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# Twenty-Nine Earn CHDS Degrees

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MONTEREY, Calif. – Twenty-nine professionals who work in the homeland security field were awarded a Master of Arts in Security Studies Dec. 14 from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School.

The graduates comprise professionals from law enforcement, fire safety, homeland security, public health and agencies under the Department of Homeland Security (please see attached list).

"These graduates bring great credit to themselves and their professions. They will join the expanding network of homeland security leaders who are shaping the future of our nation," said CHDS Director Glen Woodbury.



Three graduates earned special honors:

- Richard Fleece earned the Outstanding Thesis award. His thesis was titled "Suicide Terrorism in America?: The Complex Social Conditions of this Phenomenon and the Implications for U.S. Homeland Security" Fleece is assistant to the Special Agent in Charge with the Secret Service in Washington, D.C.
- John Bennett earned the Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Award, which is based on grades, thesis and classroom leadership. The honor is in memory of one of CHDS' founders. Bennett is assistant chief of the Tampa (Fla.) Police Department.
- Alan Moore earned the Philip Zimbardo Award. This award honors a student who demonstrates the best understanding of the psychological aspects of terrorism and whose performance in the master's program best embodies the highest levels of academic achievement and outstanding leadership. The honor is named after Stanford University psychologist and professor emeritus Philip Zimbardo, who also formerly taught at CHDS. Moore is management and program analyst, Department of Homeland Security/ Immigration Customs Enforcement/Enforcement and Removal Operations, Detroit.

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December 14, 2012 Graduates

- Derek Arnson, Chief, Nogales Police Department, Nogales, Ariz.
- John Bennett, Assistant Chief, Tampa Police Department, Tampa, Fla.
- Patricia Bierle, Customer Support and Stakeholder Manager, Department of Homeland Security/ Transportation Security Administration, Boise, Idaho.
- Curt Cooper, Operations, Training and Plan / Exercise Officer, Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration, Bloomington, Minn.
- Brian Duggan, Fire Chief / Emergency Manager, Northampton Fire Department, Northampton, Mass.

- James Festa, Assistant Chief, Contract Security Branch, Department of Homeland Security/ Citizenship and Immigration Services, South Burlington, Vermont.
- Richard Fleece, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security/Secret Service, Washington, D.C.
- Raymond Gretz, Battalion Fire Chief, Washington, D.C. Fire and EMS, Washington, D.C.
- Brad Hufford, Deputy Director, Finance, Logistics, Administration, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Boise, Idaho.
- Therese Isaac, Emergency Preparedness Director, Duval County Health, Department, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Sterling Keys, Supervisory Federal Air Marshal (SAC), Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration, Office of Law Enforcement, Federal Air Marshals Service, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio.
- Steven Kral, Homeland Security Government Relations Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, D.C.
- Romeo Lavarias, Public Information Officer, City of Miramar, Miramar, Fla.
- Bradford Mason, Assistant Deputy Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Hamilton, N.J.
- Paul Miller, Deputy Chief of Police, Miami Gardens Police Department, Miami Gardens, Fla.
- Alan Moore, Management and Program Analyst, Department of Homeland Security/ Immigration Customs Enforcement/Enforcement and Removal Operations, Detroit.
- Patrick O'Flynn, Sheriff, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Rochester, N.Y.
- Denis O'Leary, Captain, San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco.
- George Perera, Captain, Miami-Dade Police Department, Miami.
- Samantha Phillips, Deputy Managing Director, Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, Philadelphia.
- Kevin Power, Detective Lieutenant, Commanding Officer-Arson/Bomb Squad, Nassau County Police Department, Mineola, N.Y.
- Stephen Rees, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI, Washington, D.C.
- Elaine Roman, Director of Public Health Planning and Emergency Preparedness, Niagara County Department of Health, Lockport, N.Y.
- Rafael Sa'adah, Battalion Fire Chief, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department, Washington D.C.
- Timothy Sansbury, Lieutenant, Columbus Division of Police, Columbus, Ohio.
- Christian Schulz, Major, New Jersey State Police, Trenton, N.J.
- Gary Settle, Captain, Virginia State Police, Culpeper, Va.
- Donald Troutman, Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Coast Guard, Alameda, Calif.
- Reuben Varghese, Public Health Director/Division Chief, Arlington County Public Health Division, Arlington Va.