

ATO Watch Officer

- In order to manage the information stream, JATOC has established a new organizational role.
- This is the ATO Watch Officer, or AWO.
- The AWO serves as the primary point of contact for the JATOC and the informational focal point for ATO Senior Leadership.
- The AWO collects and synthesizes reports from the various JATOC functional elements on NAS events and incidents.
- The AWO will consolidate and communicate the initial unified ATO response to significant NAS incidents, including characterizing the incident, providing notifications to ATO leadership, and taking steps to stabilize the situation.
- They are responsible for delivering consolidated information for situational awareness, decision-making and management of these incidents.
- The AWO continues to validate and gather clarifying impact information and monitors the situation closely as the incident develops to provide decision makers with continual updates.