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The CHDS Difference

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DECEMBER 28, 2015

Thirty-one professionals were awarded a Master of Arts in Security Studies during a ceremony at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and

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CHDS graduates gather at Hermann Hall prior to their December 18 ceremony.

Security December 18.

The graduates comprise professionals from law enforcement, fire safety, homeland security, local government, the military and public/environmental health (see attached list). The first program in the nation of its kind, CHDS provides a cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary curriculum in its 18-month master's degree program in homeland security. Graduates are required to write theses pertinent to their employing agencies.

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“These graduates will join a national cadre of cohorts who are helping keep our nation safer,” Woodbury said. “We are proud and look forward to their contributions to the homeland security enterprise in the coming years. They reflect the professionalism and dedication our nation deserves.”

Five CHDS students earned special honors:

- **Outstanding Thesis Award:** Eric Salyors, Captain, Sacramento, California Fire Department. Thesis: “Quantifying The Negative” Theses were evaluated on overall academic rigor; quality of the literature review; impact of the study on homeland security strategy and future research implications; quality of analysis and conclusions; quality of organization, writing and overall presentation of thesis.
- **Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Award:** Steven Polunsky, Research Scientist, Texas A&M University. The Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Award, is based on grades, thesis

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and classroom leadership. The honor is in memory of one of CHDS' founders.

- **Phillip Zimbardo Award:**
Lieutenant Patrice Hubbard, city of St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department. This award honors a student who demonstrates the best understanding of the psychological aspects of terrorism. The honor is named after Stanford University psychologist and professor emeritus Philip Zimbardo, who formerly taught at CHDS.

- **Mark Carr Esprit De Corps Award:** T Michele Caliva, Administrative Director, Call Center for Toxic Emergencies, Upstate New York Poison Control Center; and, Jerry Davis, Division Commander, Virginia State Police. This award honors students whose actions instilled, sustained and created a spirit of unity and pride within the cohort. The Mark Carr Esprit De Corps Award and is named in honor of Mark Carr, a former CHDS student who died in August 2014.

CHDS, located at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), is the nation's homeland security educator. Master's degree students develop critical thinking, leadership and policy skills during a rigorous 18-month program. Each graduate completes a thesis on a current issue facing his/her jurisdiction. These theses often translate into policy and practice. The CHDS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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