT\)](#); [Wong, Norman \(USAEO\)](#)
Subject: RE: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:01:33 AM

Working on it now. As the chief federal law enforcement officer, USAs will be asked to use their convening authority to lead this effort in partnership with the FBI.

From: Ophardt, Jon (USAVT) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> Wong, Norman (USAEO) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Subject: FW: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Monty/Norm,

Are we anticipating any additional clarification and guidance on the AG's October 4th memo re threats against school admin/boards/teachers/staff?

FBI up this way appears to interpret this directive as being USA led, with them waiting on our direction. See chain below.

Regards,

Jon

Jonathan A. Ophardt
Acting United States Attorney
District of Vermont
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: Ophardt, Jon (USAVT)
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:57 AM
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To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAVT) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@usa.doj.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@vermont.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@vermont.gov>
Cc: Deasy, Charles <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@vermont.gov>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)@vermont.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] GEPAC Slides

Good Morning everyone,

If you have slides that you would like displayed please let (b)(6) (copied) know and send them to her. Alternatively, If you plan to display from your location please let us know that as well. Thanks!

-Erica

Erica Bornemann, MPA
Director
Vermont Emergency Management

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(USAVT)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAVT)
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:31 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAVT)
Subject: #6 Slides for GEPAC meeting
Attachments: School threat power point.pptx

From: Cowles, Eugenia (USAVT) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @vermont.gov
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usa.doj.gov>
Subject: Slides for GEPAC meeting

Ms. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

I'll be presenting tomorrow for the USAO using the attached slides. Please let me know if you need anything else from me. Thank you for giving us a few minutes to speak.

Geni Cowles

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Criminal Chief
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District of Vermont
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Burlington, VT 05402
Direct line: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)*

Cronin, Aimee (USAVT)

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAVT)
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 10:32 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAVT)
Subject: #8 Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Attachments: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators Board Members Teachers and Staff.docx; Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators Board Members Teachers and Staff.pdf

From: Cowles, Eugenia (USAVT) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:54 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @usa.doj.gov>
Subject: FW: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Of course we got this today. I have copied down the list of people on the GEPAC call. Not sure of everyone in the main room. I have identified the following agencies as present. If you can help fill in, I'd appreciate it, or we could ask (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Sharbino if you don't think she'd be offended?

VT DOH
CDC
VT Chiefs & Sheriffs Assoc. representatives (marcoux, Merkel)
VSP
VT National Guard

From: USAEO-OTD <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:15 PM
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USAEO <(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)>
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ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS
ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

FROM: Monty Wilkinson
Director

SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on
Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) *(for meeting confirmation notifications)*

Contractor

Legal Programs Office

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(for non-legal/coordination questions)

Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager

Office of Legal Programs

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(for legal questions)

National Violent-Crime Coordinator

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This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, ["Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."](#) The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department's aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General's directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney's office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings.* These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.
- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (e.g., masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics.* While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;
 - Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
 - Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

Please direct any non-legal questions (e.g., questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

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Below is a list of agencies in attendance at the GEPAC meeting with week.

Vermont Governor's Office
Vermont Emergency Management
Civil and Military Affairs Secretary
VT National Guard
Agency of Administration
Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
Agency of Transportation
Agency of Digital Services
Agency of Education
Vermont School Safety Center
Agency of Human Services
Department of Health
CDC
Department of Public Safety
E-911
Office of State's Attorneys
Vermont Chiefs of Police
Vermont Sheriffs Association
VT State Firefighters Association
Professional Fire Fighters VT
Vermont Intelligence Center
Representative for Town Administrators
American Red Cross
VT Hospitals/Health Care Coalition

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