



AGENDA ITEM # VI.E

DATE: JUNE 28, 2021
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Attached are brief descriptions of some ongoing programs and activities of the Council.

Information only

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SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH FLORIDA



The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) hosted an educational webinar, titled “*Supporting Economic Development in South Florida*” on May 26, 2021. The webinar was designed to illustrate how South Florida communities can work with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the SFRPC to help build the capacity for economic development based on local conditions and needs. Best practices, grant funding opportunities including the American Rescue Plan, and project development ideas were discussed within the context of locally driven, community-supported approaches to create the foundation for high-quality job growth and private sector investment. THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST PRESENTERS!

- [Webinar PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Recorded Webinar](#)

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79TH STREET CORRIDOR – GRANT AWARD

Ron Butler, Executive Director of the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative, announced today that the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative has secured a \$300,000 grant for environmental assessment and rehabilitation efforts along the 79th Street Corridor community from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program through a partnership with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and the Southeast Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Coalition (Coalition).



Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop three cleanup plans and three reuse plans. The target area is the 79th Street Corridor located in west-central unincorporated Miami-Dade County and

bordered by the City of Hialeah, Liberty City, and City of Miami. The 79th Street Corridor features industrial land, extensive transit and rail infrastructure, and a historic community. The project sites are located in one of the 67 Opportunity Zones and Federal Trade Zones of Miami-Dade County. Priority sites include a 13.8-acre former private landfill, a 20-acre assemblage of 12 properties used by unregulated industries, and a 4.5-acre assemblage of 8 parcels that include a former gas station and automotive repair shop. Read more...

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE

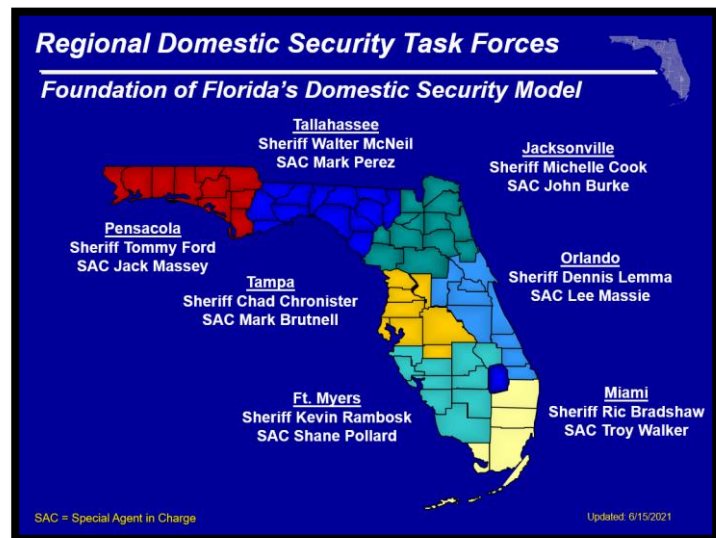


The state's seven (7) [Regional Domestic Security Task Forces](#) (RDSTFs) are the foundation of Florida's domestic security structure. Each RDSTF is co-chaired by a local Sheriff or Police Chief and an FDLE Special Agent in Charge (SAC). Task force members include [first responders from the disciplines of fire/rescue, emergency management, public health and hospitals, as well as law enforcement](#). The task forces also work in partnership with schools, businesses and private industries. By utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach, the RDSTFs provide support to impacted communities by serving as a force multiplier for local agencies, and working in conjunction with emergency management professionals.

In 2020, the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF), which is chaired by PBSO Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and FDLE SAC Troy Walker provided 45 training days, 32 training courses, and trained over 700 first responders by conducting various scenarios and tactical operations. Due to COVID-19, the SERDSTF held their first virtual Regional Meeting throughout the month of March 2021 to begin the year. All functional workgroups met individually through virtual platforms, and a general session welcome video was presented (via email) to all members.

The first in-person meeting post COVID is scheduled to meet on July 15, 2021 in West Palm Beach. The Region is also in the initial planning stages of another Operations Heatshield. Additional information to follow.

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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA FUSION CENTER

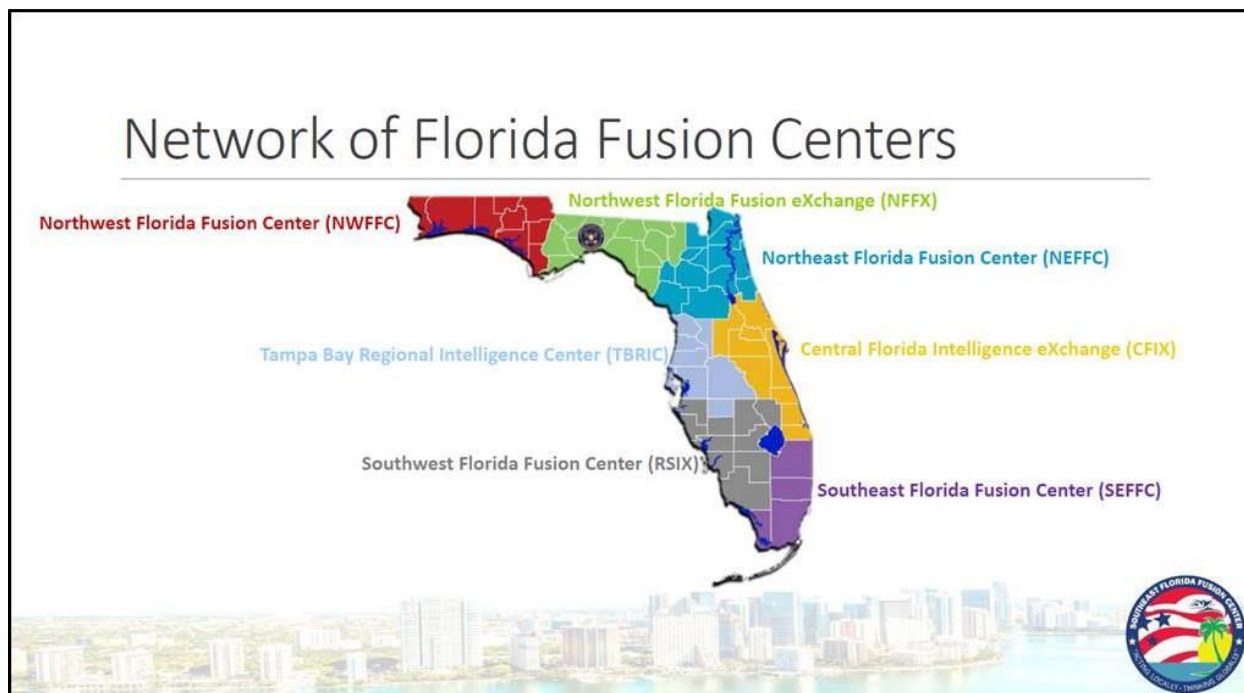
The Southeast Florida Fusion Center (SEFFC) which falls under the SERDSTF is a collaborative effort of state, local, tribal territorial and federal agencies working in partnership to share resources, expertise, and/or information to better identify, detect, prevent, and respond to threats, crimes and terrorist activity using

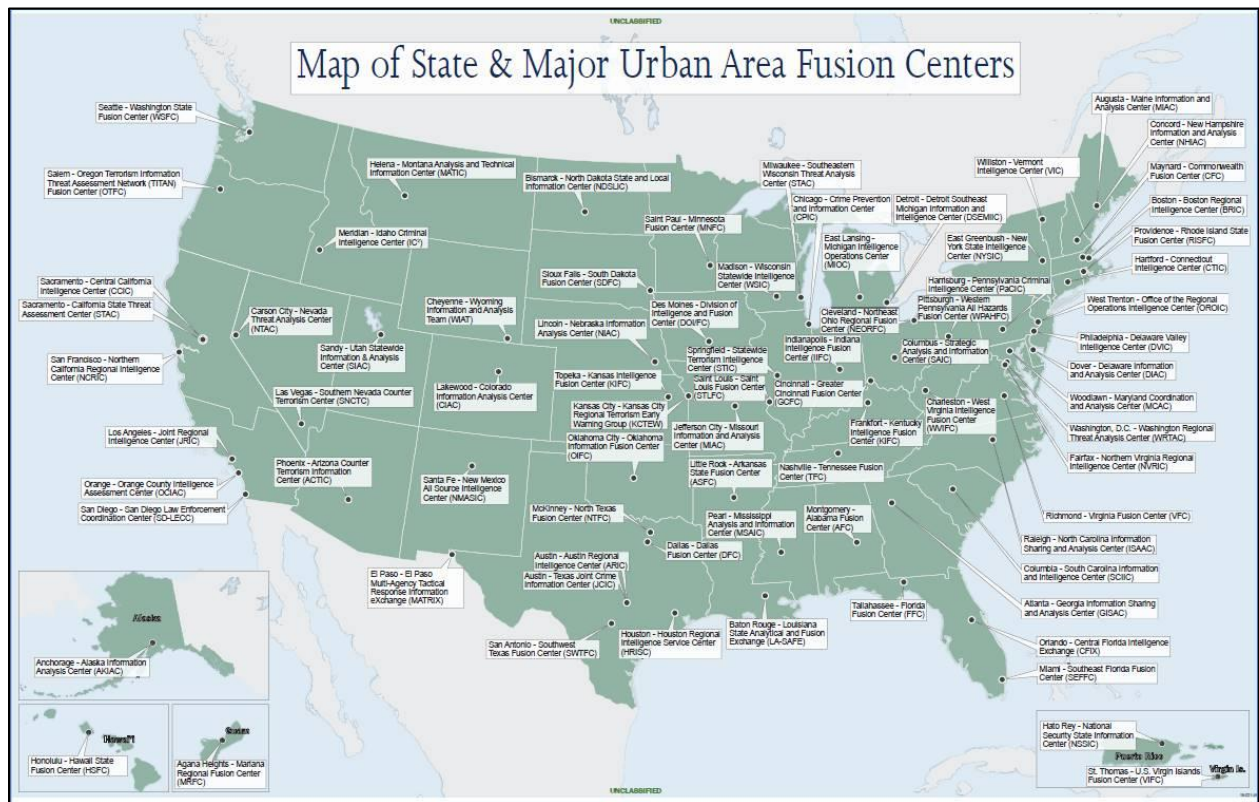
an all crimes/ all hazards approach. The SEFFC serves Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties, and is responsible for the development and implementation of effective information sharing policies and collaborative programs, to ensure the effective dissemination of criminal intelligence information across a multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline environment. The SEFFC strives to build trusted relationships with our federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector partners to enhance our ability to secure the homeland, while protecting the privacy of our citizens.

The SFRPC engages 10 contracted Regional Intelligence Analysts to:

- produce Regional Quarterly Trend Reports,
- coordinate Regional Terrorism Liaison Officer Program classes for law enforcement and private partners,
- assist the Florida Fusion Center Network in production of statewide bulletins and assessments for information sharing,
- coordinate regional table top exercises, tactical operations and analytical trainings,
- participate in quarterly meetings, National Fusion Center Conferences, Southern Shield training events,
- and provide threat assessments for large events.

The SEFFC is a member of the National Network of Fusion Centers which allows for national level of collaboration and information sharing. Many partners continue to work remotely, however the Fusion Center has adapted. The SEFFC have utilized online platforms such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom to ensure continuity in our essential functions.





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