Committed to US National Security Mission Success: FBI Information Sharing Initiatives

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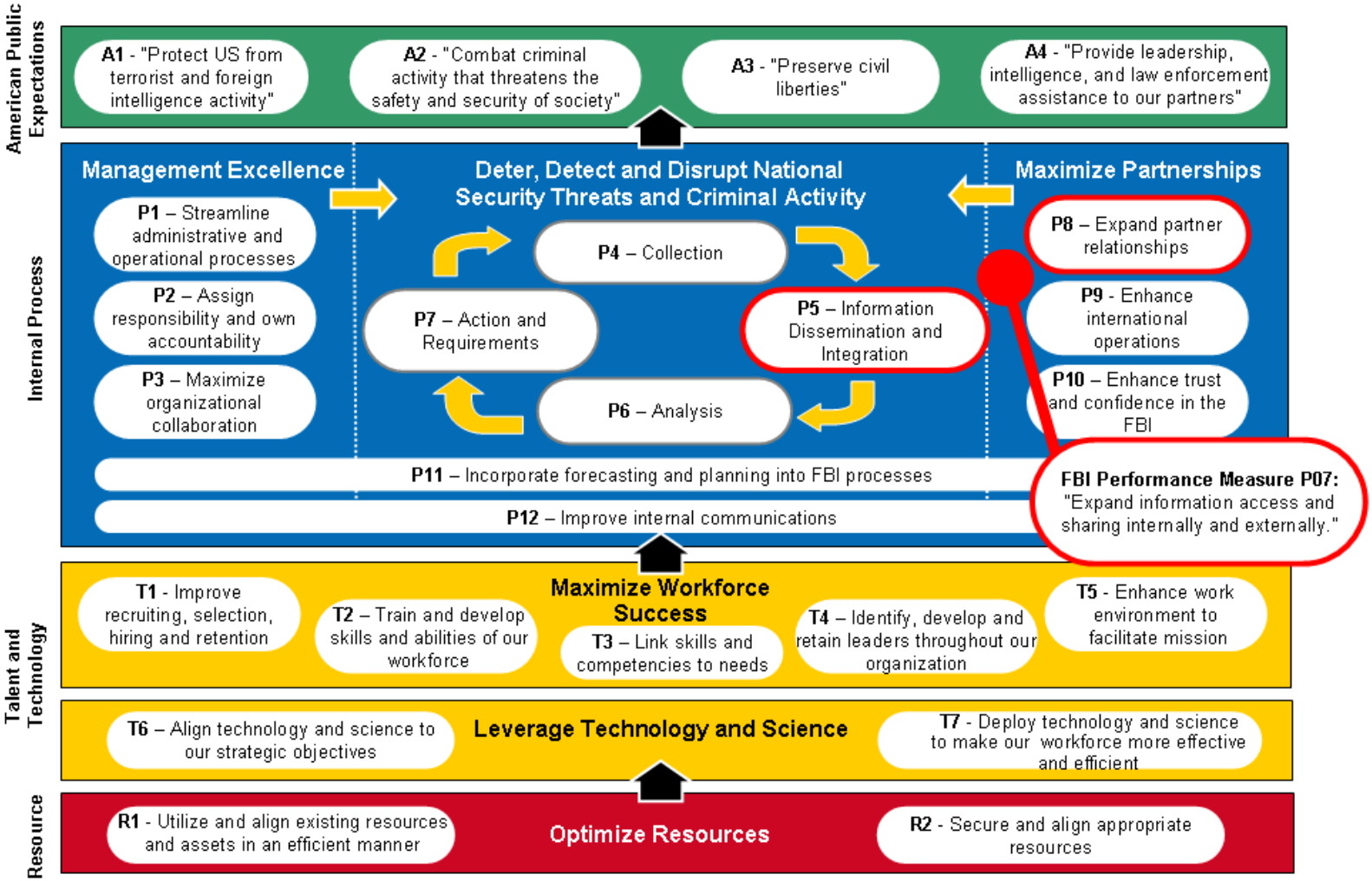
Driving Principles for Information Sharing

- Information sharing maximizes unity of effort and enhances whole-of-government approach to countering national security threats.

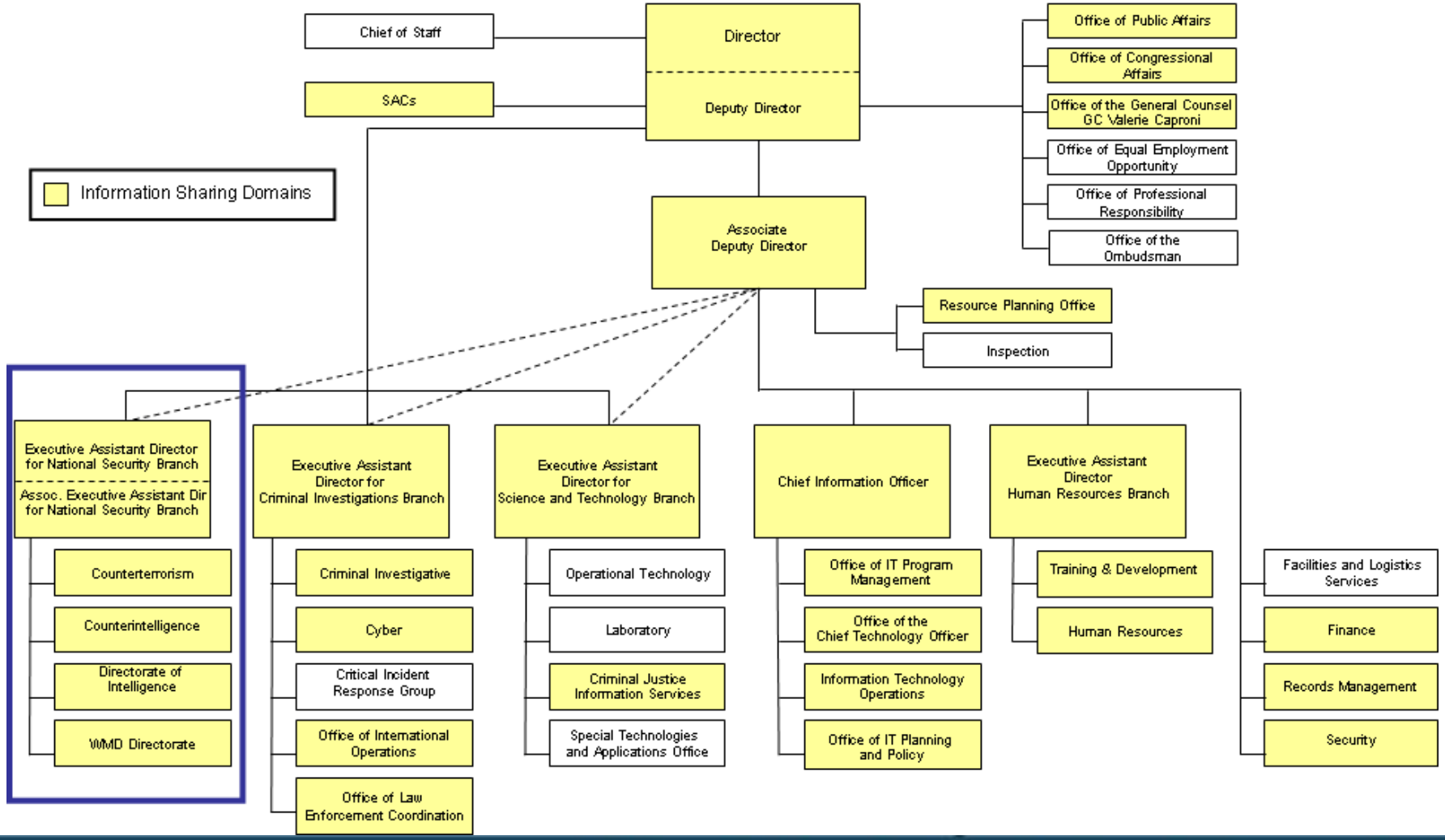
- The FBI has achieved its greatest success through enhanced information sharing with federal, state, local, tribal, foreign law enforcement and intelligence entities and private sector partners.

The FBI is committed to sharing timely, relevant, and actionable intelligence with federal agencies; state, local, and tribal officials; foreign partners; and the private sector as part of its national security and law enforcement mission.

FBI Strategic Framework: Strategy Map

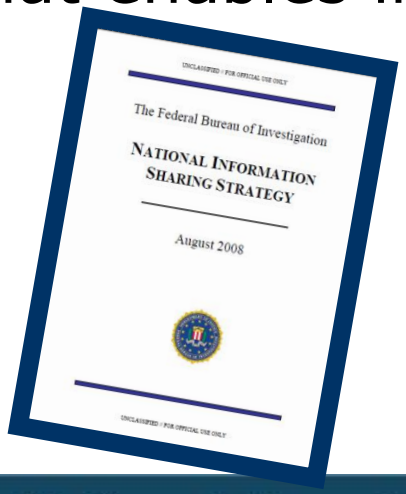


FBI Organizational Focus on Information Sharing



FBI National Information Sharing Strategy

- Two Key Objectives
  - Create and sustain a culture of information sharing
  - Develop and maintain an information technology infrastructure that enables information sharing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NATIONAL INFORMATION SHARING STRATEGY

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FBI Culture of Information Sharing

- Information Sharing Policy Board (ISPB)
  - Chaired by the Executive Assistant Director – National Security Branch
  - Members represent all FBI entities that generate and disseminate law enforcement information and intelligence.
  - Drives the primary policies, decisions, and relevant procedures concerning substantive criminal and intelligence information sharing internally within the FBI and externally with entities outside of the FBI.

- Workforce
  - Information sharing criteria incorporated in performance evaluations
  - Joint Duty and task force assignments emphasized, rewarded
  - Annual training on information sharing and privacy and civil liberties required
  - Analytical exchanges with federal, state, local, and foreign partners "routine"

- Chief Information Sharing Officer coordinates information sharing activities within the FBI and with other agencies

Significant Progress…

- US Government Partners
  - ITACG
  - Fusion Centers
  - JTTFs and NJTTF

- Private Sector Partners
  - InfraGard
  - Cyber Initiative Resource Fusion
  - Domestic Security Alliance Council
  - Counterintelligence Strategic Partnership Program

- International Partners
  - The FBI routinely shares unclassified and classified information with foreign governments as part of its statutory law enforcement, national security, and intelligence missions.

…Requiring Continuous Improvement

- How do we appropriately balance or blend local, state, federal and international privacy and civil liberties rules/regulations to protect the individual and the source as well as the public?
- When do "observations" (personnel or medical evaluations) become relevant for crime prevention? How do we balance privacy and force protection?
  - Ft. Hood
- When does criminal or incident information become counterterrorism intelligence information?
  - Zazi
- How do we merge national security (intelligence), routine document applications (visa), and private sector (airline manifests) effectively, efficiently, and safely?
  - Zazi
  - 25 December attempt
- How do we accomplish information sharing at the speed required to prevent an incident or catch a suspect?
  - Zazi and Times Square

Thank You