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19 Oct 2007 – In keeping pace with the call for effective countermeasures to cyber crime, the Secret Service has devoted a substantial portion of the investigative budget as well as personnel to the growing problem.

In response to executive directives delineated within the Patriot Act, the Secret Service has formed 24 Electronic Crimes Task Forces nationwide. Staffing for these Task Forces is drawn from a pool of approximately 770 Special Agents certified through the Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program, who specialize in the areas of computer examinations, network intrusions, computer forensics, and digital evidence recovery.

In addition, the Secret Service has fostered partnerships and initiatives within the government and academic arena that have paired our agent personnel with leading cyber crime experts throughout the nation, including the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University, the Cell Phone Initiative at the University of Tulsa, and the National Computer Forensics Institute in Hoover, Alabama.