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Created in 2002 by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, the Counterterrorism Bureau has been at the forefront of local law enforcement efforts to detect and deter terrorism. The mission of the Counterterrorism Bureau, led by Deputy Commissioner Richard A. Falkenrath and Assistant Chief James R. Waters, is to develop innovative, forward-looking policies and procedures to guard against the threat of international

and domestic terrorism in New York City. The Bureau accomplishes this through its Borough Counterterrorism Coordinators, who are responsible for conducting high visibility counterterrorism deployments to disrupt terrorist planning and surveillance based on real-time intelligence; the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which partners NYPD detectives with FBI agents on terrorism investigations in the New York metro area and around the world; the Lower Manhattan Security Initiative (LMSI), which combines an increased police presence with technology to detect threats and deter pre-operational hostile surveillance; the Planning and Policy team, which is responsible for the review, analysis, and development of initiatives, policies, and legislative agendas related to counterterrorism; the Terrorism Threat Analysis Group (TTAG), which performs and disseminates strategic intelligence analysis, both open-source and classified, to the Bureau, the private sector, the U.S. intelligence community, and other law enforcement agencies; and the Counterterrorism Division (CTD), which includes six specialized units:

- the Project Management Office, which designs, implements, and ensures the evolution of large-scale counterterrorism projects from initial concept to deployable operations;
- the Threat Reduction Infrastructure Protection Section (TRIPS), which develops protective security strategies for high-risk buildings and critical infrastructure throughout the City;
- the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Section, which develops and implements plans, policies, and operations to detect and combat CBRNE threats;
- the Training Section, which develops and delivers counterterrorism training to the NYPD patrol force, other law enforcement agencies, and private sector entities;
- the SHIELD Unit, which manages the NYPD public-private security partnership; and
- the Emergency Preparedness and Exercise Section, which interfaces with the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

