



Diplomatic Security Service in NEA Region

23 Regional Security Offices in 17 Countries

Regional Security Officer (RSO): A DSS special agent who is the senior U.S. law enforcement officer in country. The RSO 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 **1 regional hub**, delivered more than 5 million pounds of secure cargo in the NEA region.

Through the department's **ATA program**, DSS trained **2,234 law enforcement partners** and delivered equipment to **10 partner countries**.

9 assistant regional security officer-investigators (ARSO-Is): 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.

- For instance, the ARSO-Is in Dubai and Abu Dhabi recently disrupted Chinese, Ukrainian, Bangladeshi, and Sri Lankan fraud rings working in the region.

- The ARSO-I team trained **890 security personnel** in the region on how to detect travel document fraud.
- **Foreign Service National Investigators** and **Criminal Fraud Investigators** assist with DSS investigations, and liaising with U.S. and host nation law enforcement officers.

