



2024 CHDS Alumni Professional Exchange (APEX) Continuing Education Workshop

Barbara McNitt Ballroom, Herrmann Hall,
Naval Postgraduate School
February 20 - 22, 2024

Monday, February 19, Welcome Reception: For those who are in town early, you are invited to The Dustbowl at the wharf in Monterey from 5pm - 7pm. Bruce Hoffman will be signing books.

DAY ONE – Tuesday, February 20

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee Service

8:30 a.m. Welcome- **Jodi Stiles**, Interim Director,
Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS)

Opening Remarks- **Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau**, USN (Ret.),
President Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Workshop Overview- **Heather Hollingsworth-Issvoran**, Director, Strategic
Communications

8:50 a.m. Keynote Address: **Lessons for Counterterrorism and Homeland Security
from the October 7 Attacks**
Bruce Hoffman, Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism & Homeland Security,
Council for Foreign Relations and Professor, Walsh School of Foreign Service,
Georgetown University

10:00 a.m. **Morning Break**

Plenary Session:

Emergency Management and Homeland Security: Collisions and Collaborations

10:20 a.m. Facilitator: **Glen Woodbury**, Professor of the Practice Emeritus and Former Director, Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Postgraduate School
Dawn Brantley, Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
Claire Moravec, Deputy Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency,
Clint Osborn, Interim Director, DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

11:40 a.m. **Lunch (NPS on Campus Dining Options)**

Plenary Session: Alumni Short Talk

Organizational Trauma – Smart Practices Learned from Charlottesville

1:00 p.m. **Emily Pelliccia**, Deputy Chief, Community Risk & Resilience, Albemarle County Fire Rescue

2:15 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

Plenary Session:

Building a Culture of Innovation

2:35 p.m. **David Pecoske**, TSA Administrator

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Evening Event: **All alumni and guests, speakers, faculty, and staff are invited**

5:30-8:00 p.m. **Networking Reception (Hosted by the CHDS Association)**
Please join us at the Monterey Yacht Club at the wharf
Wharf II, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 372-9686

DAY TWO – Wednesday, February 21

Workshop Summary and Schedule Overview

8:00 a.m. Coffee Service

8:30 a.m. **Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau**, USN (Ret.), President Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)
Recognition of CHDS Director Woodbury's retirement

Plenary Session:

New Tech, New Threats, New Challenges: Imagining the Future of Homeland Security

9:00 a.m. **David Alexander**, Senior Science Advisor for Resilience, DHS S&T

10:15 a.m. ***Morning Break***

Plenary Session:

Mass Migration as a Meta Crisis and Impacts on American Cities

10:35 a.m. Facilitator: **Dan O'Connor**, Field Operations Director, FEMA
Juan Acosta, Assistant Director, ICE-ERO,
Jorge Rodriguez, Emergency Management Coordinator,
El Paso City-County Office of Emergency Management
Molly Schaeffer, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor and Senior
Emergency Advisor, NYC Office of the Mayor

11:45 a.m. ***Lunch (NPS on Campus Dining Options)***

Plenary Session:

The Consequences of Digital Insecurity

1:00 p.m. **Sezaneh Seymour**, Vice President & Head of Risk and Policy,
Coalition Inc.

2:15 p.m. ***Afternoon Break***

Plenary Session: Alumni Short Talk

Optimize with Optimism

2:35 p.m. **Kristen Ziman**, Chief of Police (ret.)
Author, Speaker, Consultant

4:00 p.m. ***Adjourn***

DAY THREE – Thursday, February 22

Workshop Summary and Schedule Overview

8:30 a.m. Presentation of CHDSA Christopher Bellavita Educator Award
Presentation of the CHDS Alumni Service Award
Elaine Jennings, President, CHDSA

Plenary Session: Alumni Short Talk

Serve First, Lead Second, and Be Humble-Leadership in Apathetic Times

8:45 a.m. **Samson C. Stevens**, Commander, USCG

10:00 a.m. *Morning Break*

Plenary Session:

Intergenerational Capacity Building in Your Agency

10:20 a.m. **Steven Torrence**, OEM Director, Marin County Fire Department

11:45 a.m. *Lunch (NPS on Campus Dining Options)*

Plenary Session: Alumni Short Talk

1:00 p.m. **China, A Nation of Hostages**
Shawn Harwood, Expert Advisor, Nexus Global Consulting

2:15 p.m. *Afternoon Break*

Plenary Session:

Modern-Day Seditious, Indicators and Warning Signs

2:35 p.m. **David Brannan**, Senior Faculty, CHDS

4:00 p.m. *Adjourn*

See you next year!