**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, based out of 1 regional hub, delivered more than 100,000 pounds of secure cargo to the NEA region.

Through the department’s **ATA program,** DSS trained 897 law enforcement partners and delivered equipment to 3 partner countries.

**11 Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigators (ARSO-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 and collaborate with foreign nation law enforcement and immigration authorities.

- ARSO-I in Cairo assisted in 6 arrests and recommended 9 visas for revocation in a medical tourism visa scheme.
- In 2021, NEA regional ARSO-I teams trained 210 host nation partners in how to detect document fraud and human trafficking, facilitated 21 arrests, returned 12 U.S. fugitives, and recommended 517 visas for revocation.
- **Foreign Service National Investigators and Criminal Fraud Investigators** assist with DSS investigations and liaising with U.S. and host nation law enforcement officers.

---

**Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Member Countries:**

- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Oman
- Palestinian Territories
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Tunisia
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

---

**U.S. Diplomatic Couriers**

Based out of 1 regional hub, delivered over 100,000 lbs. secure cargo to the NEA region.