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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS & INFORMATION CENTER (SAIC) EARNS HIGHEST MARKS ON FUSION CENTER ASSESSMENT

2015 report marks third consecutive year of 100 percent compliance

COLUMBUS, OHIO – For the third year in a row, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security deemed Ohio's Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) 100 percent compliant with federal standards in its 2015 Fusion Center Assessment. The SAIC serves as Ohio's primary information-sharing center and works in conjunction with the Fusion Center Network to provide support to local first responders.

Areas of significant focus for the assessment include protection of privacy, civil rights and civil liberties, which the SAIC has continually fulfilled all performance requirements. OHS leadership makes it a priority to maintain, enforce, review and train staff on these key subjects.

"I am extremely pleased with the dedication of our staff in attaining a 100 percent score from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security," said Richard Zwyer, Executive Director of Ohio Homeland Security (OHS). "But more importantly, it reflects on the hard work and commitment the employees at OHS have to protect Ohioans."

The Ohio SAIC operates within OHS and is one of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 53 primary fusion centers nationwide. The SAIC is considered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a model for fusion center security practices. For more information on the fusion centers or on the annual evaluation process, please visit the [Department of Homeland Security website](#).

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