



# THE OUTREACH

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## January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Since 2010, the month of January has been declared the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This month, law enforcement agencies strive to raise awareness about the different forms of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is the illegal exploitation of a person. In the United States, both U.S. residents and foreign nationals are being bought and sold like modern-day slaves. Traffickers may use violence, manipulation, or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to exploit victims. Victims are often beaten, starved, and forced to work as sex trafficking victims or to take grueling jobs as domestic, restaurant, factory or agriculture workers with long hours far exceeding the average work week with little or no pay.

The FBI investigates all forms of human trafficking, regardless of the victim's age or nationality. These cases are worked under the Bureau's Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking program, which takes a trauma informed, victim-centered approach.

Under the human trafficking program, the FBI investigates:

- **Sex trafficking:** When individuals are compelled by force, fraud, or coercion to engage in commercial sex acts. Sex trafficking of a minor occurs when the victim is under the age of 18. For cases involving minors, it is not necessary to prove force, fraud, or coercion.
- **Labor trafficking:** When individuals are compelled by force, threats, or fraud to perform labor or service.
- **Domestic servitude:** When individuals within a household working as nannies, housekeepers, or other types of domestic help are being controlled and exploited.

### NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT 1-888-373-7888 OR TEXT 233733 TO SEEK HELP OR REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



### Report Trafficking and Get Help

If you are a human trafficking victim or have information about a potential trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733. NHTRC operates a national, toll-free hotline, with specialists available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also submit a tip on the [NHTRC website](#).

If you believe a child is involved in a trafficking situation, submit a tip through the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's [CyberTipline](#) or call 1-800-THE-LOST. FBI personnel assigned to NCMEC review information provided to the CyberTipline.

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## Spotlight on Student Programs

Student programs are a vital component of the FBI's Community Outreach Program. Field offices throughout the country work closely with schools to create and facilitate exciting lessons to share information about the ways law enforcement helps to serve and protect communities.

The Teen Academy and Youth Academy programs give high school and middle school students a comprehensive look into today's FBI. Generally, each course iteration is a minimum of eight hours. However, some field offices offer a week-long program with a mix of classroom instruction and interactive demonstrations.

Students are given briefings on terrorism, cyber-crime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office, and other topics. Students also learn from special agents, intelligence analysts, language specialists, and other professional staff about investigative tactics like gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and assisting with cases.



The Richmond Field Office held a Teen Academy where students got an up close and personal tour of a Black Hawk.

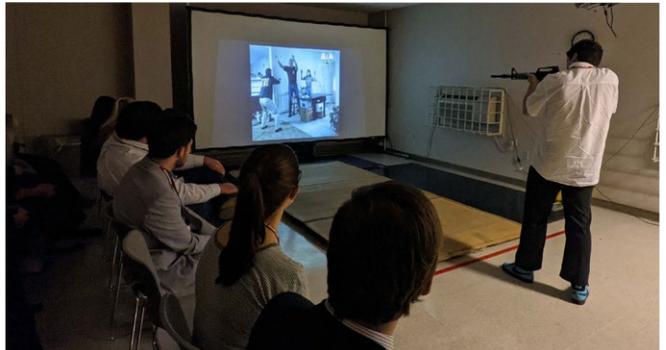
In Richmond, Virginia, FBI personnel from the counterintelligence, violent crime, civil rights, and counterterrorism squads gave presentations during its Teen Academy. Additionally, students were able to participate in demonstrations with bomb techs, SWAT Team, Evidence Response Team, and Computer Analysis Response Team staff. Working closely with the Virginia State Police, participants also experienced a distracted driving simulator to remind new drivers to stay safe on the roads. Partners with the Henrico County Police led a discussion on safe law enforcement interactions. On the final day, the FBI Hostage Rescue Team flew in a Black Hawk helicopter and fast-roped to the ground, then let the teens climb inside while team members shared information on their mission.



Thirty students completed the week-long Future Agents in Training Program hosted by the Norfolk Field Office.

Last summer, the Norfolk Field Office hosted a Future Agents in Training Program for local students age 16 to 18. This five-day program gave the students a better understanding of the FBI and what it takes to keep America safe. Staff discussed the various positions and career paths that work closely together to uphold the Constitution and keep citizens safe. Students visited

the Norfolk office and other locations, while participating in both classroom instruction as well as hands-on activities. Class topics ranged from the importance of using good judgement online to what crimes the FBI is responsible for investigating. Last year, 30 students graduated from the FAIT program.



Law school students visited the Albany Field Office and met with Bureau staff to discuss future career opportunities and participated in hands-on activities.

The Albany Field Office in New York hosted a group of law school students, who had interned last summer with the U.S. Attorneys' offices. Bureau personnel shared ways the students could use their legal background to work for the FBI in the future and also participated in fun, hands-on activities showcasing the good work of FBI Albany. ■



## The American Jewish Committee Provides Training to Help the FBI Protect and Serve the Jewish Community

“Not a religion, not a race;  
Jews are a people.”

— Holly Huffnagle, U.S. director for combatting antisemitism, the American Jewish Committee

Officials from the American Jewish Committee recently gave a presentation on understanding and recognizing contemporary antisemitism for more than 35 FBI community outreach specialists across the country.

Bridget B. Patton, Public Affairs and Community Outreach Specialist in the Kansas City Field Office, helped to coordinate the AJC presentation with FBI Headquarters staff. Patton said that having a solid relationship with community partners is paramount to building a successful outreach program. “We must take the time to learn and understand their cultural, religious, and ethnic differences, as well as the challenges that they face. Doing so can only enhance what we — as representatives of the FBI — can do to assist and keep our communities safer,” added Patton.

The AJC is the leading global Jewish advocacy organization, working to impact policy and opinion on some of the most important issues facing the Jewish people. AJC’s mission is to enhance the well-being of the Jewish people and Israel, and to advance human rights and democratic values in the U.S. and around the world.

The presenters gave a comprehensive definition of antisemitism and discussed why antisemitic incidents tend to increase around elections, Jewish holidays,



Holly R. Huffnagle, who serves as AJC’s U.S. director for combatting antisemitism, recently co-hosted a presentation on understanding and recognizing contemporary antisemitism for Bureau personnel.

and when there is an uptick in violence in the Middle East. Additionally, participants learned about the four distinct categories of antisemitism: hatred toward Jews; stereotypes and scapegoating; Holocaust denial and Holocaust comparison; and inappropriately invoking Israel. The presentation also included tips for helping fight antisemitism.

Presentations were made by Holly R. Huffnagle, the U.S. director for combatting antisemitism, and Gavriela Geller, director of AJC/Jewish Community Relations Bureau Kansas City. ■



## FBI Job Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

The FBI is an Equal Opportunity Employer: all qualified applicants will receive consideration. The FBI welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate their needs. Granting reasonable accommodations is made on a case-by-case basis. The FBI is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the FBI.

The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs manages the FBI's equal employment programs, policies, and procedures. The office provides the guidance and tools to ensure the FBI mission is accomplished in an environment free from discrimination, retaliation, and disruption.

Persons with disabilities interested in pursuing FBI employment should e-mail resumes to Sheri Armstrong-Hardy, the FBI's Selective Placement Program coordinator, at [RSUrecruiting@fbi.gov](mailto:RSUrecruiting@fbi.gov).

Except where otherwise provided by law, selection will be made without regard to, and there will be no discrimination because of, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, or on the basis of personal favoritism or other non-merit factors. ■



**INTERESTED APPLICANTS FOR  
EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION**

Email resume to: [RSUrecruiting@fbi.gov](mailto:RSUrecruiting@fbi.gov)



# FBI Jacksonville Partners with the Volusia Sheriff's Office to Host the First Joint FBI-VSO Citizens Academy



Volusia Sheriff's Office provides participants with a behind-the-scenes look at the tactical vehicles used to protect deputies and the community.



FBI Jacksonville's Daytona Beach Citizens Academy class photo with FBI Jacksonville's SAC Rachel Rojas and Volusia Sheriff Michael Chitwood.

Every spring over the course of several weeks, the Jacksonville Field Office in Florida invites dozens of community leaders to watch presentations and demonstrations as part of its Citizens Academy. The program takes private sector, academia, and religious leaders behind the scenes of FBI operations to learn the finer points of investigating crime scenes, protecting civil rights, firearms safety, and how the FBI relies on partnerships to protect and serve the community. Over the past two decades, hundreds of community leaders have graduated from the Jacksonville Citizens Academy with a better understanding of, and appreciation for, the FBI's mission and role in protecting the community.

The Jacksonville Field Office is located in Duval County, one of 40 counties the office serves, and sits in the northeast corner of the state. The office is many hours from some of its seven resident agencies. In the past, due to resources and the small size of the RAs, most of the Citizens Academy programs have taken place in Jacksonville. However, in 2021, the Jacksonville Outreach Team prioritized the need to build relationships with a more diverse group of community leaders across North Florida. The team looked to its local law enforcement partners for help.

In October, FBI Jacksonville partnered with the Volusia Sheriff's Office to host the first joint FBI-VSO Citizens Academy. Over the course of three days, 20 prominent local community leaders visited the VSO training facility in Daytona Beach, where they were immersed in case studies, presentations, and demonstrations from the

leadership of both the FBI and VSO. The FBI focused on counterterrorism, cyber, civil rights violations, and evidence response team techniques; VSO personnel focused on deputy training, SWAT and bomb tech demonstrations, and local law enforcement efforts. The joint event helped both agencies' save valuable resources and highlighted their daily coordinated efforts. The obviously strong partnership was invaluable in cultivating a strong bond with each program participant.

"The Citizens Academy program is a unique tool that allows the FBI to effectively communicate with community leaders of all backgrounds. Partnerships, such as the one between FBI Jacksonville and the Volusia Sheriff's Office help our efforts reach more participants in more counties," said Acting Special Agent in Charge Sean T. Ryan.

The overall success of every Citizens Academy program is a direct reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm of FBI employees, volunteers, and partners. Their contributions enhance

the overall effectiveness of the program by illustrating the dynamic relationships the FBI shares with not only law enforcement agencies but the community too. ■



FBI Jacksonville's principal firearms instructor assists a community leader shooting a historic Thompson Model 1928, aka the "Tommy gun."

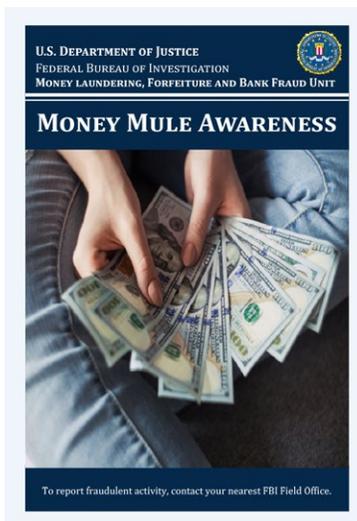
# U.S. Law Enforcement Takes Action Against Approximately 2,300 Money Mules in Global Crackdown on Money Laundering

Last month, the U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and six other federal law enforcement agencies announced the completion of the third annual Money Mule Initiative. The coordinated operation disrupts the networks through which transnational fraudsters move the proceeds of their fraud: mules help move the illicit funds back to the fraud organizers, many of whom are located abroad.

Some money mules know they are helping fraudsters, but others are unaware that their actions enable fraudsters' efforts to swindle money from consumers, businesses, and government unemployment funds.



U.S. law enforcement agencies took action against over 2,300 money mules, far surpassing last year's effort against more than 600 money mules. In 2021, actions occurred in every state in the country. The initiative targeted money mules involved in a wide range of schemes including lottery fraud, romance scams, government imposter fraud, technical support fraud, business email compromise or CEO fraud, and unemployment insurance fraud. Many of these schemes target elderly or vulnerable members of society.



## What Is a Money Mule?

A money mule is someone who transfers or moves illegally acquired money on behalf of someone else.

Criminals recruit money mules to help launder proceeds derived from online scams and frauds or crimes like human trafficking and drug trafficking. Money mules add layers of distance between crime victims and criminals, which makes it harder for law enforcement to accurately trace money trails.

Money mules can move funds in various ways, including through bank accounts, cashier's checks, virtual currency, prepaid debit cards, and money service businesses.

Money mules often receive a commission for their service. Some help because they erroneously believe they are in a trusting or romantic relationship with the individual asking for help.

If you are moving money at the direction of another person, you may be serving as a money mule. ■

## Protect Yourself

- Perform online searches to check the legitimacy of any company that offers you a job.
- Do not accept any job offers that ask you to use your own bank account to transfer money. A legitimate company will not ask you to do this.
- Be wary if an employer asks you to form a company to open up a new bank account.
- Be suspicious if an individual you met on a dating website wants to use your bank account for receiving and forwarding money.
- Never give your financial details to someone you don't know and trust, especially if you met them online.

## Community Outreach in Action



▲ The Baltimore Field Office hosts a backpack drive, providing bookbags filled with school supplies and “All About the FBI” activity books to Soldiers Outreach, Inc.

▲ The Kansas City Citizens Academy Alumni Association participates in a toy drive for the Kansas City Police Department. The toys collected are provided to children during crisis and emergency response calls.

▶ The Philadelphia Field Office gathers gifts for the less fortunate. These items were donated to approximately 60 children through the annual Adopt-a-Family for the Holiday Program. Pictured from left to right, Tanya Jeter, community outreach specialist, and SAC Jacqueline Maguire.



# FBI COP

Community Outreach Program

## WHAT WE DO

The better we know our communities, the better we can protect them. **FBI community outreach specialists in field offices across the country** create and strengthen relationships locally and nationally with minority groups, religious and civic organizations, schools, non-profits, and the American people.

**The Community Relations Unit at FBI Headquarters** in Washington, D.C., partners with national organizations to share information, support threat awareness, and develop meaningful initiatives.

## WHY WE DO

These partnerships have led to a host of crime prevention programs, enabling families to stay safe from fraudsters and cyber predators, businesses to protect themselves from hackers and economic espionage, schools, and workplaces to safeguard against violence and illegal drugs, and all citizens to become alert to potential acts of terrorism.



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## OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

### Citizens Academy

The Citizens Academy Program fosters a greater understanding of the role of federal law enforcement in the community through frank discussion and education. Business, religious, civic and community leaders participate in a 10-session program, giving them an inside look at the FBI.

### Youth, Teen, & Collegiate Academies

Middle school, high school, and college students are provided presentations on topics including terrorism, cybercrime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, and the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office. Students also learn about career paths and internship opportunities.

### Community Awareness Presentations

This shorter, more focused version of the FBI Citizens Academy program is conducted in partnership with a specific community group. Community groups identify topics that are of concern to their organization for FBI subject matter experts to address.

### Multi-Cultural Engagement Councils

These Councils are generally composed of community ethnic, religious, and minority leaders who help the FBI better understand the cultures and committees they represent. Participants discuss issues and concerns within their communities and collaborate with the FBI to identify solutions.

### Junior Special Agents

The Junior Special Agent Program aims to provide elementary school students with the information, skills, and discipline necessary to stay away from gangs, drugs, and crime. Students also take a course in civics and learn about the FBI and ways in which law enforcement helps to serve and their communities.

### Director's Community Leadership Award

Since 1990, the Director's Community Leadership Award has been the principal means for the FBI to recognize individuals and organizations that make extraordinary contributions to education and the prevention of crime in their communities.

There are FBI outreach specialists in your community eager to partner with you.

Contact them today by visiting [FBI.gov/contact-us/field-offices](https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices).

Call your local FBI field office and ask to speak with a community outreach specialist.