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INTELLIGENCE LED BORDER SECURITY IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

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CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

- Community established by the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas in 1973
- Consists of fifteen Member States and five Associate States
- With the exception of three which are located on the South and Central American land mass they are all island states



REGIONAL SECURITY FRAMEWORK

- Regional Crime and Security Management Framework was established in 2005.
- The Region's hosting of The Cricket World Cup Tournament in 2007 was the catalyst for the framework becoming functional.



IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY (IMPACS)

- The engine room of for the security management framework
- Facilitates meetings of five standing committees (Immigration, Customs, Police, Military and Intelligence) where issues of common interest are discussed.
- IMPACS provides support for the formulation of strategies and the projects that give life to the strategies.
- IMPACS assists in taking new border initiatives from concept stage through all project stages to execution.



STRATEGIC APPROACH

- Incrementally move more of the passenger and cargo examination process to pre arrival, thereby reducing hassle for trusted travellers and importers while identifying risk high risk targets on which to focus resources.
- Promote the continuous upgrade and standardisation of level of proficiency among the region's border security officials
- Pursue harmonisation and standardisation of policies, procedures and legislative framework in the Region



KEY BORDER SECURITY ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Joint Regional Communication Centre (JRCC)
- Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (RIFC)
- Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)
- Regional Watch list (CARIBSECS)



JOINT REGIONAL COMMUNICATION CENTRE (JRCC)

- Receives advance passenger information on behalf of participating states which is crossed checked against regional and international watch lists and positive matches communicated to the border
- Staffed by border security and other law enforcement officers
- Operates around the clock

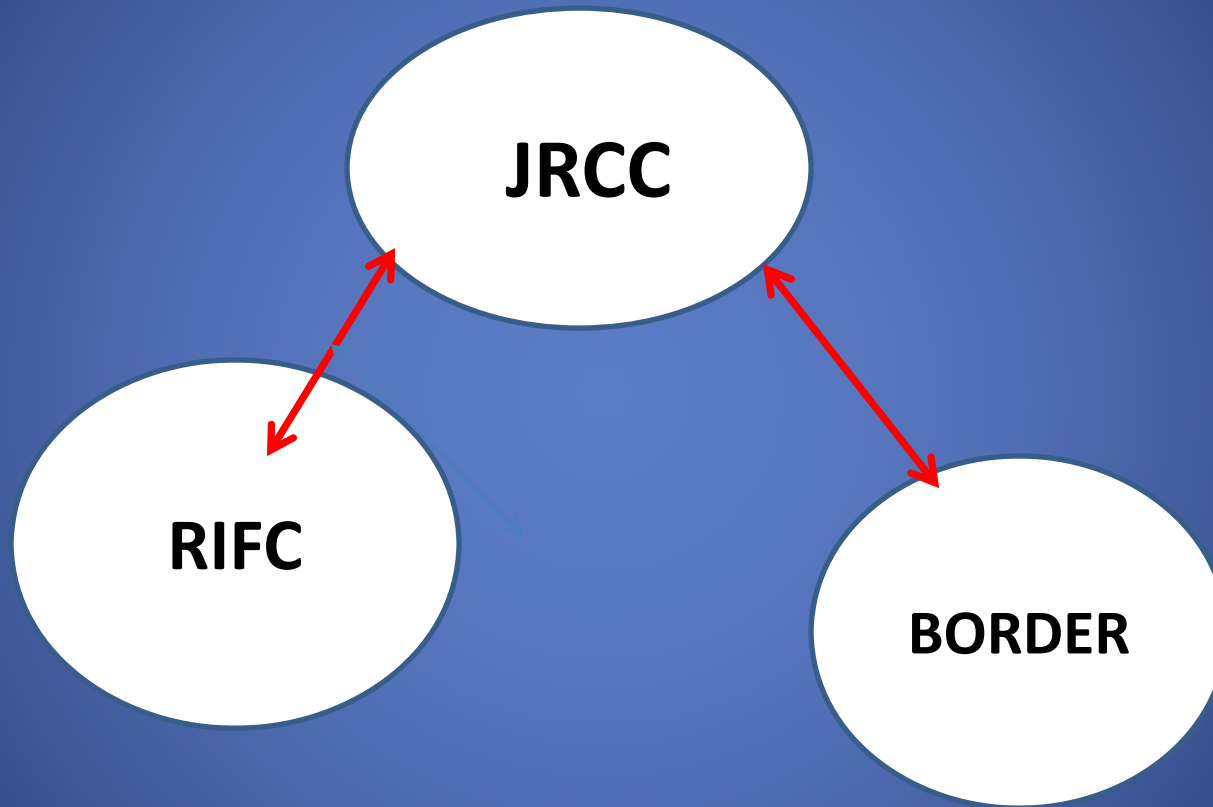


REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTRE (RIFC)

- Nerve centre of CARICOM's intelligence sharing mechanism
- Receives intelligence from all regional law enforcement and security agencies and from international sources
- Prepares threat assessments
- Provides JRCC with 24/7 border security support



INTELLIGENCE LED BORDER SECURITY



DATABASES USED FOR CROSS CHECKING PASSENGER ARRIVALS

- REGIONAL WATCHLIST
- INTERPOL WATCHLIST
- UNITED NATION WATCHLIST



SUCCESSSES

1142 WATCHLISTS HITS IN 2009

EXAMPLES OF PERSONS INTERCEPTED

- Individual wanted for fraud in EGYPT
- Individual wanted in Tajikstan for financing terrorism
- Four individuals handed over to INTERPOL for possession of fraudulent travel documents and suspicion of involvement in human trafficking
- Individual with several previous convictions of child sexual abuse intercepted and repatriated



NEW INITIATIVES

- Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS)
- Regional Travel Card (CARIPASS)



ADVANCE CARGO INFORMATION SYSTEM (ACIS)

- All carriers entering participating States will be required to electronically forward cargo manifests in advance of arrival through a centralised portal at the JRCC
- This will allow for pre screening and profiling of cargo using risk management techniques to identify high risk cargo requiring detailed examination



CARIPASS (TRAVEL CARD)

- Issued for a fee to CARICOM nationals and permanent residents who voluntarily submit to security screening including finger printing and who are deemed to be trusted travellers.
- Travel card, issuing system and automatic gates supplied by 3M Security Systems.
- The card which is enabled with finger print and facial recognition biometrics will facilitate passenger self service through automatic processing gates at the Immigration examination stations



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