

Hunter Seeker

Groundbreaking Exercises and Games in Intelligence, Interdiction and Disruption, and Information Sharing

OUR EXPERTISE

Hagerty Consulting, Inc. (Hagerty) is a nationally recognized emergency management and homeland security consulting firm. Created to fill a preparedness gap, Hunter Seekers have been designed across the country, supporting over a dozen fusion centers and hundreds of agencies (public safety, government, military, and private) better understand the ISE.

Touted as a best practice in threat preparedness, the realism of the exercise experience combined with the challenges of an adversarial simulation cell, help those participating increase prevention, protection, and response measures.

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WHAT IS HUNTER SEEKER?

Hunter Seeker is an innovative exercise program facilitated by Hagerty's cadre of intelligence, counterterrorism, public safety, and homeland security professionals that takes standard practices in exercise design, execution, and evaluation to the next level.

Usually taking place over multiple days of exercise play, agencies and organizations across the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) work together in order to stop a critical incident from occurring and understand who the perpetrator was in a critical incident scenario.

Rather than information sharing being an afterthought in an exercise, Hunter Seeker prioritizes information sharing with consequential impact on the exercise's overall scenario – analogous to a *Choose Your Own Adventure* novel where decisions can alter the outcome.

APPLYING HUNTER SEEKER

Hunter Seekers are designed with an unparalleled intensity that allows for hyperrealistic scenarios to be developed on a range of threats, including:



To learn more about the innovative and customized solutions Hagerty can provide to your organization, email <u>development@hagertyconsulting.com</u>.

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Participating in a Hunter Seeker

Whatever the scenario may be, however long the duration, Hunter Seeker provides participants and their agencies a meaningful, realistic learning experience and multi-jurisdictional agencies can be involved.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A HUNTER SEEKER:



Hunter Seeker designers work with participating agencies to gain an understanding of what they hope to achieve by being involved in the exercise.



SELECTION IN LEVEL OF COMMITMENT IN EXERCISE PLAY

Most Hunter Seekers can last multiple days. Participating agencies can determine when they wish to play. Multiple days of participation allow for agencies to validate information sharing between shift changes or new players. Active participation allows agencies to understand their role in supporting the ISE during an incident.

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VALIDATING DECISION-MAKING IN A NO-FAULT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Participating agencies will have to make decisions in Hunter Seeker, and just as in the real world, decisions have consequences. Hunter Seeker analysts can support reverse mapping so that gaps in information sharing can be identified and remedied.



EXPERIENCING REALISTIC CHALLENGES

Make no mistake: Hunter Seeker is intended to challenge participating agencies. Crisis management, information security, multi-agency coordination, and mitigating cascading impacts are all pieces of the exercise experience.

TESTIMONIAL FROM A FUSION CENTER

"Dear Hunter Seeker,

I wanted to formally write you and give you thanks for all the hard work you put into the design and implementation of our exercise. The staff found the exercise to be beneficial in many ways and we were overwhelmingly impressed with your team's professionalism and dedication to provide such an impressive exercise.

As the staff went through the prevention, response, and recovery portions of the exercise, we found it to be difficult. Our information sharing protocols and procedures were certainly tested. The three-day period was complex, and the scenarios were well planned. Many of our team members commented on the pressure the exercise put on them. At the end of the three days, we certainly had many takeaways that strengthened our dedication to gather, analyze, and disseminate intelligence to public safety stakeholders to mitigate the threat. The continual planning and exercising of our protocols and tools is of vital importance to our success and we are thankful for the venue you gave us to test those procedures."

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