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, & 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 2021, **U.S. Diplomatic Couriers**, delivered more than 50,000 pounds of secure cargo to the SCA region.

Through the department’s **ATA program**, DSS trained **663 law enforcement partners** and delivered equipment to **1 partner country**.

12 Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigators (ARSO-Is) and 1 SRSO-I: Target and disrupt terrorists and transnational criminal organizations that attempt to exploit U.S. travel and identity documents. They investigate passport and visa fraud, assist in investigating crimes against U.S. citizens, and train and collaborate with foreign nation law enforcement and immigration authorities.

- ARSO-I team Kolkata provided training to more than 500 host nation partners on techniques to detect fraudulent U.S. travel documents and to identify and prevent human trafficking.
- In 2021, SCA regional ARSO-I teams trained 1,838 host nation partners in how to detect document fraud and human trafficking, facilitated 48 arrests, returned 7 U.S. fugitives, and recommended 639 visas for revocation.

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