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Side Event: Forensic Document Laboratory

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement – Forensic Document Laboratory (FDL)

- Background and history of the Forensic Document Laboratory
- Current capabilities of the Forensic Document Laboratory – Questioned Documents Section, Operations Section, Physical Science Section and Fingerprints Section
- On-going domestic and international initiatives dedicated to the training of individuals in recognizing fraudulent travel documents and/or fraud trends
- New security measures and techniques implemented in the security of travel documents – security features, security printing, biometrics, etc.
- Current fraud trends utilizing US travel documents – providing awareness of current fraud trends for a better understanding of the magnitude of document fraud
- Current fraud trends utilizing other international travel documents
- Discussion of lost/stolen and fraudulently obtained travel documents – complications of identification
- Imposters exploiting genuine documents to foster criminal activities throughout the world
- Open forum to discuss concerns and issues related to fraudulent travel documents

Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center (HSTC)

- Overview of the HSTC as an interagency fusion center and information clearinghouse that brings together federal agency representatives from the policy, law enforcement, intelligence and diplomatic areas to work together to achieve increased coordination and effectiveness to combat migrant smuggling, human trafficking and criminal support of terrorist travel.
- Quick review of the participating agencies.

- Why the HSTC is necessary. Breaking barriers and sharing information is the key.
- Functions of the HSTC – how it turns intelligence into action. Dissemination, strategic assessments, support for law enforcement and diplomacy, recommendations, coordination, deconfliction, and cooperation and sharing with international partners.
- Short case examples.
- How the HSTC can be a model for similar centers in other countries.



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