

DETERMINATION OF CLASSIFICATION OF DATA AT MNJAC AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHARING OF THAT DATA

The Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension houses the Minnesota Joint Analysis Center (MNJAC). The MNJAC is the State's fusion center and coordinates the sharing of data and information among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as other public safety agencies.

The MNJAC is part of a network of state fusion centers supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The state fusion centers collaborate with each other and DHS to share information and intelligence to improve the ability to fight crime and terrorism locally, regionally and nationally.

As part of this collaboration, the MNJAC receives data from fusion centers and law enforcement agencies in Minnesota and in other states, as well as the DHS. These agencies share the data to further activities related to fighting crime and terrorism with an expectation that the data will not be accessible to the public at the MNJAC. This expectation is based on the fact that the disclosure of these data would substantially jeopardize the security of information, possessions, individuals or property against theft, tampering, improper use, attempted escape, illegal disclosure, trespass or physical injury.

As the Department of Public Safety's responsible authority under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, I have determined that the following government data are "security information" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.37, subdivision 1(a);

1. Data from law enforcement agencies in other states identifying individuals or describing circumstances that indicate criminal or terrorist activities are being planned, are being executed or have been executed.
2. Data from law enforcement agencies in Minnesota identifying individuals or describing circumstances that indicate criminal or terrorist activities are being planned, are being executed or have been executed.
3. Data from DHS identifying individuals or describing circumstances that indicate criminal or terrorist activities are being planned, are being executed or have been executed.
4. Data in bulletins, assessments and briefs from fusion centers in other states that identify individuals or describe circumstances that indicate criminal or


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5. Data in bulletins, assessments and briefs from federal law enforcement agencies that identify individuals or describe circumstances that indicate criminal or terrorist activities are being planned, are being executed or have been executed.

In addition, there is a need for the MNJAC to share the data classified as security information with other law enforcement agencies, both inside and outside the State of Minnesota.

As required by Minnesota Statutes, section 13.37, subdivision 3 (b), I have consulted with the Acting Superintendent, the chief law enforcement officer for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and we have decided that the data classified as security information by this determination and provided as part of a MNJAC product such as the law enforcement brief, advisories or assessments, may be shared with Minnesota and non-Minnesota law enforcement agencies, fusion centers in other states and DHS because the sharing will promote public safety and assist law enforcement.

The Acting Superintendent and I have also decided that the data classified as security information by this determination and provided as part of a MNJAC product such as the critical infrastructure brief, advisories or assessments, may be shared with private sector partners of the MNJAC, first responders, Minnesota government entities, non-Minnesota law enforcement agencies, fusion centers in other states and DHS when the sharing is needed to protect critical infrastructure and promote public safety.



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Date