



NFCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Call for Proposals
Washington, D.C. April 22-24, 2025

"The Speed of Advancements: New Technologies and New Challenges for Collaboration"

Now extended: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IN CVENT: **Fri. October 25, 2024**

NOTIFICATION DATE: **November, 2024**

The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event is a premier forum for designated state and major urban area fusion centers to receive training and technical assistance and to exchange best practices to support capabilities of the National Network of Fusion Centers. This event supports efforts to further integrate the National Network of Fusion Centers with key local, state, and federal law enforcement partners and private industry partners. The NFCA’s Agenda Committee is now accepting proposals for presentations, panel sessions, and demonstrations for up to 25 Break-out Sessions at its Annual Conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. April 22-24, 2025

General Proposal Guidelines include the following:

- The “endgame” of strong proposals (i.e., the goals and values of selected presentations) is to highlight and share best practices, innovative solutions, and lessons learned in the areas of fusion center operations, programs, technologies, and partnerships.
- Proposed presentations for breakout sessions should conform to a 50-minute timeslot, including the opportunity for Q&A.
- Proposals must originate from federal, state, or local law enforcement, homeland security personnel, other associations, or 2025 NFCA corporate sponsors.
- We encourage proposals that highlight multiple fusion centers.
- We strongly advise sponsors to collaborate with a fusion center or other government entity.
- Product demos are not permitted.
- The agenda will be developed based upon presentation proposals submitted and event planning committee review/input. There will be three concurrent tracks throughout the event addressing priority issues including:

Analytic Tradecraft

Refers to the specialized skills, methodologies, and best practices employed by intelligence analysts to produce accurate, actionable and objective intelligence. This includes critical thinking, structured analytic techniques, data interpretation, and the ability to communicate complex information effectively. Sessions under this title will focus on enhancing the quality, reliability, and impact of intelligence analysis within the fusion center community.

Legal/Privacy

Refers to the legal frameworks, privacy protections, and compliance requirements that govern the operation of fusion centers and intelligence activities. These sessions would cover topics such as data protection laws, 28 CFR Part 23, and policies that ensure intelligence sharing and analysis are conducted lawfully. The focus will be on maintaining a balance between security and the rights of individuals, while adhering to state and federal regulations.

TLO/ILO/FLO

Private Sector Engagement

Refers to the roles and responsibilities of Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLO), Intelligence Liaison Officers (ILO), Fusion Liaison Officers (FLO) in the fusion center network. These sessions will focus on how these officers act as vital links between fusion centers, law enforcement, emergency responders, and private sector partners. Topics may include best practices for information sharing, intelligence dissemination, and coordination among public and private sectors to enhance situational awareness and threat mitigation. Sessions will also cover strategies for building stronger partnerships with the private sector and expanding engagement efforts across various industries.

Topic areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

- How you meet the needs of stakeholders within your AOR to include best practices related to fusion center information sharing across disciplines and levels of government (fire, health, tribal, cyber, critical infrastructure/key resources).
- Lessons learned from significant events within your AOR.
- Best practices and success stories linked directly to fusion center operations.
- Application of business process rules and policies, particularly with regard to privacy, data ownership, and data access within fusion centers.
- Fusion Center mental health and wellness – How is your center implementing initiatives or best practices related to personnel resilience and mental health.
- Basic Resources, Outreach, and Training - refreshers such as SARs (NTER), private sector outreach, (public utilities, schools, etc.) and training resources (SLATT and CELL).
- Using technology and tools to support operational efforts in fusion centers.
- Regional information sharing initiatives that illustrate collaboration between fusion centers, including RISS and HIDTA Centers.
- Best practices related to emerging trends (social media, human trafficking, cyber, illicit narcotics, etc.).

Proposal Submission Instructions

To submit a proposal, please go to our [web form](#) to enter your proposal narrative, biographies, and other information. If you are unable to access the form, please contact us at sessionproposals@nfcausa.org.



Due to the anticipated volume of proposals and the limited number of available slots, individuals are highly encouraged to partner up with other fusion centers, agencies, or Federal partners on collaborative efforts that are similar in nature. We will be giving priority consideration to those presentations that demonstrate collaboration efforts among multiple entities and who's lessons are applicable to fusion centers across the nation. Additionally, those accepted may be combined with other similar submissions to ensure an interesting and compelling program.

- Submit an abstract (follow the qr-code above to access the form, or use this link: [web form](#)) outlining the subject, title, and key points of the presentation, panel discussion, or demonstration. Within the abstract, indicate:
 - The type of track your session might support.
 - Describe how this topic directly relates to state and major urban area fusion centers, as well as which fusion centers will be involved in the presentation of the topic.
 - Any special room setup and audiovisual requirements.

- Submit a brief overview of how your proposal is applicable to fusion centers across the entire network.
 - How is your presentation relatable to fusion center capabilities of all sizes: large, medium, and small?
 - How can the best practices presented be transferred to centers across the network and not exclusively limited to a particular center or state.
- Submit presenter(s) information, including name, title, and affiliation.
- Provide a brief biography (one paragraph) for each presenter.
- Due to the overwhelming volume of submissions, all submissions must fit within the requested time frame of 50 minutes.

Important Dates

- Proposal Due Date: **October 25, 2024**
- Selected Sessions Announced: **By November 30, 2024**
- Presentation Materials Due: **February 21, 2025**
(Final abstract, list of presenters, bios)
- Training Event: **April 22-24, 2025**

Questions? Contact us at Sessionproposals@nfcausa.org

About the NFCA

The National Fusion Center Association is a private non-profit 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to representing the interests of fusion centers in states, tribal nations, territories and units of local government in order to promote the development and sustainment of fusion centers to enhance public safety; encourage effective, efficient, ethical, lawful, and professional intelligence and information sharing; and prevent and reduce the harmful effects of crime, natural hazards and terrorism on victims, individuals, and communities while ensuring the protection of privacy, civil rights and civil liberties.