



EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM (ELP)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Local, state, tribal, territorial and federal government agencies and the private sector are at the forefront of our nation's homeland security mission. Being at the forefront in a rapidly changing environment requires continuous education for our nation's homeland security leaders. All require a deeper understanding of the current and emerging homeland security issues, public policy debates, the terrorist threat and evolving best practices. The Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA provides the educational opportunity for our nation's homeland security leaders to develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements needed to defeat terrorism in the United States.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide an educational forum to enhance senior leaders' capacity to identify and resolve homeland security problems as well as an opportunity to build networks among the nation's local, state, tribal, territorial, federal government, and private sector homeland security officials.
- To strengthen the national security of the United States by providing a non-degree graduate level educational program that meets the immediate and long-term needs of leaders responsible for homeland defense and security.
- To assist local, state, tribal, territorial, federal government and private sector executives in building capacity to defeat terrorism.

CURRICULUM

This program consists of four modules beginning with foundational aspects of homeland security and the threats, followed by the nature of the threats, legal and cultural aspects of preventing and preparing for the threats, the collaborations necessary to effectively manage the information sharing, threat recognition, protection measures, and plans in preparation for action.

Each of the one-week seminars will offer presentations on selected topics around leading in networks, and the nature and scope of the homeland security issues which are used to assess the strategic application of the resources of the local, state, tribal, territorial, federal jurisdictions to address those issues. Seminars will be conducted on such topics as intelligence, critical infrastructure, border/immigration, threat recognition, crisis and risk communications, incident management and fear management as well as emerging homeland security issues. All of the topics will be discussed on a strategic, policy, and organizational design level with particular attention to intergovernmental planning challenges. The participants will consider complex issues and case studies, and work through problems that enable them to strengthen working relationships across regions, agencies, and local-state-federal jurisdictional and private sector lines.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Each session will be conducted over a four day period at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security facilities in Monterey, CA. There is a total of four one-week sessions over a nine-month period. Participants must commit to attending all four sessions. Participants consist of approximately thirty senior local, state, tribal, territorial and federal government, and military and private sector officials with homeland security responsibilities. The program is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participating executives and will not require the workload of traditional graduate level education programs.

ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINES

JANUARY 15TH | JUNE 15TH

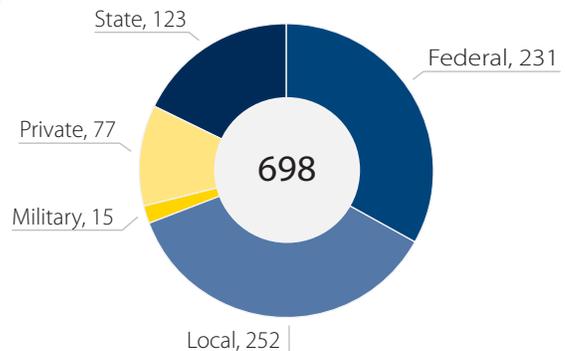
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ALUMNI AND COHORTS

2018	
Graduated Cohorts	2
Alumni	61
In Progress Participants	65

since inception August 2006		
GRADUATED COHORTS	ALUMNI	TOTAL COHORTS
23	698	25

ALUMNI by jurisdiction



WHAT SENIOR LEADERS HAVE TO SAY:

“The Executive Leaders Program is by far the best training I have received in my 30+ year professional career of law enforcement transitioning to city management. The level of knowledge and preparation by staff is of the highest quality and they successfully lead participants that are already leaders in the homeland security arena. The quality training and the depth of knowledge of instructors is unsurpassed. My greatest takeaway are the relationships that were developed and the awareness that I will always have peers (friends) to reach out to. I cannot recommend this program more!”

— **TIM GLEASON**
City Manager
City of Bloomington, IL

“UPS has a long history of partnering with local, state, and federal agencies to protect our employees and the public we serve. I developed numerous additional strategic contacts in many of the federal law enforcement agencies we support. The table top drills and group breakouts conducted increased perspective that will assist in my dealings with these groups moving forward. It enhanced my knowledge of key factors considered by government when approached by companies. The subject matter experts provided extremely detailed briefings and educational sessions on the cartels, Middle East conflict/religion, Customs and Border Protection and other global risks. They were extremely informative which allowed me to employ this knowledge in risk mitigation for my organization. The most impactful byproduct of this experience aside from the professional development were the friendships cultivated over the course of the program with this talented and impressive group of individuals.”

— **ERIK C. MAURO**
Vice President, Corporate Security Services
United Parcel Service (UPS)

“If you are interested in expanding your network while collaborating with other local, state, and government agencies to improve homeland security – the Executive Leaders Program is for you. I would highly recommend this program to senior leaders who value the need to join forces to protect our nation. I was extremely fortunate to attend sessions with some very seasoned professionals from across the country. This opportunity is a learning experience like no other and is highly recommended.”

— **BARBARA SCHUKRAFT**
Regional Director, Region II
Transportation Security Administration

“The Executive Leaders Program affords participants the opportunity to dig deeper into multifaceted and complex issues that are relevant to the broad aperture of disciplines represented within the cohort. Day-to-day we tend to be myopic in our views and fail to recognize the issue at hand is broader than our own agency. It’s not about what you can do alone, but what we can achieve together. This program gives participants greater awareness and appreciation for what other partners bring as part of the solution. This knowledge will help you as a leader and will elevate the success of your organization.”

— **WENDY SMITH-REEVE**
Deputy Director / Director
Arizona Department of Emergency & Military Affairs (DEMA)
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