The Fbi Essay, Research Paper

What Does the FBI do?

The FBI or Federal Bureau of Investigation has been protecting the

United States public for almost a hundred years. Whether it be in the

lawless 20 s or the Post Watergate era the FBI was still ensuring domestic

security. This paper will show how the FBI throughout history has insured

the Domestic Tranquillity in the United States and has insured that its

Officers are the cleanest Americans and some of the more educated

Americans do to the application process.

The application process of the FBI is very difficult first you have

never had anything to do with drugs i.e. selling, being a convicted drug

offender. But they are leaneint on the use of marijuana their policy is no

using more than 15 times in your life or use of it 3 years prior to applying to

the FBI. An applicant who has sold any illegal drug for profit at any time

will be found unsuitable for employment. 1 This allows the FBI to have no

corrupt agents coming in. The FBI has a special honorship internship

program. The Honors Internship Program will begin approximately on the

first Monday in June and will terminate approximately on the third Friday in

August. 2 This just happens to fall into the FBI s application window also.

All expenses for Interns traveling to and from Washington, D.C. to

participate in this program will be reimbursed by the FBI. 3 This makes for

a easier descision for a intern to come to Washington D.C just knowing that

all of their travel expenses to and from Washington D.C. are all paid for.

Undergraduate interns are paid at the GS-6 grade level, and graduate

interns are paid at the GS-7 grade level on the government pay scale. 4 This

is pretty good pay for an intern. Like any job the FBI is based on how much

education a Applicant has had. Information and assistance on housing is

provided by FBI Headquarters. However, interns are responsible for

finalizing their own arrangements. 5 I think this good because the FBI does

help it s interns into living arrangements but it is the interns responsibility

to finalize the arrangements. Interns who own vehicles are encouraged to

bring them to Washington, D.C. to facilitate travel related to particular

assignments (some assignments are outside of Headquarters, though all are

in the Greater Washington, D.C. area). 6 This program allows the people that

have made the cut see what the FBI actually does. But the application is

only from July to October and you have to write a 500 word essay. The

history of the FBI all relates to this due to the assignments that they are

on and the temptations seen by the agents.

Since its founding in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation, the FBI

has evolved into one of the most respected and sophisticated law

enforcement agencies in the world. 7 This is a perfect example for the

American people to see that the FBI agents are the top cops in the world.

As the primary investigative arm of the federal government, the FBI is

responsible for enforcing over 260 federal statutes and for conducting

sensitive national security investigations. 8 Many think that the CIA handles

this but it is really the FBI. FBI activities include investigations into

organized crime, white-collar crime, public corruption, financial crime, fraud

against the government, bribery, copy-right matters, civil rights violations,

bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping, air piracy, terrorism, foreign

counterintelligence, interstate criminal activity, fugitive and

drug-trafficking matters, and other violations of federal statutes. 9 They

deal with the same problems as many police officers do today but they deal

with these crimes on a national level1. After its founding in 1908 the FBI

had to deal with the Lawless years. These years fell from 1921 to 1933 this

was basically when probation was in effect. The most largest criminals in the

United States ran rampet around the country bootlegging alcohol. The two

most famous were Al Capone and John Dillinger. Al capone was the biggest

bootlegger in the Chicago crime ring. He was made famous for his bootleg

trafficking. The most famed FBI director had to be John Edgar Hoover he

was the longest raining FBI director ever. He was there from 1924 to his

death on the night of May 1st or 2nd 1972 . Hoover made the FBI into a

large efficient and renowned police agency 10 This is true do to the changes

he made with how far the FBI went to catching criminals. He increased the

public relations that the FBI had with the general public. For example he

started the national finger printing, raised recruiting standards, and beefed

up its labatorys and training academies. Hoover Came over deep critizim

during the last decade of his sentence. He was obsessed with busting down

on organized crime. During the last decade of his life Hoover came under

criticism for his reluctance to tackle organized crime and for his neglect or

even violation of the civil rights of suspects. 11 I feel this is wrong but he

did what he had to to ensure domestic tranquillity in his mind. J. Edgar

Hoover was there during the World War Two era and for the Vietnam Era.

During World War Two his FBI investigated potentially dangerous German,

Italian, and Japanese nationals. Now in present day the FBI maintains field

offices in more than 60 US cities. In today s FBI the only director to be

dismissed was the last whom was William Sessions. This is a very

dishonorable thing to happen to a man of the top cop in the nation. During

the Watergate era the acting director resigned do to destroying material

that was important to the Watergate case. But what types of work does the

FBI actually do within their offices.

In the offices of the FBI there are many important divisions like the

Counterterrorisim division, Criminal Investigation division, Inspection

Division, National Security Division and Training Division. These divisions all

ensure the Domestic tranquillity of our nation. The Counterterrorism

Division consolidates all FBI counterterrorism initiatives. The National

Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC) and the National Domestic

Preparedness Office (NDPO) are assigned to this division. The NIPC serves

as the U.S. government’s focal point for threat assessment, warning,

investigation, and response for threats or attacks against the United

States’ critical infrastructures. 12 This division serves as the main

investigation unit of the FBI. The NDPO coordinates all federal efforts to

assist state and local first responders with planning, training, and equipment

needs necessary to respond to a conventional or non-conventional weapons of

mass destruction incident. 13 This division focuses on making the agents as

good as the can be. Criminal Investigative Division the FBI’s investigative

division is the broadest of all federal law enforcement agencies. This

division coordinates investigations into organized crime, including drug

matters, racketeering, and money laundering; investigations into violent

crimes, including fugitives wanted, escaped federal prisoners (in some

instances), unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, violent gangs, serial murders,

kidnappings, bank robberies, violent crimes and property crimes of an

interstate nature, crime on Indian reservations, crimes against U.S. citizens

overseas, and theft of government property; investigations into white-collar

crime, fraud against the government, corruption of public officials, health

care fraud, election law violations, business and economic frauds and

corruption crimes; and investigations into civil rights violations. 14 In my

mind this division is the workhorse of the FBI. The Inspection Division is

responsible for conducting examinations of the FBI’s investigative and

administrative operations at Headquarters and field offices to ensure

compliance with established regulations and to make recommendations for

improved organizational efficiency and effectiveness. 15 This division is like

the quality control of the bureau. The National Security Division

coordinates investigative matters concerning foreign counterintelligence.

Activities include investigations into espionage, overseas homicide,

protection of foreign officials and guests, domestic security, and nuclear

extortion. This division is also responsible or the FBI’s Security

Countermeasures Program which includes background investigations and

physical security issues. 16 These guys are like the secret agents of the FBI

who the public has really never heard of. The Training Division is located in

Quantico, Virginia, this is one of the world’s most respected law

enforcement training centers. This division manages the FBI Academy and

trains FBI Special Agents and Professional Support staff as well as local,

state, federal and international law enforcement personnel. FBI employee

training programs include New Agent Training, In-Service and Specialized

Training for Agents and Professional Support personnel. Police training

programs include the FBI National Academy, an 11-week multidisciplinary

program for seasoned law enforcement managers; the Executive Training

program for Chief Executive Officers of our country’s largest law

enforcement organizations; and Operational Assistance, which trains law

enforcement personnel how to respond in certain emergency situations. All

of these divisions make the United States even Safer inside of our countries

borders. 17 This division basically has the job of making the FBI the best

inside our country.

In conclusion the FBI insures the domestic tranquillity of the United

States by hiring good agents and having a good history. All in all the FBI is

looked at as the top cops in the nation and are seen as the most influential

trend setters in the world for law enforcement either it be local of

domestic. The FBI also in turn helps local agencies in the United States with

major investigations.