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CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY EXECUTIVE EDUCATION SEMINARS CONDUCTED BY THE CHDS MOBILE EDUCATION TEAM

The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) Executive Education Seminar program prepares senior-level state and local officials to examine, define and meet the challenges homeland security poses for their jurisdiction. These seminars provide opportunities for state, city or urban area leaders to engage in strategic planning, policy development and organizational design through facilitated discussion.

Seminars are conducted by the CHDS Mobile Education Team (MET) comprising nationally recognized experts in various areas related to homeland security. The seminars are designed to enhance leadership development, communication, and knowledge at senior levels of local, state and federal governments and agencies. For states, the target audience is the governor and his/her homeland security team, which is expected to consist of the governor's senior staff and the heads of each department and agency that has a role in homeland security. The focus for local government includes mayors and senior urban area officials and their homeland security leadership.

Time constraints on senior officials require the sessions be brief and efficient. Mobile Education Team leaders conduct pre-seminar visits to each location to identify homeland security challenges and issues specific to that jurisdiction. Information from this visit provides the basis for a customized seminar developed for each participating state or urban area.

Seminar Goals and Objectives

The purpose of these executive level seminars is to enhance the capabilities of elected officials and their senior appointed leaders to successfully address the homeland security challenges of their jurisdictions. Participants identify the critical homeland security issues facing their jurisdictions and create, consider, and/or improve prevention, protection, response and recovery strategies.

Seminar Format

Each event is an intensive half-day seminar on homeland security designed to help strengthen capability to prevent, deter, and respond to catastrophic events and to build the intergovernmental, interagency, and civil-military cooperation that homeland security requires.

Seminars are conducted within the jurisdiction and led by the MET team panelists who focus on each jurisdiction's homeland security challenges. Topics for these non-attributive discussions may include:

- Local/state/tribal/territorial/federal responsibilities and coordination
- Information collection and sharing
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Continuity of operations/continuity of government
- Public communications
- Prevention, preparedness, response and recovery

Additional Resources

After the seminar, participants are offered access to CHDS resources at no cost. These resources support and continue the learning process begun at the seminar.

Learn more about CHDS Executive Education Seminars:

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