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Ellen Gordon, Associate Director of Executive Education and Faculty for the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) was recently sworn in as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano swore in 16 members of the Council during her first meeting with HSAC in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I congratulate the members of the Homeland Security Advisory Council on their appointments," said Secretary Napolitano. "As we work to fulfill the Department's core mission of securing the country against the many threats it faces, the unique insights and expertise of this diverse council will be a valuable resource."

Gordon has over 25 years of experience in emergency management and homeland security. She has managed the CHDS Executive Leaders Program since its inception in August 2006. The program was designed to bring together the nation's senior homeland security officials to discuss, debate, and explore strategies and policies for homeland security. The program has since graduated over 120 officials. In addition, she serves as a faculty member for the master's degree program.

"Ellen Gordon has made significant contributions to the educational programs at CHDS," said Glen Woodbury, Director for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security. "We are excited to see the impact on homeland security she will be able to make in this new position. Her insights, creativity, and dedication to service will undoubtedly be as great an asset to the Homeland Security Advisory Council as they are at CHDS."

Prior to her position with CHDS, Gordon served as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor as well as the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Administrator for the state of Iowa, with 20 years of distinguished service. In this position she was responsible for the development and management of homeland security and emergency management systems, to include all aspects of strategy, programs, organizational development, personnel and budgeting.

"It was an honor to be appointed to this council by Secretary Napolitano," said Gordon. "I hope I can positively shape the future of homeland security by drawing on my experiences to offer insights into the homeland security issues facing the nation today. It is critical to understand the importance of engaging state and local entities and gaining their perspective on homeland security policies and directives. I hope that I can facilitate this type of open communication during my service on the council."

The Homeland Security Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters related to homeland security. The Council is



comprised of leaders from state and local government, first responder communities, the private sector, and academia. Of the 16 members sworn in, 10 are new to HSAC and six were re-appointed. Members serve for a three year term. The Council is chaired by former CIA and FBI Director Judge William Webster.

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