



# CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY

## ABOUT CHDS

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) was 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. This one-of-a-kind educational forum 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. In addition to its academic programs, CHDS provides homeland security professionals with research, digital library holdings, online courses, educational materials, networking, and resources to do their jobs and further their knowledge.

## MA | MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

- This accredited 18-month program brings together officials from across the U.S. and all levels of government to critically think about homeland security (HS) issues and research solutions.
- Through rigorous inquiry, participants develop skills necessary to create innovative policies and strategies to protect the U.S. from a wide range of threats and public safety risks.
- Participants are in-residence two weeks per quarter; remainder of coursework is 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. In-residence classes are held in Monterey, California.
- Participants complete a thesis on actual policy issues confronting their city, state, or sponsoring organization; these are implemented by agencies around the nation to solve HS challenges.

SINCE INCEPTION JANUARY 2003  
TOTAL COHORTS 58 • ALUMNI 1,515

## ELP | EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM

- Four, one-week seminars over 12 months for senior-level public and private sector officials.
- Two cohorts are conducted each year with over 60 participants graduating annually.
- An educational forum for senior-level homeland security/public safety leaders designed to enhance decision-making and foster collaboration to strengthen the security of the U.S.

SINCE INCEPTION AUGUST 2006  
TOTAL COHORTS 35 • ALUMNI 1,043

## EMERGENCY PROGRAM

- Six-month program with two, one-week in-residences in Monterey, CA, and network-based learning that brings together the variety of professional backgrounds and geographic areas that comprise HS.
- Participants spend 3-5 hours per week on the network-based learning portion of Emergence which includes readings, discussion boards, research and ideation around the change initiatives, and other activities.
- Program enhances the next generation of HS leaders' critical and design thinking, understanding of the HS discipline, emerging trends, and their commitment to an HS career.
- A significant part of Emergence is an innovation lab to research and develop ideas for change that participants brief to their agency leadership and implement to solve organizational challenges.

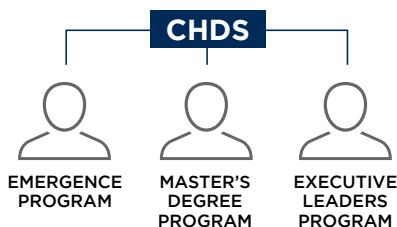
SINCE INCEPTION MARCH 2017  
TOTAL COHORTS 12 • ALUMNI 332

## EEP | EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

- 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.

EOP EVENTS SINCE INCEPTION 2003  
EXECUTIVE EDUCATION EVENTS CONDUCTED 727  
EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS 71,793

## EDUCATION FOR EACH STAGE OF YOUR CAREER



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## PELP | PACIFIC EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM

- Graduate-level education curriculum to address specific challenges facing officials in the Pacific Region.
- Five-day intensive program for mid/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  
TOTAL COHORTS 21 • ALUMNI 542

\*Includes both traditional and invite-only cohorts

## REP | RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 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.
- Allows private, local, state, and federal partners to explore the complex and unique challenges associated with preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a major incident from a commercial nuclear power plant.

SINCE INCEPTION AUGUST 2012  
TOTAL COHORTS 17 • ALUMNI 368

## REP | EARLY CAREER RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Single, five-day in-residence session held at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.
- A significant part of the REP Early Career Education Program includes an innovation lab for participants to research and develop an idea for change within their organizations (e.g., new policy, approach, program, procedure, system, use of technology, etc.). Participants will work collaboratively during the lab. CHDS staff will be available to assist with the drafting of individual innovation plans.

SINCE INCEPTION AUGUST 2021  
TOTAL COHORTS 3 • ALUMNI 67

## REP | RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 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  
SEMINARS 14 • PARTICIPANTS 642

## HSDL | HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY

- 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.
- Online at [WWW.HSDL.ORG](http://WWW.HSDL.ORG)

TOTAL USERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH ACCESS  
USERS 320,000+ | ORGANIZATIONS 790+

## HSA | HOMELAND SECURITY AFFAIRS JOURNAL

- 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 cataloged by more than 1,608 libraries worldwide and is indexed by EBSCO and ProQuest.
- Online at [WWW.HSAJ.ORG](http://WWW.HSAJ.ORG)

PUBLISHED VOLUMES 19  
TOTAL RESEARCH ARTICLES SINCE INCEPTION 144

## UAPP | UNIVERSITY AGENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- 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 UAPP partners.
- "Multiplier effect" increases the 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  
PARTNERING INSTITUTIONS 436 | PARTNERING EDUCATORS 2274  
SPONSORED CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND SUMMITS 16

## SELF-STUDY COURSES

- This free program is for homeland defense and security professionals and students who wish to enhance their understanding of homeland security with the flexibility of self-paced instruction. Access is granted to local, tribal, state, and federal U.S. government officials; members of the U.S. military; corporate homeland security managers or contractors; homeland security researchers or educators; and students currently enrolled in homeland security degree programs.
- Online at [WWW.CHDS.US/SELFSTUDY](http://WWW.CHDS.US/SELFSTUDY)

3,400+ COMPLETIONS • 2,200 SIGNUPS IN 2023

## CHDS/ED | LEARNING MATERIALS FROM CHDS SELF-STUDY COURSES, LECTURES, PODCASTS, THESES, AND MORE

- CHDS provides free access to specialized curriculum, learning materials, self-study courses, Homeland Security Digital Library holdings, and other educational resources. Open to public and private sector partners, the goal is to make available courses, content, and original research to help agencies and practitioners solve problems and carry out their missions, and for academics to further homeland security education. The educational materials on [chds.us/ed](http://chds.us/ed) also include multimedia elements such as interviews, podcasts, media-enhanced lectures, and *Viewpoints in Homeland Security* interviews with subject matter experts.
- Online at [WWW.CHDS.US/ED](http://WWW.CHDS.US/ED)

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