



# THE NJSARS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

*See Something, Say Something*

Report Suspicious Activity to 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or [tips@njohsp.gov](mailto:tips@njohsp.gov)

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Partners,  
As we look toward the end of the pandemic, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) remains steadfast on collecting,

analyzing, and investigating terrorism threats and activity in New Jersey. We recently published our annual 2022 Terrorism Threat Assessment, which ranked homegrown violent extremists and white racially motivated extremists as high-level threats. Foreign terrorist organizations also seek opportunities to inspire extremists to conduct attacks in the Homeland or abroad. Additionally, numerous cybersecurity threats will continue to impact residents and the public and private sectors. NJOHSP reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of New Jersey residents, workers, and visitors. In this edition of our NJSARS Newsletter, we highlight the importance of reporting suspicious activity, as well as some significant system enhancements to streamline information sharing and analysis. As always, we rely heavily on our law enforcement partners to report terrorism-related suspicious activity to their County Counterterrorism Coordinators (CTCs) and NJOHSP's Counterterrorism Watch Desk at 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ and [tips@njohsp.gov](mailto:tips@njohsp.gov).

Thank you and be safe.

**Laurie R. Doran, Director**  
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

**UPDATE**

## NJSARS UPDATES

### • Juvenile Option Update

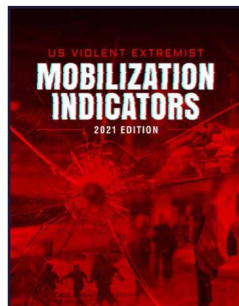
As we continue to see an influx of school threats in the State and nationwide, and to streamline the process of collecting and analyzing school threats, NJOHSP will permit juveniles' personally identifiable information (PII) to be entered in the New Jersey Suspicious Activity Reporting System (NJSARS). Enter the PII in the "Subject Type" section and check the newly added dropdown "Juvenile." Juvenile names and initials should not be used in SAR narratives.

subject type (req.)
COMPLAINANT
<b>JUVENILE</b>
OTHER
PERSON OF INTEREST
POINT OF CONTACT
SUSPECT
VEHICLE REG. OWNER
VICTIM
WITNESS

### • Lost/Stolen Passport Update

We continuously seek to ensure that our SAR collection and process is aligned with our counterterrorism efforts and focused on pre-operational planning activities. As such, lost or stolen passports will no longer be entered into NJSARS. Instead, please submit reports of lost or stolen passports to Counterterrorism Watch ([ctwatch@njohsp.gov](mailto:ctwatch@njohsp.gov)) for review. This information will continue to be shared with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Forces and NJOHSP's Operations Bureau for potential investigative/intelligence value.

## NCTC MOBILIZATION INDICATORS



The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) updated their Mobilization Indicator booklet, Violent Extremist Mobilization Indicators 2021 Edition. The booklet provides a catalog of observable behaviors that could signal whether individuals or groups are pursuing ideologically motivated violent extremist activities, regardless of ideological affiliation. [Mobilization Indicators Booklet\\_2021.pdf \(dni.gov\)](#)

### CTWATCH TIP

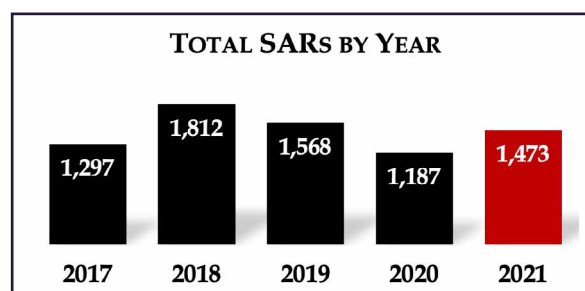
Please refrain from using the online webform on NJOHSP's public website. Instead, follow the protocols as outlined in the New Jersey Attorney General's Directive at [https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/AG-Directive-2016-7\\_Investigative-Tips-Leads.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/AG-Directive-2016-7_Investigative-Tips-Leads.pdf).

## SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES

We are interested in hearing your success stories! Does your agency have any success stories resulting from information reported and shared through NJSARS? Please let us know at [IntelMgt@njohsp.gov](mailto:IntelMgt@njohsp.gov)! Check out our previous SAR success stories on our [website](#).

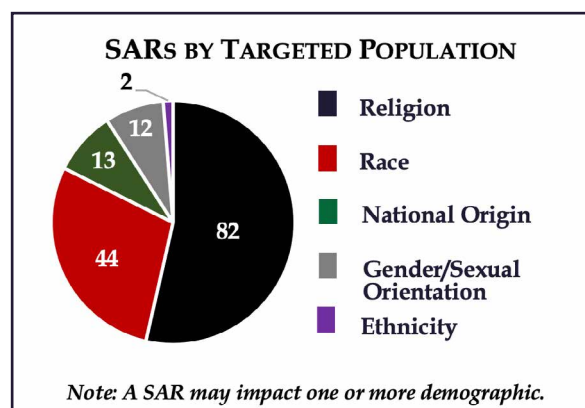
## SARs STATISTICS CORNER

- In 2021, NJOHSP received **1,473** SARs, a 24 percent increase from 2020, likely due to changes in Statewide COVID-19 restrictions, reflecting a transition toward pre-pandemic activity.
- The sectors most impacted were **Education/Schools, Emergency Services, Government Facilities, Commercial Facilities, and Transportation**.
  - Education/Schools rose by **57 percent**. *This increase is likely due to educational institutions transitioning back to in-person learning. Although this is an increase from 2020, the number of threats received in 2021 remains below pre-COVID-19 levels.*
  - Transportation increased by **60 percent**. *This spike is likely due to two factors: the increasing popularity and accessibility of drones and the uptick in laser light distractions, which is part of an overall nationwide trend.*
- CTCs received their individualized 2021 Year-End Collection Reports, which included SARs, Intelligence Collection Plan reports, and Threat Screening Center encounter information for their respective counties.



### Other Notable Findings

- In 2021, **13 percent** of reported incidents involved threats that were posted on social media. This is a 22 percent decrease compared to 2020.
- Some type of extremist ideology was identified in 55 of the total reported SARs.
- Three percent of the incidents involved subjects who possessed a weapon at the time of the incident and four percent involved subjects who had access to weapons.
- More than half of the reported incidents targeting a demographic were based on religion.



## SPOTLIGHT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Nancy Petrara-Stafyleras



Detective First Grade (DFG) Nancy Petrara-Stafyleras has been in law enforcement for more than 25 years and is currently a member of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office in Paterson. She is assigned to the Intelligence/Homeland Security Unit, serving as the County Counterterrorism Coordinator (CTC).

DFG Petrara-Stafyleras is currently the liaison for her agency's information sharing efforts, managing all criminal intelligence, and providing analytical and investigative support to law enforcement partners. As the CTC, DFG Petrara-Stafyleras manages all counterterrorism and suspicious activity leads pertaining to Passaic County. She has been recognized as an expert in Gang Intelligence and Gang Identification by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic County vicinage and has completed several gang expert reports that have been utilized in New Jersey State Superior Court proceedings. To date, she has conducted hundreds of presentations on gangs and bias crimes to a wide array of audiences, such as law enforcement agencies, community groups, religious leaders, and schools. She was previously assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and served as the Passaic County Bias Crime Officer for more than seven years, witnessing firsthand how critical it is to understand threats posed by bias crimes and criminal street gangs, which may have potential nexuses to counterterrorism efforts and investigations.

DFG Petrara-Stafyleras began her law enforcement career within the ranks of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). She was last assigned to the Detective Bureau's Gang Division, where she conducted gang-related investigations and facilitated investigative and intelligence support for a 300-member division. During her tenure with the NYPD, she was a first responder at the September 11 terrorist attacks, and spent months after involved in the rescue, recovery, and investigative efforts in New York City. This event significantly impacted her career, driving her motivation to learn and understand more about the threats to our Homeland in order to maximize efforts for keeping communities safe. DFG Petrara-Stafyleras stated, "My strength in being able to perform my assigned duties to the best of my abilities comes from the vast network of individuals I have been so fortunate to obtain and continue to foster, as well as the ability to analyze information from a multifaceted approach to maximize output of investigations. Making the cross from New York to New Jersey was definitely made easier due to the great relationships I already had established, giving me the opportunity to transition to communicate and investigate cases effectively, because you are only as successful as the individuals you surround yourself with and continue learn from."

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

- Congratulations to our NJOHSP staff on their well-deserved appointments and promotions:
  - Director Laurie Doran
  - Lieutenant Jason Krayl
  - Sergeant Joseph Sansone
- Congratulations to James McDavitt, who started a new position as the Assistant Director of the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning.
- For Warren County: Detective Thomas Rodas has been assigned the role of CTC, along with Detective David Dias as the alternate CTC.
- For Union County: Detective Sean Holcomb has been assigned the role of alternate CTC.
- CTWatch Supervisor Michael Lychock presented on New Jersey's CTWatch and NJSARS programs at the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, where more than 150 guests participated in the event.
- Chief Maureen Lancaster, CTC Coordinator Derek Orgen, and former NJSARS Manager James McDavitt briefed on the "Recognizing Indicators of Extremism in the School Community" webinar to 750 participants.



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the date!

## Upcoming Events

NJOHSP develops, administers, coordinates, and assesses Statewide trainings and briefings relevant to counterterrorism, preparedness, and intelligence gathering, analysis, and sharing. Please note that training session dates and locations are subject to change.

View the full training calendar on our website at [njohsp.gov/calendar](http://njohsp.gov/calendar).

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### SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW JERSEY

NJOHSP will be hosting the Joint CTC/JTTF Executive Board Meeting on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Hamilton Technology Complex Auditorium, 1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ.

**May 1**

Hoboken Spring Arts Festival  
Hoboken (Hudson County)

**May 1**

Spring Fling Street Fair  
Westfield (Union County)

**May 2**

Muslim Day at Six Flags Great Adventure  
Jackson (Ocean County)

**May 7**

Coast Guard Community Festival  
Cape May (Cape May County)

**May 28**

Collingswood May Fair  
Collingswood (Camden County)

To view the full listing of special events in New Jersey, email [IntelMgt@njohsp.gov](mailto:IntelMgt@njohsp.gov) to be added to our distribution list.

Event	Date	Location	Target Audience
Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (DOT-501)	5/17	Middlesex County	This course is designed for industry personnel to include, hazmat employers, EHS professionals, operation managers, safety managers, shipping and receiving managers, hazardous waste generators, environmental consultants, warehouse supervisors, and Hazmat transporters.
	5/19		
Explosives & Explosive Effects (E & EE)	5/31	Middlesex County	Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Law Enforcement, Health Care, Public Health, Public Safety Communications.
	6/1		
Protective Measures Course (PMC): DHS (PER-336)	6/7 – 6/9	Hunterdon County	This course is for personnel expected to perform in a management capacity in an expanding incident that may require a higher level of NIMS/ICS training to include but not limited to the following disciplines/services: Personnel assigned to an Incident Management Team (IMT), Incident Support Team, Incident Management Assistance Teams, County Emergency Management Coordinators, Public Safety Command Staff.
Physical And Cybersecurity For Critical Infrastructure: TEEEX (MGT-452)	6/8	Burlington County	Managers and employees from all critical infrastructure sectors and subsectors, federal, State, local, regional, tribal, and territorial government officials, owners and operators of small businesses and nonprofit organizations, and individuals responsible for physical and/or cybersecurity within their organization

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