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.

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Through the department’s **ATA program**, DSS trained **20 law enforcement partners** and delivered equipment to **1 partner country**.

**41 Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigators (ARSO-Is) and 3 SRSO-Is:**
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 foreign nation law enforcement and immigration authorities.

• In 2021, ARSO-I Bogotá’s Vetted Unit, with Colombian National Police, dismantled a large human smuggling network, arresting seven individuals in Operation Coyotes.
• **In 2021, WHA regional ARSO-I teams trained 10,314 host nation partners** in how to detect document fraud and human trafficking, facilitated 313 arrests, returned 143 U.S. fugitives, and recommended 1,889 visas for revocation.

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