



## Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Education Seminars Conducted by Mobile Education Teams

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) Executive Education Seminar program was created to prepare senior level state and local officials to examine, define and meet the challenges homeland security poses for their jurisdiction. These seminars provide opportunities for state, city or urban area leaders to engage in strategic planning, policy development and organizational design through facilitated discussion.

### Seminar Goals and Objectives

The purpose of these outreach seminars is to enhance the capabilities of elected officials and their senior appointed leaders to successfully address the homeland security challenges of their jurisdictions. Participants identify the critical homeland security issues facing their jurisdictions and create, consider, and/or improve prevention, protection, response and recovery strategies.

### Seminar Format

The seminars are designed to enhance leadership development, communication, and knowledge at senior levels of local, state and federal governments and agencies. At the state level, the focus is governors and their cabinets, homeland security senior staff, and heads of key departments and agencies. The focus for local government includes mayors and senior urban area officials and their homeland security leadership.

Seminars are conducted within the jurisdiction by the Mobile Education Team (MET) comprised of nationally recognized subject matter panelists focusing on the jurisdiction's specific homeland security challenges.

Topics for these non-attributive discussions may include:

- Federal/state/local responsibilities and coordination
- Information collection and sharing
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Continuity of operations/continuity of government
- Public communications
- Prevention, preparedness, response and recovery

Time constraints on senior officials require the sessions be brief and efficient. Mobile Education Team leaders conduct pre-seminar visits to each location to identify homeland security challenges and issues specific to that jurisdiction. Information from this visit provides the basis for a customized seminar developed for each participating state or urban area.

### Additional Resources

Participants are offered access to additional no cost CHDS resources after the seminar. These resources support and continue the learning process begun at the seminar.

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