



Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 2026

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 options for consideration to improve the security posture of facilities, public or private, within the Commonwealth. The assessments include a comprehensive examination of the physical facilities and operational procedures of a facility or event.

In accordance with Act 18 of 2019, this report serves as a detailed report of each RVAT under PSP. The information provided in this report is for the period from July 2025 to June 2026.

CURRENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

In compliance with the mandates of Act 44 of 2018 and Act 18 of 2019, the RVAT is organized into three areas, West, Central and East. Each area consists of a northern section and a southern section as follows: Northwest, Southwest, North-Central, South-Central, Northeast, and Southeast. Each area is supervised by a corporal who is responsible for both the north and south sections of that area. A statewide supervisor, at the rank of sergeant, oversees the three corporals and is centrally located in Harrisburg. There are 18 total members assigned to the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team.

During this reporting period, the areas covered by each section were critically reevaluated to assess the workload being placed on each section. Data evaluated included the overall population of the area served, as well as the total number of schools in the area. Following the reevaluation and, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), the borders of the West, Central, and East sections were officially adjusted on February 11, 2026, to more equally distribute the current workload of the RVAT. Figure 1.0 shows the previous boundary lines for the section, while Figure 2.0 shows the newly instituted boundary lines.



Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team – Commissioner's Report 2026

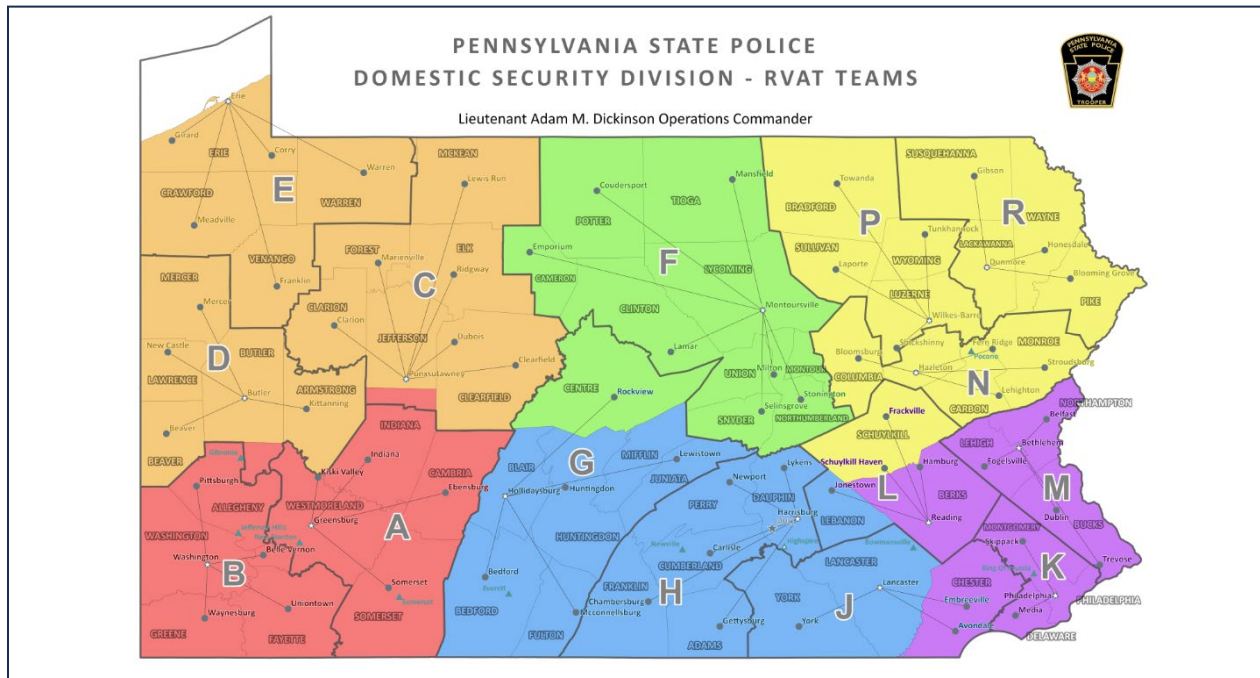


Figure 1.0

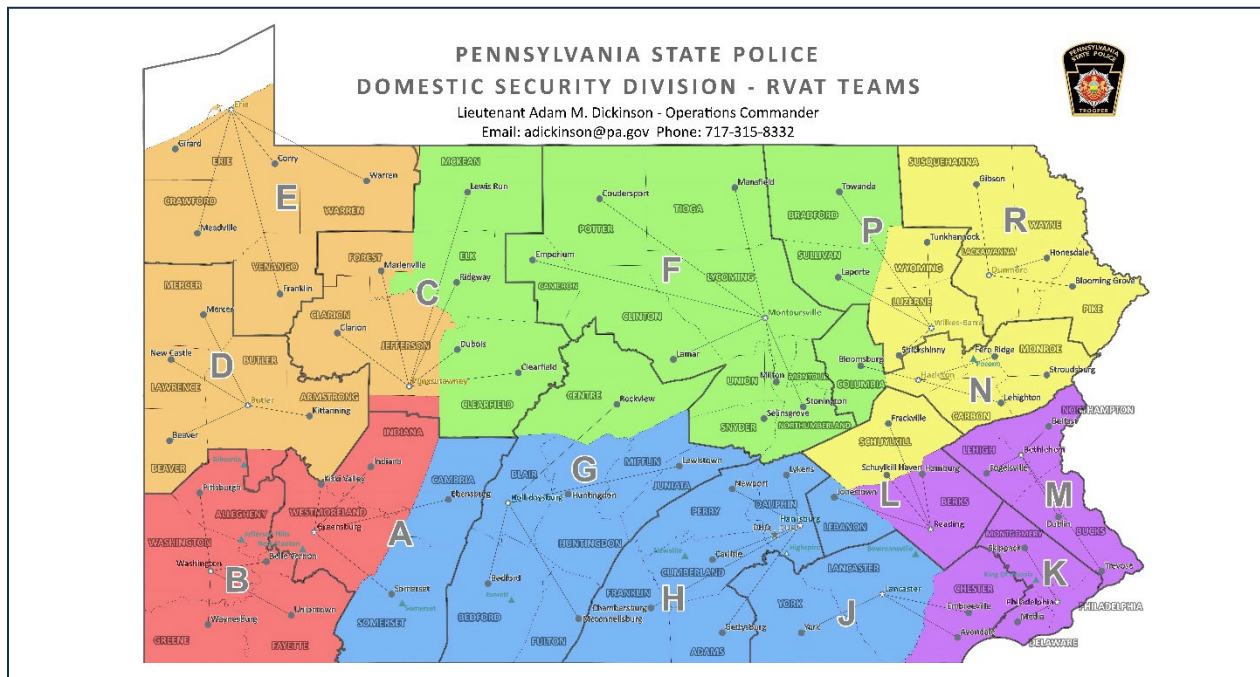


Figure 2.0



RVAT ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED

During this reporting period, a total of 437 assessments were conducted on facilities including, but not limited to, education, houses of worship, and government structures.

	Public K-12	Private K-12	Higher Education	Preschool	Government	Houses of Worship	Other Critical Infrastructure
July 2025	2	0	0	0	4	7	4
August 2025	0	0	0	0	7	9	8
September 2025	23	5	0	0	1	7	4
October 2025	19	3	2	0	1	9	1
November 2025	31	3	0	0	0	3	2
December 2025	16	7	0	0	4	4	8
January 2026	31	8	0	0	3	0	0
February 2026	18	12	0	0	3	2	4
March 2026	25	8	0	0	1	8	2
April 2026	17	8	0	1	1	4	1
May 2026	21	7	1	2	1	4	2
June 2026	9	2	0	2	6	23	6
Totals	212	63	3	5	32	80	42

List of Pending Assessments*

	Public K-12	Private K-12	Higher Education	Preschool	Government	Houses of Worship	Other Critical Infrastructure, Private Sector, Events
RVAT - East	90	38	15	4	9	34	68
RVAT - Central	116	17	2	1	36	32	29
RVAT - West	96	15	9	2	12	54	61
Totals	302	70	26	7	57	120	158

Total Assessments Completed: 437 (+25% over 2025)

Total Assessments Pending: 740

Total Pending Assessments Currently Scheduled: 36

*As of June 11, 2026



RVAT TRAINING ISSUES / OTHER CONCERNS

The RVAT unit has again undergone member turnover during this reporting period due to retirements. However, all vacancies have since been filled, two new members have received their training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC), and a third member is scheduled to attend training in July 2026. This will leave only one member who still needs to receive basic training.

Members completed several educational presentations, conducted assessments for future PSP station locations, and completed assessments for seven major special events which occurred across the Commonwealth.

During this reporting period, the method by which RVAT reports are distributed to stakeholders was successfully changed to a secure, encrypted electronic method. Previously, reports were printed, compiled, packaged, and physically mailed by the sergeant and a corporal several times per month. This method was determined to be extremely time-consuming and could have led to lost reports. It is estimated this change saves approximately 24 hours per supervisor per month, allowing more time for completing pending assessments.

It is the mission of the RVAT to effectively and efficiently provide its services to enhance the security posture of *all* educational facilities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is being developed, in consultation with PCCD, to provide clear guidelines on how frequently entities may request a follow-up assessment. The SOP will ensure the RVAT can provide assessments for entities that may otherwise be waiting longer for a free assessment due to ongoing demands for reassessments. It will also require that actions be taken by entities to address identified areas of concern prior to receiving a follow-up assessment.

The RVAT continues to actively pursue a single software reporting solution that is intended to reduce the time required to complete assessments and generate associated reports. The goals for obtaining this reporting solution are to shorten the wait time for an assessment by stakeholders, reduce the number of pending assessments, and allow members to complete more assessments during a reporting period.

Lastly, increased political and religious tensions as well as large-scale events, such as FIFA 2026, have again created a large influx of requests leading up to this report. RVAT member assessments have increased approximately 8 percent over the previous reporting period. Despite increased requests for assessments, the changes described in this report, both implemented and anticipated, as well as increased productivity by RVAT members have placed the RVAT on a positive trajectory for the upcoming reporting period.