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The Ogma Web 2.0 Workshop, hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) in Monterey, CA, June 30- July 1, examined the application of Web 2.0 technologies to enhance homeland security practices. A joint venture by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for Interoperability and Compatibility (OIC), and the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), and CHDS, the workshop brought together experts from various disciplines including public safety practitioners, technology leaders, behavioral scientists, social networking analysts and government officials.



Mike Byrne, CHDS faculty and lead organizer for the event, said, "The involvement of diverse groups and the pervasiveness of web 2.0 is dramatically changing the world of public safety, emergency management and homeland security in both productive and uncertain ways. The discussion at this workshop is advancing our understanding and clearly showing the direction of future effort as we struggle with the dramatic transformation of the way we communicate, collaborate and build communities of interest".

Through information sharing, participants gained a better understanding of the increased need for the public safety community to adopt Web 2.0 applications and tools. Drawing from experts in the field of Web 2.0 technologies, including public safety practitioners, social and behavioral scientists, social networking analysts, and private sector professionals, the workshop facilitated an exchange of best practices and lessons learned in the use of Web 2.0 tools during incidents.

Web 2.0 technologies are designed to enable citizens and homeland security practitioners a simple and rapid way to share information via to improve situational awareness in the event of an incident.

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