



PACIFIC EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Homeland security and emergency management in Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific territories is continuing to evolve and presents complex issues and challenges 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. The program 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, terrorist threats, public policy debates and homeland security challenges including:

- Geographic isolation from the continental U.S. and other entities
- Predisposition to various types of natural disasters
- Port security, supply chain resiliency 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.

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COURSE STRUCTURE AND CURRICULUM

The traditional PELP consists of an intensive one-week in-residence session at the University of Hawaii campus in Hilo. The course is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participants and does not require the workload of a traditional graduate-level course.

Instruction is a combination of presentations and facilitated discussions between faculty, participants and subject matter experts. Discussions include strategy, policy and organizational design, covering topics such as complex problem solving, resiliency, capacity building, critical infrastructure, border/immigration, threat and hazard identification, collaboration, crisis communications and emerging homeland security issues. Attendance and participation is required for the entire week and all sessions. Ideal candidates are located in the Pacific and or have significant responsibilities in the US Pacific jurisdictions.

CHDS also offers topic-specific or nontraditional PELP offerings and supports other events in the Pacific, based on priorities established by FEMA and its Pacific partners. Previous offerings have included sessions on port resilience, power restoration and post-disaster housing plans.

TARGET AUDIENCE FOR PELP



HAWAII



GUAM



AMERICAN
SAMOA



COMMONWEALTH OF
NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS (CNMI)

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