



Diplomatic Security Service in EAP Region

31 Regional Security Offices in 20 Countries

Regional Security Officer (RSO): A DSS special agent. The RSO is the U.S. senior law enforcement officer in country who advises the chief of mission on security and law enforcement matters, and manages security programs designed to protect U.S. government personnel, facilities, and information. Within the RSO shop:

- **Deputy and Assistant RSOs:** Assist RSOs with their mission.
- **Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, and Seabees:** Install and maintain technical security systems.
- **Marine Security Guards:** Support protection mission and prevent the compromise of national security information and equipment.
- **Local Guard Force:** Assist with physical and virtual security at post.

In 2018, **U.S. Diplomatic Couriers**, based out of **2 regional hubs**, delivered nearly 6 million pounds of security cargo in the EAP region.

Through the department's **ATA program**, DSS trained **639 law enforcement partners** and delivered equipment to **4 partner countries**.

27 assistant regional security officer-investigators (ARSO-Is) and 1 DRSO-I: Work with host nation and U.S. law enforcement officers to investigate visa and passport fraud, and related crimes such as human smuggling and trafficking, identity fraud, and terrorism.

- The ARSO-I and the Fraud Prevention Unit at the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu, China, recently organized the eighth annual anti-fraud workshop, which included

discussions on how visa fraud often occurs in instances of human trafficking.

- The ARSO-I team trained **7,145 security personnel** in the region on how to detect travel document fraud.
- **Foreign Service National Investigators** and **Criminal Fraud Investigators** assist with RSO investigations, and liaising with U.S. and host nation law enforcement officers.

