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Twenty-six professionals working in the homeland security field were awarded master's degrees in Security Studies Sept. 24 at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

"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.

The graduates come from cities across the United States and comprise professionals from law enforcement, fire safety, emergency management, homeland security, the military and natural resources management (please see attached list).

Three graduates were honored for exceptional achievement:

- Cynthia Renaud, Commander with the Long Beach (Calif.) Police Department, was honored with the Thesis Award. The award is based 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. Renaud's thesis is titled "Making Sense in the Edge of Chaos: A Framework for Effective Initial Response Efforts to Large-Scale Incidents."
- Laura Wilson, Sanford University (Calif.) Chief of Police, was the recipient of 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 renowned Stanford University psychologist Philip Zimbardo, who also teaches at CHDS.
- Thomas Richardson, Battalion Chief with the New York City Fire Department, was named winner of the Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Achievement Award. This award is based on grades, thesis and classroom leadership.



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Graduate List for September 24, 2010

- John Bastin, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Central Maine Regional Resource Center, Lewiston, Maine
- Matthew Blackwood, Homeland Security Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, W.Va.
- Michael Callagy, Deputy Chief of Police, San Mateo (Calif.) Police Department
- Jody Chattin, Assistant Commissioner, Chicago Fire Department.
- Alan Thomas Cox, Battalion Chief, Seattle Fire Department

- Sara Diaz, Emerging Technologies Manager, San Diego Fire-Rescue
- Ross W. Elliott, Director of Emergency Medical Services, Kern County Public Health Department, Bakersfield, Calif.
- Lance E. Englet, Lieutenant Colonel, Oregon Army National Guard, Salem, Ore.
- Peter Gomez, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI, Boston
- Noel Heffernan, Lieutenant, New York City Fire Department
- Sheryl Jardine, Program Manager, Washington State Emergency Management, Camp Murray, Wash.
- John MacLean, Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Philadelphia
- Claire Marie, Chief, Alaskan Command /Joint Task Force, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
- Theodore Moody, Assistant Sheriff, Law Enforcement Operations, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- Jason Nairn, Director of Security and Emergency Management, State of Michigan, Lansing, Mich.
- David O'Connell, Lieutenant Commander, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C.
- Cynthia Renaud, Commander, Long Beach (Calif.) Police Department
- Battalion Chief Thomas J. Richardson, Battalion Chief, New York City Fire Department
- Thomas Russo, Director of Emergency Preparedness, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Conway, S.C.
- Lisa Ann Shahade, Assistant Chief, Amtrak Police Department, Philadelphia
- Tina Skahill, Chief, Chicago Police Department
- Gail A. Stewart, Regional Hospital and Emergency Medical Services Preparedness Coordinator, Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Sergeant Keith Taylor, Sergeant, New York City Police Department
- Chief Kevin Taylor, Chief, Beckley (W.Va.) Fire Department
- Philip Treglia, Major, NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Police Chief Laura Wilson, Stanford University Department of Public Safety, Stanford, Calif.

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