



Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 2019

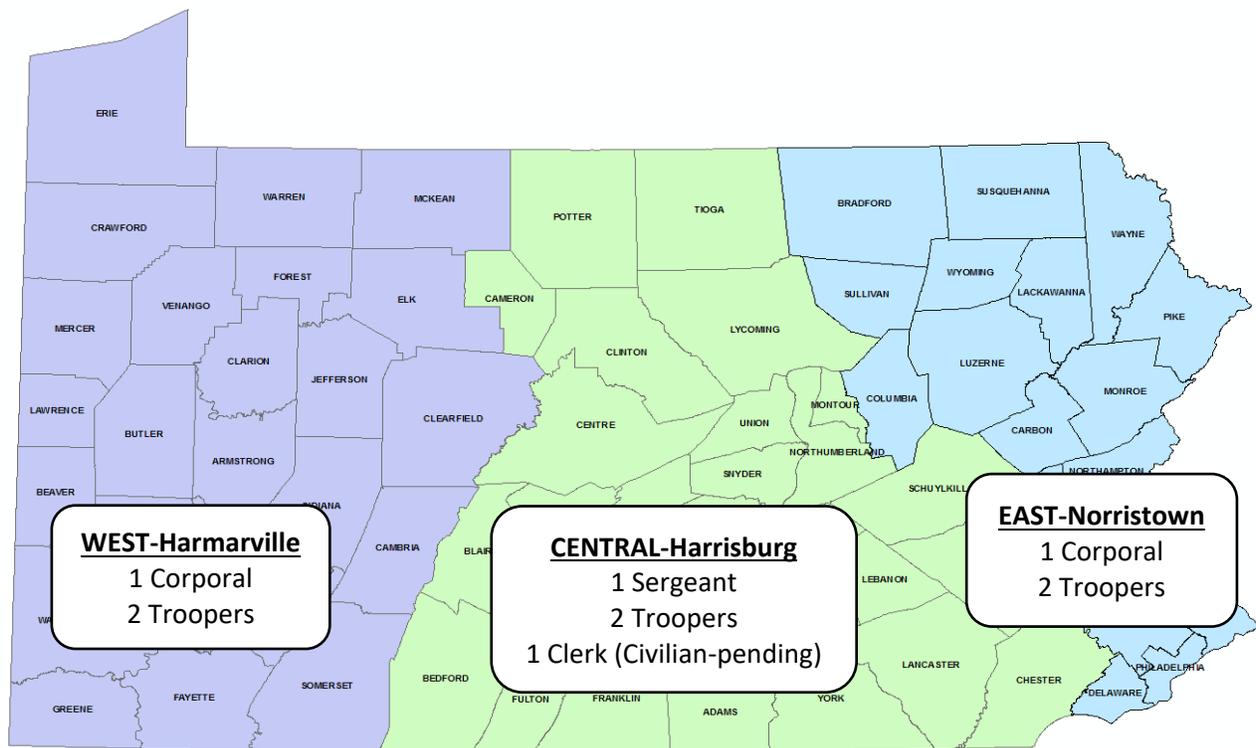
INTRODUCTION

The Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT) program was established by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) in 2004 to provide in-depth security vulnerability assessments and recommendations to improve the security posture of any facility, public or private, within the Commonwealth. The assessments include a comprehensive examination of the physical facilities and operational procedures of a facility or event.

Per Pennsylvania Senate Bill No. 144, Section 13, this report shall serve as a detailed report of each RVAT under PSP. The information provided encompasses the reporting period from July 2018 to June 2019.

CURRENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

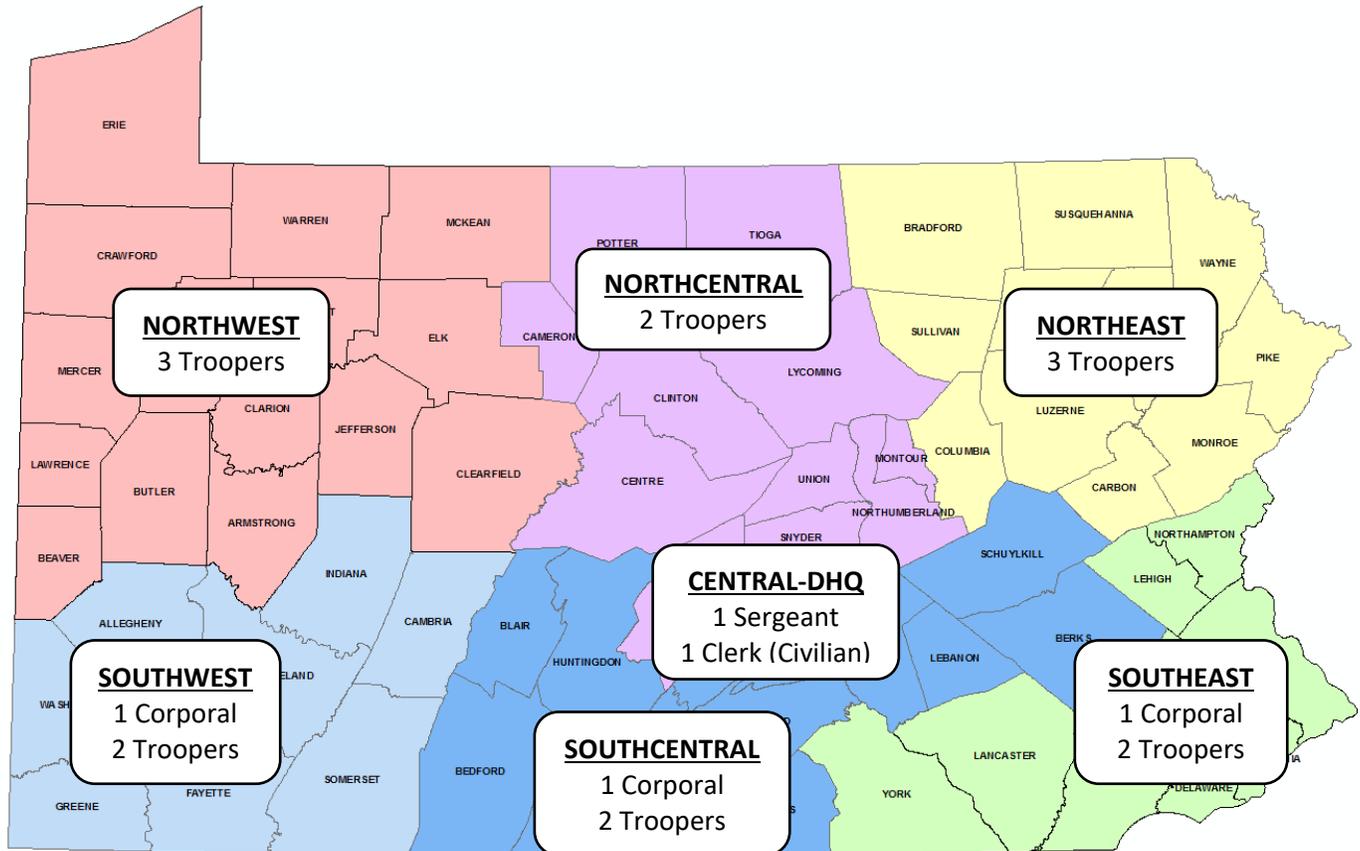
The RVAT areas of responsibility are broken up into three sections: West, Central, and East. The West section comprises the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Greene, Fayette, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland. The Central section covers Adams, Berks, Bedford, Blair, Cameron, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Tioga, Union, and York Counties. The East section manages the counties of Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Columbia, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wayne, and Wyoming.





PROPOSED GEOGRAPHIC AREA

To comply with the amendments to Senate Bill No. 144, the following changes to the RVAT sections are proposed. Each of the three current units will be broken into two creating six regional sections: Northwest, Southwest, Northcentral, Southcentral, Northeast, and Southeast. Each area (West, Central, and East) will be supervised by a Corporal who will be responsible for both the north and south sections of that area. A statewide supervisor, at the rank of Sergeant, will oversee the three Corporals and be centrally located at PSP’s Department Headquarters in Harrisburg.



RVAT ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED

During this reporting period, a total of 120 assessments were conducted on critical infrastructure entities including but not limited to education facilities, government structures. The East and West RVAT sections were formed in early 2019. Prior to that time, all assessments were conducted by one unit, now known as the Central section.

	Public K-12	Private K-12	Higher Education	Preschool	Government	Houses of Worship	Other Critical Infrastructure
July 2018		1		1	2	3	
August 2018						2	
September 2018	3				2	1	
October 2018	10						
November 2018	10					1	
December 2018	5	2					
January 2019	4	1					



February 2019	9	2					1
March 2019	9				1	1	
April 2019	18					1	
May 2019	17					2	
June 2019	3					13	
Totals	88	6	0	1	5	24	1

List of pending inspections*

	Public K-12	Private K-12	Higher Education	Preschool	Government	Houses of Worship	Other Critical Infrastructure
RVAT - East	28	30	7	0	3	12	0
RVAT - Central	28	15	6	0	4	30	0
RVAT - West	74	20	6	2	1	23	1
Totals	130	65	19	2	8	65	1

Total Assessments Pending: **290**

*As of 07/03/2019

RVAT Training

Member	Unit	FLETC PSTP (Physical Security Training Program)	FLETC CISRTP (Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Training Program) or equivalent	ASIS Membership	ASIS Certification PSP (Physical Security Professional)
Sergeant	Central	Complete	Complete	Member	Certified
Trooper	Central	Complete	Complete	Member	Certified
Trooper	Central	Complete	Enrolled	Member	Certified
Corporal	East	Complete	Enrolled	Member	
Trooper	East	Complete		Member	
Trooper	East	Complete		Member	
Corporal	West	7/29-8/09/19		Member	
Trooper	West	9/16-9/27/19		Member	
Trooper	West	Complete		Member	

Training issues

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) will typically only enroll one student in a class from the same organization. In any large-scale expansion, this would cause a delay in trained members for this two-week class that is the cornerstone for the RVAT training program. FLETC front-loads employees from federal agencies, such as TSA, and has been reluctant to discuss a portable training option.

Other concerns

The RVAT program has existed for years as a very small unit in one location that often consisted of one Sergeant and two to three Troopers. There were often instances where RVAT members interviewed for the position, were hired, and were offered promotion to the rank of Corporal within months of starting. This causes rapid turnover in a unit that requires extensive training, certification, and a probationary process.



Additionally, the current systems, databases, and reporting formats being used were not designed for a large unit and are effectively at the end-of-life. Microsoft products, such as Excel and Word, are being used to complete reports and track assignments. There are nine general categories that assessments fit into, and most are not similar. This leads to different report formats. The members who are traveling to remote sites to conduct assessments require a better portable computing solution, which includes both the machine and the software or application(s).