



Protective Security Advisors

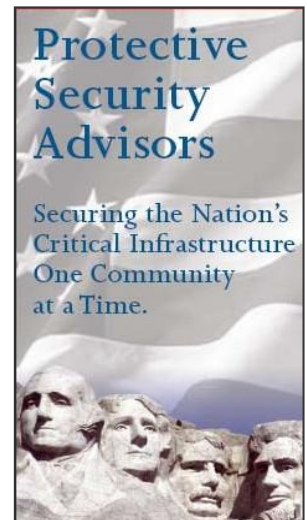
The Infrastructure Security Division (ISD) within the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) facilitates ISD's field activities in coordination with other CISA Divisions and offices within DHS. Through the Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Program, ISD has developed and maintained a robust operational field capability.

Program Description

Established in 2004, the PSA Program leads ISD's efforts in the protection of critical infrastructure across the nation. PSAs are security specialists that serve as the link between State, local, tribal, and territorial organizations and other DHS CISA infrastructure mission partners. PSAs assist with ongoing State and local critical infrastructure security efforts by establishing and maintaining relationships with State Homeland Security Advisors, State Critical Infrastructure Protection stakeholders, and other State, local, tribal, territorial and private sector organizations.

PSAs support the development of the national risk picture by conducting vulnerability assessments – provided at no cost to stakeholders – to identify security gaps and potential vulnerabilities to the Nation's critical infrastructure. PSAs also coordinate training; support incident operations in local and/or state emergency operations centers; and serve as a vital channel of communication for officials and private owners and operators of critical infrastructure assets seeking to communicate with DHS CISA.

Today there are over 125 PSAs serving in all 50 States and one Territory and are at the leading edge of ISD's efforts to help the Nation's critical infrastructure owners and operators prevent, deter, and mitigate risk in an all-hazards environment. Because PSAs are strategically dispersed across the US and due to their knowledge of infrastructure in their respective districts, they are uniquely able to provide early situational awareness to national-level decision makers of significant impacts to critical infrastructure during an incident. Each year, PSAs often serve as the Infrastructure Liaisons at FEMA Joint Field Offices and in State and county Emergency Operations Centers, providing expert knowledge of the impacted infrastructure, maintaining communication with owners and operators, and assisting in prioritizing and coordinating response, recovery, and restoration efforts for critical infrastructure.



Regional Support

DHS CISA has established regional offices in each of the 10 FEMA regions. A Regional Director serves as the senior ISD official in each region and manages a staff of administrative and mission support personnel which provide the PSA Program vigorous support through a targeted delivery of customized ISD services based on regional requirements.



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