



FBI Role in a WMD Event

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FBI Field Offices: WMD Coordinators

HQ = National oversight and efforts

At the national level, the FBI Headquarters' WMD Directorate develops WMD policy, guidance, and countermeasures.



The WMD Coordinator works with their field office to obtain a strategic understanding of their unique geographical threats and vulnerabilities. This knowledge is reported back to FBI Headquarters.

The FBI field offices implement national level policy at the local level.

At the local level, the FBI has 56 domestic field offices located in major U.S. cities, as well as nearly 400 resident agencies in smaller towns. Each FBI field office has a designated Special Agent (called a WMD Coordinator) who implements FBI activities to combat WMD.

Field Office = Local response and outreach





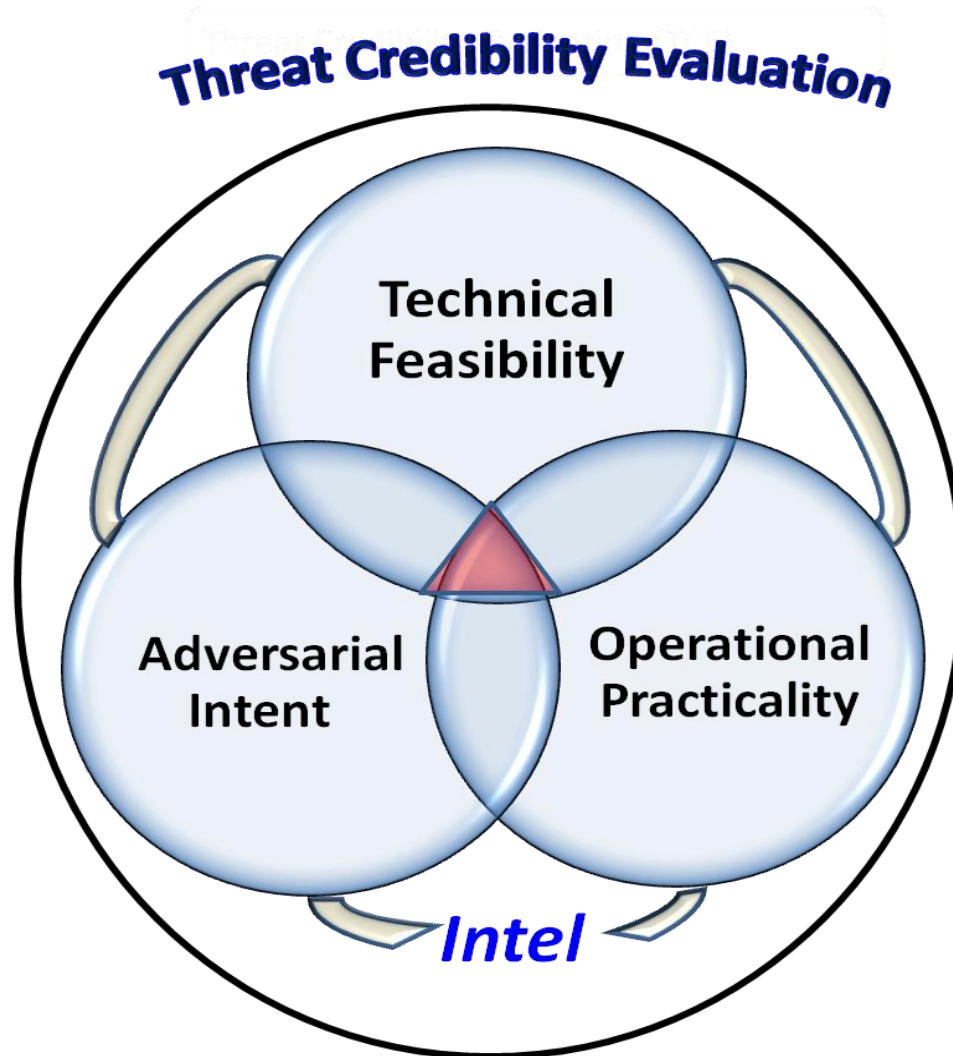
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At least one WMD Coordinator in each of the 56 FBI Field Offices.





Threat Credibility Evaluation (TCE)





Key Takeaways

- FBI is dual-hatted: investigations and intelligence
 - Lead agency for acts of terrorism and WMD
 - Intent, attempts, and hoaxes
- HQ (WMD and Lab) supports the Field (WMD Coordinators)
- Threat Credibility Evaluations
 - Conducted by both LE
 - Assess credibility and impact of threat (and if necessary, determine response)
- Early notification and communication with partners is key
 - Informal contacts and relationships mutually beneficial

