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The Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) recently conducted a Homeland Security Executive Education Seminar for the City of Philadelphia. The Center's 'Mobile Education Team (MET)', in partnership with Mayor Michael Nutter, conducted a half-day seminar focused on enhancing the capacity of officials to successfully address homeland security challenges. Approximately 46 city officials attended the seminar. Facilitated by the MET team, the seminar is meant to ignite provocative discussion and debate on issues critical to the Philadelphia area.

Deputy Managing Director for Emergency Management MaryAnn E. Tierney who was instrumental in bringing the seminar to Philadelphia said, "The Executive Education Seminar is a comprehensive program designed to prepare the City of Philadelphia's Executive Team for any kind of emergency."

The seminar focused specifically on managing risk- such as threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences; prevention and intelligence; preparedness; response and recovery to catastrophic events; and continuity of essential services. Video scenarios of notional newscasts and postulated terrorists attacks were used to drive discussions. The seminar was lead by members of the CHDS MET team, nationally recognized experts in various areas related to homeland security. "The City of Philadelphia is the birthplace of democracy and can sometimes be overlooked," said Clark Kimerer, Deputy Chief of Seattle Police Department and MET facilitator. "It is commendable how the city leaders were able serve their community through a productive seminar." The Center has conducted more than 120 executive MET seminars for over 3,000 senior local, state and federal officials.

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