

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

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Presentation to the DoD Task Force for the Prevention of Suicide by Members of the Armed Forces



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Overview

- **Mission, Authority & Jurisdiction**
- **AFOSI Special Agent Training**
- **Criminal Investigations**
- **Special Policies & Considerations in Death Cases**
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Organization and Structure – Mission



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Authority and Jurisdiction

- **AFOSI is statutorily empowered to initiate and conduct criminal investigations per Public Law 99-145 § 1223 (99 Stat. 728).**

“The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe regulations providing to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations authority to initiate and conduct criminal investigations on the authority of the Commander of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.”



Authority and Jurisdiction

- **AF Mission Directive 39, “Air Force Office of Special Investigations,”** holds “...*the AFOSI Commander...is delegated the independent authority to initiate criminal investigations according to Public Law 99-145...*”



Authority and Jurisdiction

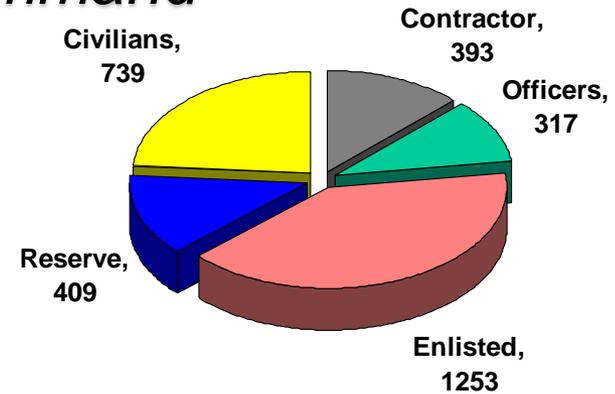
- **Jurisdiction is case specific; frequently complicated**
- **Military nexus is the primary consideration**
 - **Geography (exclusive federal, joint, proprietary state)**
 - **Prosecution venue (military, state, federal, foreign)**
 - **Status of the suspect (military or civilian)**
 - **MOAs, local agreements, SOFAs**
 - **MEJA**



Organization and Structure – Manpower

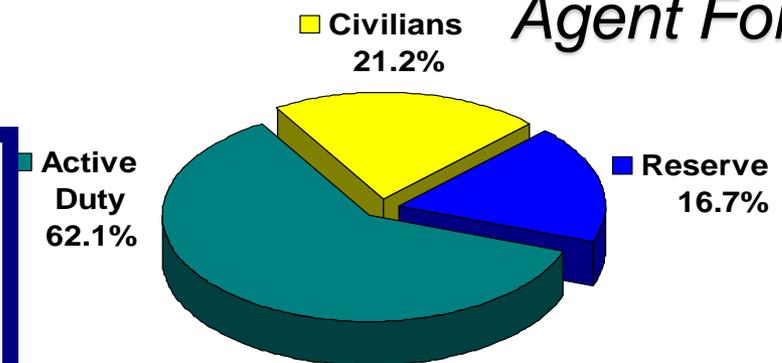


Command



- 3,111 Personnel Authorized
 - 2,063 Special Agents
 - 1,048 Support Personnel

Agent Force





Organization and Structure - Regions



Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio



Langley AFB,
Virginia



Scott AFB,
Illinois



Randolph AFB,
Texas



Ramstein AB,
Germany



Hickam AFB,
Hawaii



Andrews AFB,
Maryland



Peterson AFB,
Colorado

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Develop and Retain a Force Capable of Meeting USAF Needs



- 18 Week Initial Training
- Advanced Criminal Investigations Course

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Agent Training at FLETC

- **Agents receive over 40 hours of classroom instruction related to handling death investigations.**
 - **Characteristics of Evidence (8 hours)**
 - **Crime Scene Processing (6 hours)**
 - **Death Investigations (8 hours)**
 - **Interviews and Interrogations (12 hours)**
 - **UCMJ criminal violations (12 hours)**



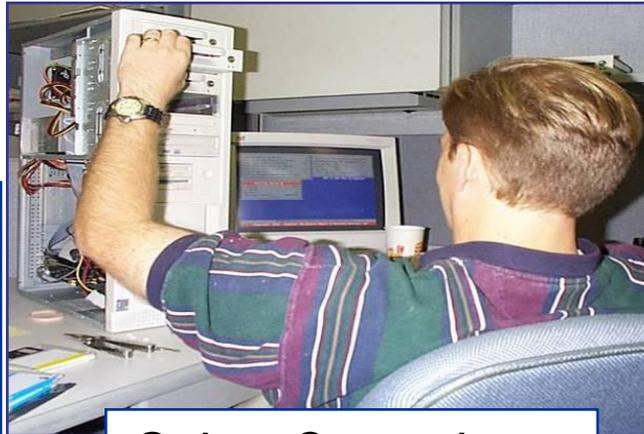
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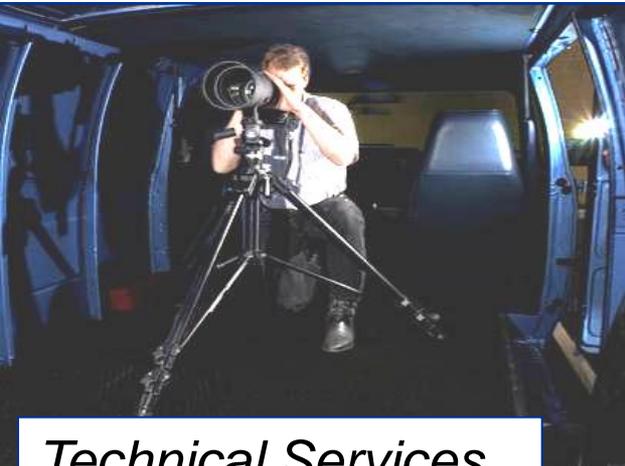
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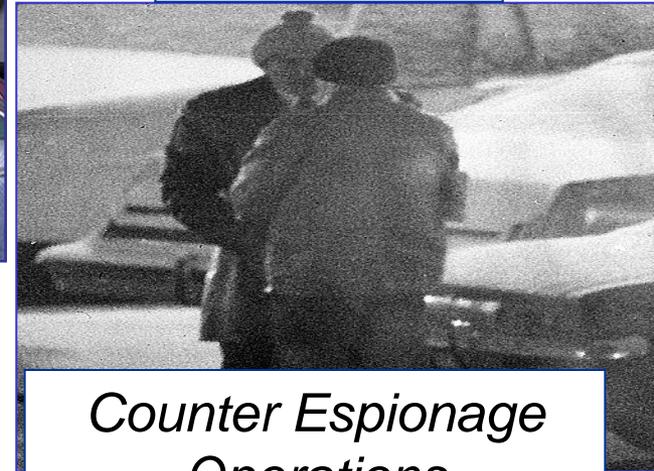
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Cyber Operations



Technical Services



*Counter Espionage
Operations*

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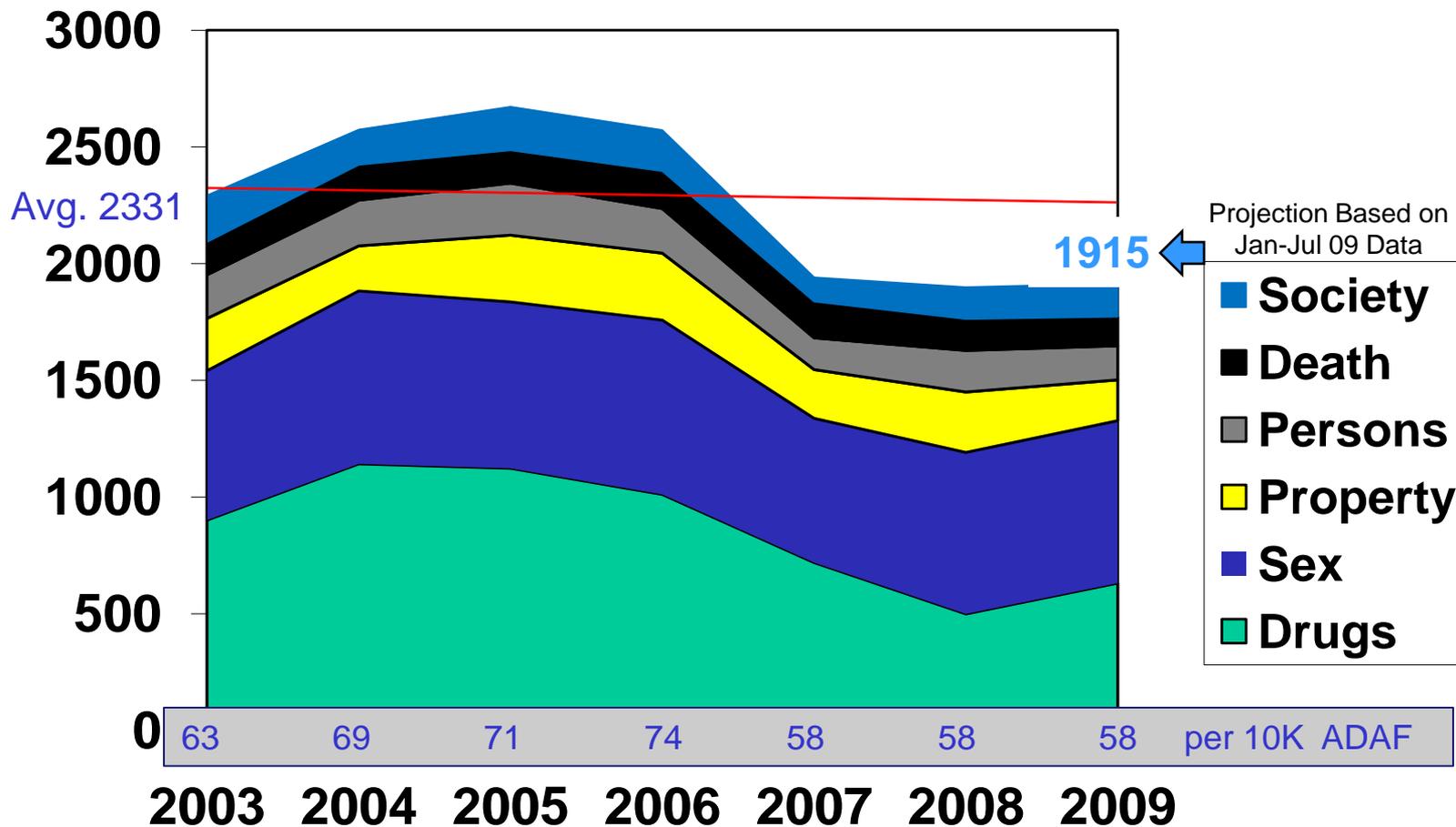


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Criminal Investigations Case Openings CYs 2003-09





Death Investigations

- **DODI 5505.10, *Investigations of Noncombat Deaths of Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces***
 - *“All noncombat deaths of members...not medically determined to be from natural causes, shall be investigated as potential homicides until evidence establishes otherwise.”*
- **AFOSIMAN 71-122V1, *Criminal Investigations***
 - *14 pages devoted to death investigations*
 - *manners of death; autopsies; Air Force interests; investigative matrix*
 - *suicide; suicide attempts; mandatory reporting/consultation; HQ reviews*
 - *family liaison; off-base cases ; record checks; DODSER*



Reporting Procedures for Death Cases

- **Oral briefings given to commander & SJA**
- **Up-channel reporting required on death cases**
 - **SPOT Report & SAF/IG ITEMS**
 - **Must call servicing Forensic Sciences Consultant ASAP**
- **Mandatory distribution for ROIs**
 - **Action authority, installation commander, file**
- **AFI coming that will establish Event Review Boards**
 - **OSI will participate**
 - **DODSER data will be collected/loaded**



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Report of Investigation

REPORT BY: [REDACTED]

FILE NO: 331-C-120-A-32075073061548

PERIOD OF REPORT: 08 Nov 07 – 29 Apr 08

DATE OF REPORT: 30 Apr 08

MATTERS INVESTIGATED: RAPE, Violation of Article 120A, UCMJ

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], Male Born 8 DEC 81, FL, SrA, [REDACTED], 79th Medical Operations Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base (AAFB), MD

VICTIM: [REDACTED], Female Born 26 JUL 82, SrA, [REDACTED], 79th Medical Operations Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base (AAFB), MD

STATUS: Referred for Action. Action Authority must provide AFOSI with a Report of Action Taken (AFI 71-101, Volume 1)

FOR THE COMMANDER,

[REDACTED]

Operations Officer
7th Field Investigations Squadron

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Special Policies

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- **AFOSIMAN 71-122V1**, *Criminal Investigations*
 - *Mandatory HQ Case Reviews*
 - *Family Liaison Program*
 - *DODSER*



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Investigative Information Management System (I2MS)

- **I2MS came on line in 2002**
 - Oracle database; client-based; remote storage
 - All aspects of case management and ROI publication
 - Initial complaint, case file number, all activities, upload exhibits, evidence tracking, ROI publication
 - Hundreds of data fields per case

- **Suicide Event Surveillance System**
 - Now DoD Suicide Event Reporting (DoDSER)



Questions

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