

MAG-VETTING-01 WS-1 — Collection Plan & OSINT Record

Complete before any contact with the candidate, sponsor, or references.

Worksheet 1 of 3 · Sections 1–8

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Passive collection comes before active engagement. Define your EEIs first. Do not contact the candidate, sponsor, or any reference until all OSINT sections are complete and the pre-contact summary is written. This is the single most common sequence error and the one that costs the most.

Candidate Name

Date of Investigation

Investigator

Referred By / Sponsor

Sponsor Known How Long

How Candidate Introduced

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SECTION 1

Essential Elements of Information

Write your specific question for this candidate in each EEI category. Stop collecting when all EEIs are satisfied or additional data changes no confidence level in either direction.

EEI Category	Your Specific Question for This Candidate	Priority	Status
Identity — Is this person who they say they are?		H/M/L	Open Done
Background Consistency — Does stated history hold up across independent sources?		H/M/L	Open Done
Behavioral Pattern — Does online presence match the person presented?		H/M/L	Open Done
Network — Do any associations create risk for the group?		H/M/L	Open Done
Motivation — Why do they want to join, and does the stated reason make sense?		H/M/L	Open Done
Stability — Financial, legal, or relational vulnerabilities present?		H/M/L	Open Done

Stop rule: collection ends when all EEIs are satisfied or additional data changes no confidence level in either direction.



2 SECTION 2 Candidate Background Category

Identify which background category applies to this candidate. Each category has specific additional verification steps documented below. Check all that apply — some candidates span multiple categories.

	Category	Required Additional Verification Steps
	CERT / Community Emergency Response	Verify participation directly with sponsoring OEM. Confirm team name, team leader, and training dates. Contact CERT team leadership as independent character reference. Note: CERT background check is minimal — not equivalent to MAG vetting.
	Amateur Radio / Ham Radio	Verify call sign via FCC ULS (wireless2.fcc.gov). Search call sign on QRZ.com for behavioral history. Check claimed license class against stated capabilities. Contact ARES/RACES emergency coordinator in candidate's claimed service area.
	Military Veteran / Reserve / Guard	Request DD-214. Verify MOS/AFSC/NEC against claimed skills — cross-reference published occupational specialty descriptions. Check unit history for claimed unit. For Reserve/Guard, verify unit through public state organizational records.
	Law Enforcement (current or former)	Verify POST certification through state POST commission public lookup. Check for internal affairs or disciplinary history through public records request where state law permits.
	Fire Service (career or volunteer)	Verify through state fire marshal office or fire department public records. Volunteer departments are public organizations with documented membership.
	EMS / Medical	Verify state EMS certification/license — confirm license type, issuing state, current status. A claimed paramedic must have a verifiable state license.
	Firearms Training / Shooting Sports	Verify NRA instructor/RSO certification at NRA instructor search tool. For claimed private course attendance, probe curriculum and instructor knowledge specifically. Contact range master or club officers as character references.
	No specific background category	Standard vetting process applies. No additional verification steps required beyond Sections 3–8.

Category-specific verification completed:



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SECTION 3
Public Records Checklist

Record Type	Where to Check	Finding / Note
Voter registration	State Secretary of State voter lookup — confirms identity, address, residency length	
Property records / history	County assessor / clerk website — ownership, address history, liens	
Professional license	State licensing board — trade, medical, legal, contractor, EMT, etc.	
Business registrations	State Secretary of State entity search — confirm claimed ownership	
UCC filings (secured debts)	State Secretary of State UCC search — secured debts, business loans	
State criminal court	State unified court public search — felony, misdemeanor, civil, protective orders	
Federal court / PACER	pacer.gov — federal criminal, civil, search by name; small per-page fee	
Bankruptcy filings	PACER — Chapter 7/11/13; dates, discharge status, recency	
Sex offender registry	nsopw.gov — multi-state search, baseline check	
Federal / state tax liens	County recorder or IRS lien search — public record	
Civil judgments	County court records — unsatisfied judgments, pattern of disputes	
Driving / DUI records	State DMV public lookup where available — suspensions, DUIs	
Restraining / protective orders	State court domestic relations records	
Property liens	County recorder — mortgage, contractor, HOA liens	

STOP RULE

No contact with candidate, sponsor, or references until Sections 1–5 are complete and Section 8 pre-contact summary is written.



4 SECTION 4 Standard Social Media Platforms

Every candidate. Archive public pages at archive.ph with timestamp before content disappears. Record account creation date on every platform. A recently created account for someone claiming a long local history is a red flag.

	Platform	Handle / URL	Acct Age	Key Findings and Anomalies	Arc.
	Facebook			Public posts, friends list, event attendance, group memberships, account creation date.	
	Instagram			Photo content, geotags, follower/following lists, lifestyle visible in images.	
	LinkedIn			Employment dates/titles/companies. Cross-reference verbatim with candidate's stated history.	
	X / Twitter			Use date-range filter for full history. Replies more revealing than curated posts.	
	YouTube			Channel ownership, public comment history, topic patterns.	
	TikTok			Content themes, following list. Note cross-platform username patterns.	
	Pinterest			Interest boards. Ideological content clustering visible here.	
	Nextdoor			Neighborhood reputation, disputes. Search name in local groups.	
	Reddit			MOST IMPORTANT FORUM SOURCE. reddit.com/user/[username] for full cross-subreddit history.	
	Username cross-ref			Confirm same person across platforms. Inconsistency = possible compartmentalization.	



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SECTION 5

Alternative and High-Risk Platforms

EVERY CANDIDATE

Run this sweep on every candidate. These platforms attract users who left mainstream moderation. Presence alone is not a finding. Content, associations, and stated affiliations are.

	Platform / Forum	Handle / Profile	Content Summary and Key Associations	Arc.
	Telegram		Search name + all usernames. Note channels using accelerationism, boogaloo, or coded extremist language.	
	Gab		Association patterns matter as much as posted content.	
	Truth Social		Note community engagement and stated group affiliations.	
	Rumble / Odysee		Note specific content categories the candidate produces or consumes.	
	Gettr / MeWe / Parler		Profile content, group memberships visible to public.	
	SurvivalistBoards.com		Largest preparedness forum. Review full post history for content direction.	
	AR15.com (Arfcom)		Largest firearms forum. Note subforum activity and any militia recruiting content.	
	The High Road		Moderated, generally mainstream. Presence = mainstream firearms community.	
	SHTF Plan / similar		Comment sections where candidate identifiable by username.	
	Patriots.win / similar		Post history, stated group affiliations, explicit violence advocacy present?	
	4chan /pol/, /k/		Anonymous — search only if cross-referenced username from other platforms.	
	8kun		Substantive posting history here is a significant finding.	
	BitChute / Brighteon		Minimal moderation. Channel ownership and subscriptions if visible.	



OSINT Findings Summary

HIGH — Multiple independent sources	MOD — Partial / single strong source	LOW — Single, unverified, inference	NONE — No evidence found
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Reliability: A=Reliable B=Usually reliable C=Unknown D=Doubtful E=Unreliable | Credibility: 1=Confirmed 2=Probably true 3=Possibly true 4=Unlikely 5=False/deceptive



7 SECTION 7 Threat Indicator Checklists

DOCUMENTATION STANDARD

Describe exactly what you observe. Do not interpret in the findings column. 'Candidate photographed with blue bandana, left rear pocket, across 7 photos, 2019–2022' belongs here. 'Candidate is a gang member' belongs in Section 8 analysis. A single indicator is a data point. A pattern across multiple independent sources is a finding.

See the [MAG Vetting Symbol Reference document](#) available in the files section.

7A — STREET GANG INDICATORS

	Indicator	Observed? Description and Context	Source
	Color display pattern	Consistent color combinations across multiple photos/contexts. Note colors, companions, and date range.	
	Hand signs in photos	Specific configurations appearing consistently. Note exact configuration and recurring companions.	
	Number tattoos	13 (M/Mexican Mafia); 14 (N/Norteño); 18 (18th Street); 3-dot triangle; 5-dot pattern; 31 (MS).	
	Gang-associated tattoos	Crown (Latin Kings); pitchfork (Folk Nation/GD); teardrop; spider web; star of David (GD context).	
	Other tattoos of note	RIP memorials to named individuals; initials; barrio/set references. Research named individuals independently.	
	Gang numerics in digital	13, 14, 18, 31, BK, CK in usernames, bios, or post content. Note platform and date.	
	Consistent companions	Same individuals appearing across years of photos in consistent attire or pose patterns.	
	Gang/set name references	Explicit set or gang name references in posts, captions, or bios.	



7A-SUPPLEMENT — GANGS IN THE MILITARY FLAG

If military service is claimed AND any Section 7A indicators are present, complete this supplement. Gang-directed military service for skills acquisition is an FBI-documented threat. Military training alone is not elevated risk. Military training combined with active gang indicators is a significantly different finding.

	Check	Finding / Note
	DD-214 character of discharge — obtain and verify	
	Claimed MOS/AFSC/NEC consistent with stated skills — cross-reference published specialty descriptions	
	Unit history verifiable — candidate can name unit, location, chain of command for claimed service period	
	Section 7A gang indicators present in same profile — if yes, this combination is the specific FBI-documented threat	

7B — OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CLUB (OMC) INDICATORS

	Indicator	Observed? Description	Club Name If Known
	1% patch or diamond	Deliberate self-identification as outside mainstream MC organizations.	
	Three-piece patch	Top rocker + center logo + bottom territory = active membership.	
	Prospect patch	In the joining process. Note club affiliation.	
	Support gear	Club-branded clothing without center patch = formal support relationship.	
	Known 1% club logos	Hells Angels; Bandidos; Outlaws; Pagans; Mongols; Sons of Silence; Vagos; others.	
	Consistent OMC members in photos	Recurring photos with patched members across a period of years.	



7C — EXTREMIST NETWORK INDICATORS

CONTEXT REQUIRED

Every indicator must be assessed in the totality of the candidate's content. A single indicator + no corroboration = data point to probe in interview. Multiple indicators + organizational affiliations + coded language = finding.

	Indicator	Observed? Where / Context	Combined With
	88 in username/posts		H=8th letter; HH='Heil Hitler'. Assess context: birth year? Or combined with other indicators?
	14 (the 14 Words slogan)		White nationalist slogan. Combined with 88, racial content, or WN org associations?
	14/88 combined		Strong white nationalist identity marker — few innocent combined uses exist.
	Black Sun / Sonnenrad		12-armed wheel. SS symbolism, no pre-Nazi origins. No mainstream innocent use.
	Odal / Tyr / Wolfsangel / Life Rune		Norse/runic symbols co-opted as racial markers in WN contexts. Assess against pagan practice claim.
	Valknut (three interlocked triangles)		Norse origin; also used by WN groups. Assess: is candidate's pagan practice genuine and consistent?
	'Blood and Soil' language		Nazi slogan still in active use. Note exact phrasing and sincerity.
	'Accelerationism' advocacy		Political violence framing to speed societal collapse. Not a preparedness concept.
	'Boogaloo' as race/civil war		Extremist usage = desired race war. Distinguish from ironic internet usage.
	'Day of the Rope' references		Direct reference to mass killing from WN fiction. No innocent context.
	Turner Diaries / Siege refs		Specific radicalization material. Note how candidate engages: critically or approvingly.



	Indicator	Observed? Where / Context	Combined With
	ZOG / 'race traitor' language		Coded extremist terminology. Note frequency and sincerity.
	Named extremist org mention		Note organization name. Research it independently.
	Confederate flag + other indicators		Flag alone is regional/cultural. Flag combined with indicators above is a pattern.

7D — SOVEREIGN CITIZEN MOVEMENT INDICATORS

FBI domestic terrorism designation. Active Sovereign Citizen belief means the individual does not consider themselves bound by law — operational incompatibility with a lawful MAG is direct.

	Indicator	Observed? Description / Source
	'Common law' citizenship or courts claims	In posts, bios, stated legal frameworks, or interview.
	'Traveling' not 'driving' legal distinction	Claim driving requires license but traveling does not.
	Admiralty/maritime law on land claims	Pseudo-legal framework claiming exemption from land-based law.
	'Flesh and blood man' / 'natural person'	Stated legal status separating person from government-registered identity.
	UCC as personal legal exemption	UCC cited as mechanism for personal sovereignty from law.
	'Redemption theory' / 'strawman' concept	Claim a legal fiction separate from the real person exists.
	Pseudo-legal filings mentioned	Posts about filing documents to avoid debts, tickets, or taxes.
	Signature oddities — colons, copyright ©, 'without prejudice'	SovCit document markers. Note if seen on any shared documents.
	Homemade / modified vehicle plates	Visible in photos. Documented Sovereign Citizen behavior.
	'American State National' self-identification	Newer SovCit label — same ideology, rejects the 'sovereign citizen' term.



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SECTION 8

Pre-Contact Analysis Summary

Complete before any contact with the candidate, sponsor, or references. State what you know, what you assess, and what gaps remain.

What does OSINT confirm about this candidate's identity and history?

What inconsistencies, thin areas, or anomalies require probing in the interview?

What gaps remain that OSINT cannot close?



INDICATOR PROBE LOG — Section 7 Findings Requiring Interview Follow-Up

Every checked box in Section 7 must generate an interview probe. Do not reveal the specific source — ask open questions that allow the candidate to surface or confirm.

Section 7 Finding	Interview Probe Question (open-ended, source not revealed)

EEI CONFIDENCE SUMMARY

	EEI Category	Confidence Level	Key Support
	Identity	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Background Consistency	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Behavioral Pattern	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Network	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Motivation	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Stability	High / Mod / Low / None	
	Section 7 Indicators (if any)	Pattern / Isolated / None	



INVESTIGATOR PRE-CONTACT CHECKLIST — DO NOT PROCEED UNTIL ALL ARE CHECKED

EEIs written specifically for this candidate	Section 7 indicators assessed against full context
Background category identified and category-specific steps completed	Every Section 7 finding has an interview probe listed
All 14 public record categories checked or noted N/A	Pre-contact summary (Section 8) is complete
All standard social media platforms checked (Sec. 4)	No contact with candidate, sponsor, or references made
All alternative platforms checked (Sec. 5)	All findings archived with URL, date, and relevance note
OSINT findings summary complete with A-E/1-5 ratings	Clean findings documented — absence is also a finding

STOP RULE

If any checklist item above is unchecked, do not proceed to references or interview. The sequence is not optional. One break compromises everything downstream.

