

**From:** Batcha, Nadia </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=NADIA.BATCHA>  
**To:** "(b)(6)" </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN="(b)(6)"@dhs.gov35c>"  
**Subject:** ICCT Memos  
**Date:** 2015/10/07 11:32:15  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Type:** Note

Here are memos for the last several ICCTs that we've done...Thanks.

Nadia Batcha  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Washington DC 20528  
(b)(6) Office)  
(b)(6) Blackberry)

**Sender:** Batcha, Nadia </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=NADIA.BATCHA>  
**Recipient:** "(b)(6)" </O=DHS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN="(b)(6)"@dhs.gov35c>"  
**Sent Date:** 2015/10/07 11:32:10  
**Delivered Date:** 2015/10/07 11:32:15



# Homeland Security

June 24, 2015

## MEMORANDUM

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Megan H. Mack  
Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

**FROM:** Nadia Batcha  
Senior Policy Advisor

**THROUGH:** Kareem Shora  
Section Lead, Community Engagement

**SUBJECT:** ICCT Call, June 18, 2015, 5:00pm EST

### Purpose

This memo serves as a summary report of the Incident Community Coordination Team (ICCT) call you hosted on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

### Summary

On June 18, 2015 at 5:00 PM EST CRCL activated the Incident Community Coordination Team (ICCT) an ICCT call. The call was scheduled as a result of the June 17, 2015 shooting at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Gunman Dylann Roof opened fire during an evening prayer service, killing 9 including church pastor and South Carolina State Senator Reverend Clementa Pinckney. The church is predominantly African-American. Local police described the shooting as a possible hate crime. Soon after the incident, CRCL heard from trusted community partners who expressed concerns and requested information and points of contact as a result of this incident. CRCL held the ICCT the day after the incident in response to requests from community leaders and government partners.

A cross section of American communities, faith-based communities, and non-governmental organizations participated in the call. There were a total of 167 callers. Speakers included:

1. Kareem Shora, CRCL Community Engagement Section Chief, DHS
2. Vanita Gupta, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, DOJ

3. Beth Drake, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, US Attorney's Office for District of South Carolina
4. Brian Murphy, Section Chief, Office of Partnership Engagement, FBI
5. Rev. David Myers, Director, Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships, DIIS
6. Bob Kolasky, Deputy Assistant Secretary, NPPD, Office of Infrastructure Protection, DHS
7. Grandc Lum, Director, Community Relations Service, DOJ

After remarks by the US government officials, community leaders asked questions and provided comments and feedback. The call was completed by 6:18 PM EST after all questions were answered from local leaders.

### **Discussion Points**

- All speakers offered their sympathies in a difficult time for the nation, condemned the attack as a heinous hate crime and emphasized the use of all available resources in the ongoing investigation.
- DOJ Civil Rights Division announced that the suspect is under police custody, that DOJ is investigating the attack as a possible hate crime, and that the local US Attorney's Office, FBI, and local police are working together in the investigation.
- The US Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina, announced that there were already pending state charges, and that the US Attorney's Office was working closely with the FBI and local police.
- The FBI reiterated comments from DOJ CRT and assured callers that multiple leads were being pursued in the investigation.
- The DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships read the statement that the President had issued earlier about the incident, and reported that the Faith-Based Office within the Executive Office of the President had been also reaching out to faith based groups across the country.
- DHS NPPD provided information on the tools available to keep communities and places of worship safe. NPPD encouraged community leaders to get in touch with their local protective security advisors and build close relationships with local law enforcement.
- The DOJ Community Relations Service spoke on the necessity of community counseling and the importance of dialogue.

### **Q&A and Community Feedback**

- There were several questions that asked if this incident was an indicator of larger hate movements or networks. FBI and DHS officials responded that because this was a pending investigation, they could not comment further on specifics at this point. In addition, officials consistently noted that regardless of factors such as race, gender, or religion, each case is dealt with in the same approach, based on investigation and intelligence. (This was asked in different forms by: African-American Ministers Leadership Council; United Ministries of TN; Muslim Advocates; and Henry Green Consulting).
- A member of the Christian Emergency Network asked for clarification on the main point of contact or the DHS Protective Security Advisor (PSA) responsible for organizing and coordinating efforts on the ground to support affected communities in South Carolina. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina advised her to email her personal email address for specific details. (Asked by: Christian Emergency Network).
- Several community leaders asked for resources for keeping communities safe. A community leader specifically asked for guidance on the kind of support he should provide to the members of his Church who feel insecure attending services and therefore are considering arming themselves for religious services. DHS NPPD encouraged these community leaders to contact their local protective security advisors. The DOJ Community Relations Service advised the leader to engage with local law enforcement on this issue and set up patrols and additional security reinforcements as needed. CRCL promised to send an email containing a comprehensive list of resources. (Asked by: African American Ministers Leadership Council, Zion Baptist Church, First Baptist Church).
- Several community leaders mentioned that we needed a larger conversation around race
- A Muslim community leader noted that according to a 2005 DOJ Report, South Carolina was one of a handful of states with no state statutes on prosecuting hate crimes. The US Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina, said that there were many other tools available to prosecute hate crimes or similar violence. (Asked by: Islamic Society of North America).
- A Muslim community leader noted that there were similar incidents of hate against the Muslim community and asked for law enforcement to look to the broader scope of terrorism. The FBI confirmed that it conducts extensive investigations into violent white supremacist and other violent domestic hate groups, and that if communities believed otherwise, then they had to increase their engagement to correct this misperception. Another community leader representing the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center mentioned that Ramadan had started and Muslims were sharing their thoughts and concerns about keeping safe during evening prayers. Another Muslim community leader asked about Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programming. The FBI mentioned that the government's CVE work was not limited to any particular ideology. (Asked by: ADAMS Center and Council on American-Islamic Relations).

Page 05 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

Page 06 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

Page 07 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

Page 08 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act



Page 09 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

Page 10 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

Page 11 of 11

Withheld pursuant to exemption

(b)(5)

of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act