



CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY

2002-2019 FACT SHEET

ABOUT CHDS

Established in 2002 by the U.S. government to build a national cadre of homeland security leaders with advanced skills in organizational collaboration and innovative policy and strategy development, CHDS is a one-of-a-kind educational forum that brings together local, state, tribal, territorial, federal, and private sector leaders to learn, debate, and solve homeland security challenges while bridging gaps in interagency and intergovernmental cooperation. CHDS offers national programs that provide homeland security professionals with research, digital library holdings, online courses, educational materials, networking, and resources to do their jobs and further their knowledge.

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

- Started in January 2003, this fully accredited 18-month program brings together mid-to-senior level officials from across the U.S. and all levels of government.
- Participants are in-residence two weeks per quarter; remainder of coursework completed via network-based learning.
- Approximately 160 students from diverse disciplines are enrolled in concurrent cohorts – law enforcement, fire, emergency management, public health, military, etc.; classes are held in Monterey, California and in the National Capital Region (currently at the Bolger Conference Center).
- Participants complete a thesis on actual policy issues confronting their city, state, or sponsoring organization; these are being implemented by agencies around the nation to solve homeland security (HS) challenges.

master's alumni by jurisdiction*	
Local	442
State	250
Tribal	3
Territorial	4
Federal	391
Military	46
Total Alumni	1,136

*Job designation at the time of graduation

EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM (ELP)

- Four one-week seminars over nine months for senior level public and private sector officials.
- Two cohorts are conducted each year with over 60 participants graduating annually.
- Participants acquire a deeper understanding of current and emerging HS issues and public policy debates while strengthening working relationships across agencies and levels of government.

since inception August 2006	
Alumni	730
Graduated Cohorts	24

EMERGENCE PROGRAM

- Two one-week sessions over six months with online work to enhance the next generation of homeland security leaders' understanding of the homeland security discipline, emerging trends, and implementing change.
- Program facilitates participants' homeland security perspectives and what they view as opportunities for change and contributions their generation can make to the evolving discipline and encourages a career in public service.

since inception March 2017	
Graduated Cohorts	3
Alumni	96

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (EEP)

- The Executive Education Program (EEP) provides a wide-range of tailored homeland security educational opportunities designed to help strengthen U.S. capability to prevent, deter, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and public safety threats and to build the intergovernmental, interagency, and civil-military cooperation that homeland security requires.
- The academic program offerings are conducted around the country by CHDS mobile education teams comprised of nationally-recognized experts from a variety of fields related to homeland security.
- The CHDS teams work with requesting government agencies and associations to customize educational content and structure to meet participant needs and objectives.
- The curriculum may cover a wide range of homeland security issues important to leaders and decision-makers or be designed to explore a single challenge in-depth.
- Sessions are flexible and may range from a couple of hours to several days in duration and can be delivered in the form of a seminar, symposium, workshop, presentation or short course at local venues.

EEP events since inception 2003	
Executive Education Events Conducted	442
Executive Education Participants	17,166

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (REP) EXECUTIVE EDUCATION SEMINARS

- The CHDS Executive Education Program (EEP) also conducts topical Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Executive Education seminars to enhance preparedness of local and state communities and federal agencies to respond to and manage the consequences of a radiological release from a fixed nuclear power plant.
- These seminars challenge local leaders to think about the complexity of a major radiological incident and the public's response in the post-Fukushima environment.
- The challenges of public warning, evacuation, decontamination, environmental impact and crisis communications are central themes to each seminar.

REP events since inception August 2012	
Alumni	425
Seminars	9

PACIFIC EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM (PELP)

- Graduate-level education curriculum, to address specific challenges facing officials in the Pacific Region.
- Five-day intensive program for mid- and senior-level homeland security professionals.
- Cultivates the background and critical thinking skills needed to address emerging regional security issues, terrorist threats and public policy debates.

since inception August 2011	
Graduated Cohorts	14
Alumni	320

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (REP) EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Five-day, invitation-only program designed to support the renewal and advancement of activities associated with off-site nuclear power plant preparedness.
- Allow private, local, state and federal partners to explore the complex and unique challenges associated with preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a commercial nuclear power plant major incident.

since inception August 2012	
Graduated Cohorts	12
Alumni	282

ADVANCED THINKING IN HOMELAND SECURITY (HSx)

- Support the acceleration of participants to be extraordinary change leaders in a vast, highly complex, ambiguous, interconnected, and constantly evolving field of homeland defense and security.
- Advance the homeland defense and security body of knowledge to identify and address current and emerging complex problems through the creation of new frameworks, strategic foresight and cognitive abilities.
- Test and apply newly created skills through the development of entrepreneurial initiatives that work to advance the homeland defense and security community in large and significant ways.

since inception 2018	
Alumni	17

UNIVERSITY AND AGENCY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (UAPI)

- CHDS offers its curriculum, learning technologies, and educational resources to institutional and individual partners, who also share their curriculum and specialized expertise with CHDS and other UAPI partners.
- “Multiplier effect” increases number and diversity of students with access to homeland security education nationally.
- Organizes the annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit which attracts more than 90 academic institutions and agencies.
- Collaborates with FEMA and DHS advisory groups on homeland security curriculum development and higher education initiatives.

since inception September 2005	
Agency and University Partners	410
Sponsored conferences, seminars, workshops, and summits	31

HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY (HSDL)

- Nation's premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy related documents; supports local, state, tribal, territorial and federal analysis, decision-making, and academic research.
- All documents are selected by a staff of librarians and subject matter specialists.
- A portion of the collection is public but the entire collection is available to all public and private sector homeland security professionals and their organizations.
- Part of the Federal Depository Library System.

by documents in the HSDL Collection	
Resources in the Public Collection	107,100
Additional Resources for Registered Users	75,700
Total Resources	182,800

SELF STUDY COURSES

- Non-credit, online versions of the master's degree courses; available to professionals who wish to enhance their understanding of key concepts and require the flexibility of self-paced instruction.

Registered Participants	1,785
Self-Directed Non-Credit Courses	10

HOMELAND SECURITY AFFAIRS (HSA) – THE JOURNAL OF NPS-CHDS

- Peer-reviewed academic journal published electronically with submissions from national experts.
- Articles propose and debate strategies, policies, and organizational arrangements to strengthen homeland security.
- The journal is catalogued by more than 857 libraries worldwide and is indexed by EBSCO and ProQuest.

Total Research Articles Since Inception	127
Published Volumes	14

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