



# INFOBRIEF: Kick-Off to the St. Louis Regional Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Program



## About the Grant

In 2016, the U.S. Congress provided the Department of Homeland Security and its Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) \$35.9 million to distribute to select communities across the country to develop plans, trainings, and exercises that focus on enhancing preparedness against CCTAs. 29 recipients were selected in July 2017. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments received \$1.474 million in federal grant dollars, one of the larger awards to the selected recipients.

## About the Program Team

Hagerty Consulting, a nationally recognized emergency management and homeland security firm, will lead a team of project managers and subject matter experts to support STARRS in the successful development of plans, training, exercises, and a program capstone. The team includes an on-site regional coordinator to directly support STARRS and its partners in program delivery.

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## The Threat is Real. What is CCTA?

CCTAs include acts of terrorism and mass murder that share similar characteristics to active threats but differ in their complexity. CCTAs are characterized by their unique tactics, techniques, and procedures:

- » Synchronized and independent teams at multiple locations
- » Attacks striking multiple targets simultaneously or in close succession
- » Locations selected for being a soft target or other vulnerable environment Initiated with little or no warning
- » Employing multiple weapons systems: firearms, explosives, and even nontraditional attack methodologies that are intended to result in large numbers of casualties.

Communities and their public safety agencies need to be prepared for not only the tactical response but also the enormous inter-agency coordination required to effectively manage these dynamic events.

 <b>Fast Facts:</b> <b>2015 Terror</b> <b>Attack in Paris</b>	 <b>6</b> Sites Targeted	 <b>3h 38m</b> Duration of Attack	 <b>\$2.1B</b> Est. Cost to French Economy
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## Enhancing Preparedness Across the Region

Hagerty is working with the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) and the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) to support program delivery through comprehensive guide development, training and exercise management, and stakeholder outreach.

## An Innovative Approach to an Evolving Challenge

Hagerty's philosophy is that an effective program for these types of attacks must involve the whole community. The stakeholder group is a CCTA workgroup that includes representatives from fire, law enforcement, EMS, hospitals, and other response agencies.



# Strengthening Capabilities Across the Region

The goal is to enhance preparedness and build capacity to prepare for, prevent, and respond to CCTA in collaboration with the whole community across the region through the planning, training, and exercise deliverables below.



## Planning



### Operational Guides

Guides and checklists will be developed for frontline first responders for six functional areas.



### Regional Response CCTA Guide

The Guide provides context for a common, coordinated, and unified approach to responding to a CCTA.

## Training and Exercise



### Response Drills

Drills to validate the operational guides in a full-scale activity.



### Fusion Center Tabletops

Stakeholders will focus on intelligence and information sharing.



### Intelligence & Information Sharing Exercise

Intermittent exercise to test engagement between frontline responders with the Fusion Center.



### River Response Workshops

Stakeholders will discuss tactical issues specific to riverine attack scenarios.



### Public Information Exercise

Exercise will simulate the coordinated release of public information.



### Area Command Exercise

Interactive exercise to validate transfer to area command after a lone active threat escalates to CCTA.

## Capstone



### CCTA Capstone Exercise

Exercise to simulate the activities associated with the response and coordination of the initial response.

