We are pleased to announce that our annual Utah National Security and Anti-Terrorism Conference will be held Sept. 1-2, 2015, at the Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel. The conference is sponsored by the Utah U.S. Attorney’s Office, the FBI Salt Lake City Field Office, the Utah Statewide Information and Analysis Center, and the Utah Chiefs of Police Association.

There is no cost to attend the conference. The conference will go from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. (Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1.)

A final agenda will be ready soon, but here is a sample of what we are planning for the conference:

- Significant keynote address to be announced later
- Chuck Rosenberg will give our annual national Terrorism/Homeland Security National Trends and Issues Update. Mr. Rosenberg is a former U.S. Attorney from Virginia where he handled significant terrorism prosecutions and until recently was General Counsel for FBI Director James Comey. He was recently appointed by President Obama to be the Acting DEA Administrator.
- The Utah Department of Public Safety and the FBI’s JTTF will update us on Utah Trends and Issues.
- FBI Special Agent Thomas F. O’Connor will do a session on Lone Offenders and Active Shooters. Special Agent O’Connor has conducted counter-terrorism training across the United States and internationally. He was a Massachusetts police officer for 15 years. He has been assigned to the FBI’s Washington Field Office for more than 15 years working both international and domestic terrorism cases.
- The DEA Counter-Narcoterrorism Operations Center will be doing a session on narco-terrorism.
- As is our conference tradition, our agenda will include an international update. This year we will be focusing on Iraq and Syria.
- Cyber Shield Alliance: This is a partnership initiative developed by law enforcement to proactively defend and counter cyber threats against law enforcement networks and critical technologies.
- Tom Fuentes, a frequent on-air contributor for CNN regarding U.S. and international law enforcement and national security matters, will open the second day of our conference. Mr. Fuentes served as Assistant Director of the FBI’s Office of International Operations from 2004 until his retirement in November 2008. The Office of International Operations includes offices at FBI headquarters and 76 Legal Attaché offices in U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide. He also directed FBI personnel assigned to Interpol’s Washington, D.C., United Nations, and General Secretariat offices in Lyon, France; as well as Europol’s Headquarters at The Hague, Netherlands.
- Chief John Edwards of the Oak Creek, Wis., Police Department will do a case study/lessons learned session on the Sikh Temple Shooting. On August 5, 2012, 40-year-old Wade Michael Page fatally shot six people and wounded four others at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek. Page committed suicide after he was shot in the stomach by a responding police officer. Two Oak Creek officers received Congressional Badges of Bravery, one of the highest commendations available to law enforcement officers, for their response to the deadly rampage at the Sikh Temple.
- The Counterterrorism Center will do a presentation on radicalization and violent extremist recruitment designed to build awareness and understanding and to catalyze community efforts on prevention. This information can be used by law enforcement officers and others as a part of their own community efforts.
- We are planning a session on Cyberterrorism: An Emerging International Threat.

To register for the conference go to: https://usouttraining.org/terrorismconference

Please register by Aug. 21, 2015. If you have a problem accessing online registration, please e-mail Melodie Rydalch at melodie.rydalch@usdoj.gov.