

# Homeland Security in Alaska

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## A Partnership That Works

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# Who, What, When, Where, and Why

- Who – Senior leadership of federal and state law enforcement, security and military
- What – Coordinating body to ensure operations are coordinated and deconflicted
- When – Joint group since 2003
- Where – Statewide responsibilities
- Why – Failure to plan is failure to serve

# History

- 2002
  - U.S. Department of Justice established federal anti-terrorism committees under U.S. Attorneys
  - Alaska established State anti-terrorism committee
- 2003
  - State and Federal committees merge to Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee of Alaska (ATACA) with Federal and State co-chairs

# More History

- 2004
  - ATACA established Joint Coordination Group (JCG) with Executive Committee (ExCom) chaired by Asst U.S. Attorney to coordinate interagency operations and plans
- 2005
  - Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise tests several new interagency concepts
  - JCG establishes Federal and State co-chairs

# Still More History

- 2006
  - JCG coordinates on several plans and initiatives
  - ExCom decides to expand to all hazards (ATAACA)
- 2007
  - State Energy ConOps uses ATAACA ExCom and JCG to coordinate federal/state actions
  - Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2007 to test Unified/Area Command

# Advantages

- Complements National Response Plan
- Precursor to federal response in disasters
- Plans for operations that are:
  - Within the state
  - Within the authority of the commander/executive

# Organization

- ATAACA
  - Executive Committee
    - Joint Coordination Committee
      - Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection
      - Intelligence Advisory Group
      - Media Advisory Group
      - Readiness Group (Team Alaska)