

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-18**

**By the Governor**

WHEREAS, West Virginia recognizes the growing threat to the State by drug abuse, street gangs, terrorism, and other groups and individuals who tear at the fabric of a safe and secure State; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia also realizes the continued problems associated with both natural and manmade disasters and that such problems are best served through cooperation and sharing information and resources; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia understands that the tragic events of September 11, 2001, were, at least in part, possible because of a lack of cooperation among and between governmental agencies and because of the lack of sharing of pertinent and relative information between departments; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia recognizes that the most efficient and effective way of dealing with and preventing such problems is through cooperation among and between the various organizations; the proper and immediate analysis of vetted information and the proper distribution of actionable intelligence; and

WHEREAS, since March 15, 2008, the Governor has established the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center as the designated Intelligence Fusion Center for the State of West Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby DECLARE and ORDER as follows:

I. That the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center shall be the primary clearing house for the State of West Virginia for the collection of, the analysis of, and the proper distribution of information and actionable intelligence for the State.

2. That the fusion center shall collect, analyze, disseminate, and properly maintain such information to support law-enforcement agencies, other governmental agencies, and private organizations in preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from criminal activity, hazardous situations, poised threats and terrorist-related activity.

3. That all state agencies are encouraged to cooperate with and be an active part of the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center process in order to aid in the collection of and dissemination of information that will better serve the people and property of the State of West Virginia and to the traveling public in the preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from criminal, hazardous, threat and terrorist-related activity.

4. That, for the purpose of collection of information, and for the vetting of, analyzing of, and proper dissemination of actionable intelligence, the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center shall be recognized as a criminal justice entity.

5. That the West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center shall establish partnerships between law enforcement agencies, state agencies, private sector partners, critical infrastructure leaders, and the citizens of West Virginia as well as other States and their citizens in an effort to collect, analyze, vet, and properly disseminate actionable intelligence needed in order to develop and maintain a safe hospitable environment to live in, travel in, and in which to create business.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**By the Governor**

**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.

  
**GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**