PACIFIC EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM (PELP)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Homeland security in Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific territories is an evolving and increasingly important issue for the nation. The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), in partnership with FEMA and other entities in the Pacific region, has developed the Pacific Executive Leaders Program (PELP), a graduate-level education curriculum, to address specific challenges facing officials in these unique areas. This course is designed for mid- and senior-level homeland security professionals as an opportunity to cultivate the background and critical thinking skills needed to address emerging regional security issues, public policy debates, terrorist threats and best practices in homeland security including: geographic isolation from the continental U.S. and other entities, predisposition to various types of natural disasters, port security and safety concerns and, proximity to mainland Asia and its geopolitical influences.

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- Geographic isolation from the continental U.S and other entities
- Predisposition to various types of natural disasters
- Port security and safety concerns
- Proximity to mainland Asia and its geopolitical influences

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- Strengthen national security by providing a non-degree, graduate-level educational program to meet the needs of leaders responsible for homeland defense and security in the Pacific region
- Provide an educational forum to enhance senior leaders’ capacity to identify and resolve homeland security problems
- Create nationwide homeland security networks and build relationships between senior leaders across agencies, disciplines, and levels of government

APPLICATION CRITERIA
The criteria considered for admission include the relevance and level of applicants’ positions, their homeland security responsibilities, the potential benefit to applicants and their organizations, and the homeland security experience and knowledge participants will bring to this educational forum.

The program is fully sponsored for accepted candidates. This includes travel, per diem, and lodging in accordance with federal travel regulations. The sponsorship does not include work time or time spent away from the agency.
WHAT SENIOR LEADERS HAVE TO SAY:

“The Pacific Executive Leaders Program provided me with an exceptional opportunity to learn and share ideas about the critical risks and possible solutions for Homeland Defense. The logistical support, instructors and subjects along with the collaborative learning environment were outstanding.”

— SHAWN TSUHA
Deputy Director of Law Enforcement
Honolulu Department of Public Safety

“The presentation were well versed with their presentation in the areas of critical information in homeland security that I can take back with me to our organization which can be a part in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. I was very pleased with the various topics covered and shared with the participants.”

— DAVID PEREDO
Emergency Services Director
American Red Cross in Guam

“It [PELP] put many things into perspective and challenged every participant to think in and outside the box. The newly formed contacts I made and the breadth of experience by the presenters and fellow classmates made the whole experience worthwhile.”

— MICHAEL SHIBATA
Business Continuity Manager
Central Pacific Bank in Honolulu

“Networking with public-sector partners is strategically beneficial in planning prior to an unexpected catastrophe. For private industry, these are the people we need during a major incident,” “To cold call them when an incident is occurring won’t work. This course has been extremely helpful.”

— ERIC KALER
Security Director
Hawaiian Airlines

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