



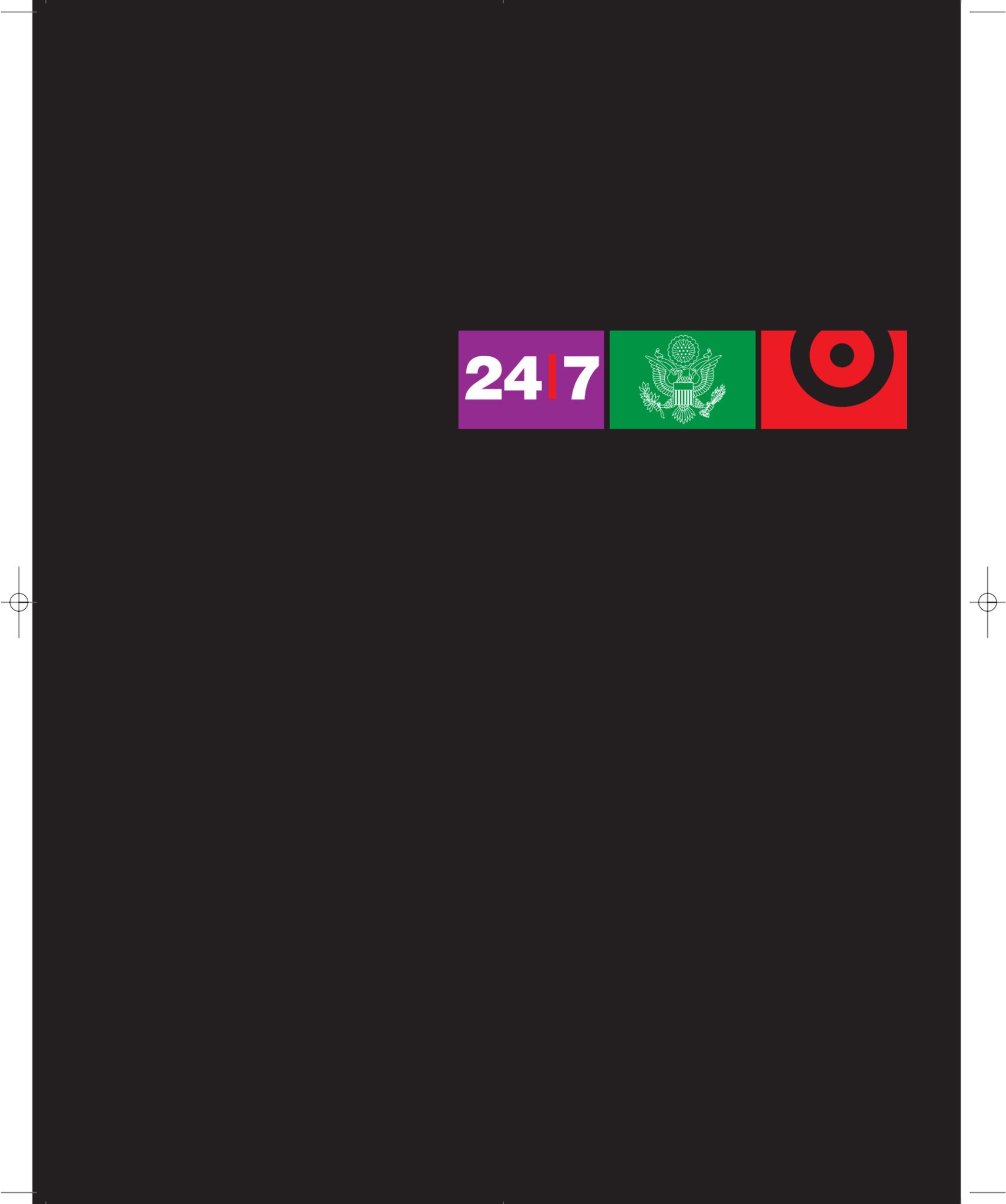
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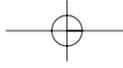
The Bureau of Diplomatic Security
is a powerful global force of 34,000 men and women

committed to protecting the nation's embassies, people, and information. We are the security and law enforcement arm of the U.S. Department of State, and we do what it takes every day to ensure the United States can conduct diplomacy safely and securely around the world. In these perilous times, our work has never been more important.

To accomplish our mission, we:

- ◉ Safeguard U.S. embassies from terrorist attacks,
- ◉ Stop high-tech espionage attempts against the State Department and U.S. embassies,
- ◉ Protect the Secretary of State,
- ◉ Investigate fraudulent efforts to obtain U.S. visas or passports,
- ◉ Train foreign police and security officers to combat terrorism,
- ◉ Analyze intelligence on terrorist and security threats,
- ◉ Protect foreign dignitaries who visit the United States,
- ◉ Protect the leaders of some of the most politically volatile countries on earth,
- ◉ Escort classified packages through foreign countries,
- ◉ And much more.





A Premiere Law Enforcement Agency

Diplomatic Security special agents are some of the most versatile and highly skilled law enforcement officers in the world.

On any given day, they might protect employees from criminals and terrorists, brief overseas American businesses on a local threat, or advise a U.S. ambassador on ways to enhance security for embassy personnel, property, and information.

Diplomatic Security's special agents protect the Secretary of State 24 hours



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a day, seven days a week. Special agents provide security for State Department officials and foreign dignitaries in the United States and at major U.S. events, such as State funerals. We also protect foreign leaders and dignitaries overseas.

Our special agents are expert investigators. Their investigations into passport and visa fraud and other crimes help secure U.S. borders from terrorists, drug traffickers, and members of organized crime. Special agents also investigate threats against foreign missions in the United States, Department of State personnel and facilities, U.S. Government employees abroad, and the dignitaries we protect.

Special agents help track down convicted child molesters, murderers, drug dealers, and other criminals who have fled the United States. With a global network of law enforcement agents, Diplomatic Security is positioned to help find, arrest, and return criminals to the United States to face justice. We closely coordinate our





We led U.S. security efforts at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.



efforts with the U.S. Marshals Service, other U.S. law enforcement agencies, and foreign governments. With special agents stationed in 159 foreign countries, Diplomatic Security has law enforcement officers in more nations than any other U.S. Government agency.

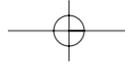
State Department Defenders

Diplomatic Security is the first line of defense against terrorism, crime, technical attack,



Diplomatic Security worked with the Afghan Presidential Protective Service on the transition of protective operations for President Hamid Karzai.





and espionage at every State Department facility. We ensure the safety of employees at our embassies and other U.S. missions, their families, and all State Department personnel working in the United States. To provide the utmost protection, Diplomatic Security fortifies State Department facilities with multiple layers of security.

Lead special agents at U.S. missions abroad, known as regional security officers, oversee a network of security personnel. Marine Security Guards control access within a majority of embassies and, in emergencies, help protect our personnel and

We protect more than 100 State Department facilities in the United States and 275 diplomatic missions overseas.



evacuate Americans living in the region. Local guards patrol mission perimeters. In the United States, uniformed guards protect State Department facilities.

Sophisticated security equipment adds another layer of protection. Security engineers, assisted by security technicians and U.S. Navy Seabees, research, design, and install state-of-the-art electrical and mechanical systems that detect explosives and keep intruders away. They set up architectural barriers outside our buildings and outfit doors and windows to withstand blasts and prevent forced entry. Experts constantly monitor and analyze intelligence on terrorist activities and security threats around the world.

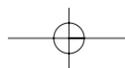
To further ensure the safety of the people who live and work at U.S. missions, Diplomatic Security provides training in special protective maneuvers. We teach self-defense techniques, hostage situation survival, surveillance awareness, and how to respond in the event of an attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

Diplomatic Security also helps secure foreign missions in the United States and regulates their activities to ensure that foreign diplomats use their privileges and immunities responsibly. We provide services to foreign diplomats that are

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similar to the services their countries provide our diplomats in return. These services relate to motor vehicle licensing, tax, customs, property, and travel.

Counterintelligence Experts

Diplomatic Security fights more than threats from terrorists and criminals—we also counter threats from hostile intelligence organizations. These groups try to gather sensitive U.S. information by eavesdropping and conducting surveillance. They also attempt to recruit U.S. Government employees and others to commit

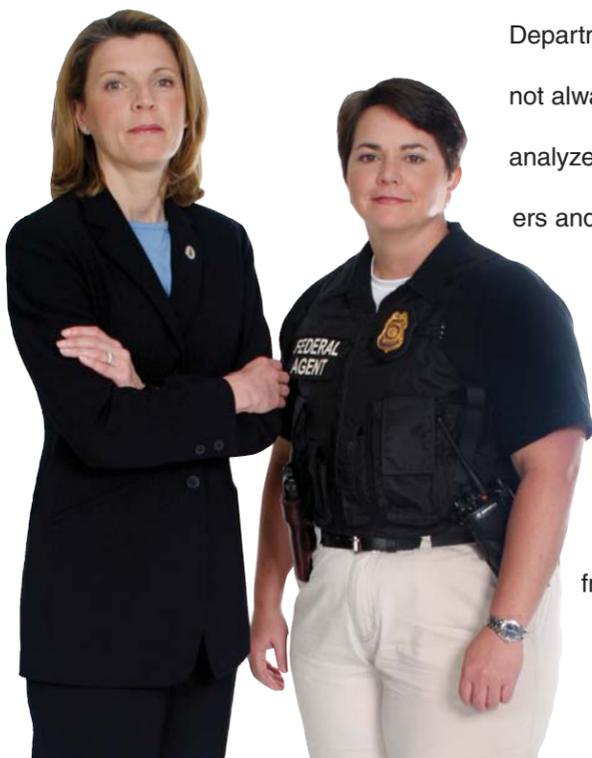


Our diplomatic couriers travel with classified material across international borders to ensure that it remains secure.

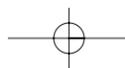
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acts of espionage. Diplomatic Security fights these attacks on every front.

We conduct sophisticated technical inspections to determine if anyone is spying on us with high-tech espionage equipment and scour our buildings for hidden surveillance devices. We teach employees various techniques that hostile intelligence groups might use to uncover sensitive U.S. information. To protect our classified material, we also conduct thorough background investigations on State Department employees and job applicants. Because the threats to information are not always physical, but sometimes digital, our computer security professionals analyze threats to cyber security and develop security measures to prevent hackers and spies from illegally accessing our information systems.



Diplomatic Security also protects classified information while it is in transit between U.S. missions and U.S. Government agencies. Our diplomatic couriers travel with classified documents and other sensitive material across international borders to ensure that the material remains secure. Every year, our couriers deliver more than 10 million pounds of material, from papers and files to heavy equipment and construction materials.





A Global Force Against Terror

Diplomatic Security fights terror across the globe, actively training other governments in the latest antiterrorism techniques

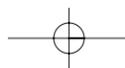
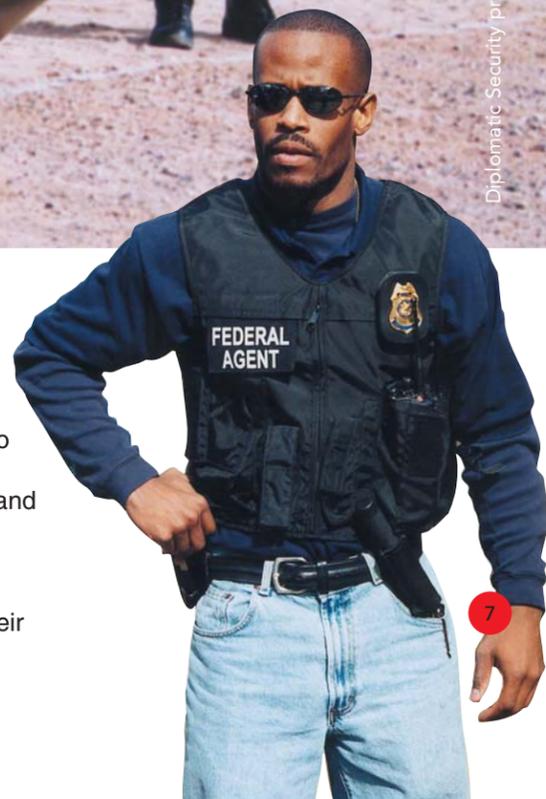
with a program that also enhances our own homeland security. Through our Antiterrorism Assistance Program, we teach specialized counterterrorism skills to foreign police and security officers from nations that have the will, but not the capabilities, to fight terror. We train these foreign officers in courses such as crisis

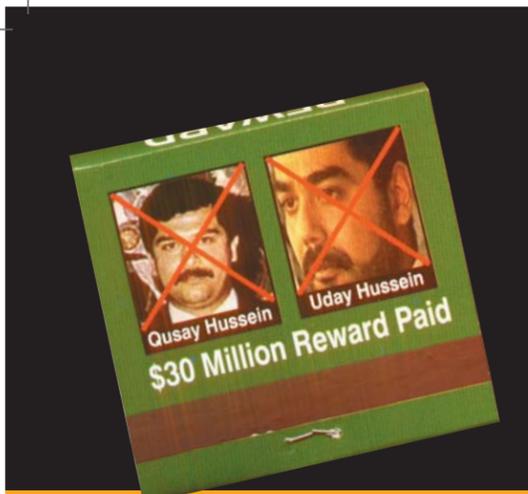


Diplomatic Security programs help other nations fight terrorism.

management, bomb disposal, crime scene investigation, hostage negotiation, airport and vital facility security, and how to interdict terrorist organizations.

The training has paid off—dramatically. The foreign officers have returned to their countries and used their new skills to rescue American hostages, deter and prevent terrorist attacks, dismantle terrorist cells, and investigate and arrest terrorist group operatives and leaders. As these countries stop terrorism in their





Our History

Security at the U.S. Department of State was established formally in 1916 with the creation of the Chief Special Agent's Office. In the beginning, just a handful of agents conducted investigations from locations in Washington, DC, and New York City. As the office evolved into a more complex organization with multiple security responsibilities, what had been the Chief Special Agent's Office became the Office of Security immediately following World War II. Then in 1985, Congress established the Diplomatic Security Service to provide greater protection from terrorists and other criminals. The 1986 Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act gave Diplomatic Security a structure similar to that of other federal law enforcement, security, and intelligence agencies.

homelands, they also diminish its spread beyond their borders and onto our shores. Since 1986, we have trained more than 48,000 security and police officers from 141 countries.

Another powerful weapon in our arsenal is the **Rewards for Justice Program**. **The program, begun in 1984, pays rewards for information that leads to the capture of terrorists or stops terrorist attacks against Americans.** Already, we have paid more than **\$57 million in rewards.** Information generated

through the program has helped bring terrorists to justice, stopped many international terrorist attacks, and saved countless innocent lives.

Diplomatic Security is dedicated to helping the U.S. private sector overseas combat threats from terrorists and other criminals. Through our Overseas Security Advisory Council, a public-private partnership started in 1985, the U.S. Government and private U.S. organizations abroad share information about terrorism and other security issues. The council regularly issues security information and advice to its 3,000 constituents through its Web site at www.ds-osac.org.

Diplomatic Security has a difficult, yet critically important job. The threats we confront around the world are real and intensifying. In the face of these dangers, many men and women of Diplomatic Security put their lives on the line every day to ensure the safety of thousands of people, hundreds of buildings, millions of classified documents, and a worldwide network of systems and information. Diplomatic Security takes pride in its accomplishments and will never stop working to ensure that the United States can conduct its foreign policy safely and securely.

For more information, visit us at www.diplomaticsecurity.state.gov.





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