



Mobile Security Deployments



Twenty-four hours a day—domestically and overseas—when the U.S. Department of State needs help, the Diplomatic Security Service's Office of Mobile Security Deployments (MSD) answers the call.

As a Congressionally recognized, full-time federal tactical response unit that is held to the highest standards, MSD is the State Department's on-call tactical crisis response and contingency operations element.

Each MSD unit is self-sufficient and supported by its internal operational coordinators and a support element that includes advanced communications, operational planning, intelligence analysis, logistics and training.

MSD's primary responsibilities are:

- (1) Crisis response and evacuation operations
- (2) High threat protection

- (3) Facility security augmentation
- (4) Liaison, joint training and deployments with other specialized units

Individuals who volunteer for MSD undergo a six-month selection and assessment course that develops their ability to work effectively under the extreme stress they encounter when deploying. They then complete more than 800 hours annually of sustainment training and validation.

This training and support ensure that MSD can provide a full spectrum of capabilities, which includes preventing and responding to threats; supporting major investigations and special security events; providing security support during humanitarian assistance operations; and assisting in the collection and verification of information deemed strategic or of operational importance to the department.

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