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## LOSS OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY: CURSE OR BLESSING?

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Glen Woodbury is the Director of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, responsible for leading the Center's strategic commitment to servicing the homeland security educational priorities of the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Defense, as well as local, state, tribal and federal agencies. His previous responsibilities as an Associate Director from 2004 to 2007 included the development of executive education workshops, seminars and training for senior state and local officials, as well as military leaders. In 2018, the School was recognized as the number one graduate institution for Homeland/National Security and Emergency Management by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Woodbury served as the Director of the Emergency Management Division for the State of Washington from 1998 through 2004. In this capacity, he directed the state's response to numerous emergencies, disasters and heightened security threat levels since his appointment by the Adjutant General, MG Timothy Lowenberg, and the Governor, Gary Locke. He was the Director during the World Trade Organization disturbance in Seattle in 1999, the Nisqually Earthquake in February 2001, the TOPOFF II Exercise in 2003, the national response to the attacks of September 11th, and many other natural and manmade emergencies and disasters. During his tenure, the division received numerous awards and recognition for national and international excellence in the areas of public education, tsunami and earthquake preparedness, hazard mitigation and homeland security.

Glen Woodbury is a former President (2002-2003) of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), which represents all state and territorial emergency management directors in the development and advocacy of national policy, strategy and operational issues. He served as the emergency management representative to the Advanced National Seismic System Advisory Board, the Co-Chair of the Mitigation Committee, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center for State Homeland Security (a non-profit partnership of NEMA, the Adjutants General Association of the U.S., and Mitretek Systems). He also served in a variety of capacities on many Washington State and national councils, committees, and professional organizations.

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