



EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Executive Leaders Program provides a unique educational opportunity for senior-level homeland security and public safety leaders who are at the forefront of the nation's homeland security mission. This non-degree, graduate-level educational program develops leaders responsible for homeland security/public safety by enhancing critical thinking skills in a collaborative and cross-functional environment. Participants in this program represent a diverse group of federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, and private sector leaders who become better decision-makers and innovative collaborators.

Participants learn from each other by discussing relevant issues and complex problems while developing policies and strategies to heighten their organization or agency's homeland security/public safety mission.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide frameworks to develop innovative strategies, policies, and organizational elements needed to strengthen the national security of the United States.
- Improve homeland security leaders' capacity to identify complex homeland security problems and respond decisively and consistently.
- Acquire a deeper understanding of current and emerging homeland security issues, public policy debates, a multitude of threats, and evolving best practices.
- Provide an educational forum that builds networks and strengthens collaboration across regions, agencies, and local-state-tribal-federal jurisdictional and private-sector lines.

CURRICULUM

The four in-residence periods include a mix of guest speakers on selected topics of interest to the Homeland Security enterprise, such as domestic or international threats, cyber and technology challenges and opportunities, leadership frameworks, emerging issues in homeland security, and other relevant topics. Curriculum is concentrated at the strategic end of the spectrum. Participants will consider complex issues and case studies and discuss approaches that enable them to strengthen working relationships across regions, agencies, and federal-state-local-tribal jurisdictional and private sector lines.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 12-month program with four one-week in-residence sessions at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.
- Cohorts of approximately 30 senior local, state, tribal, territorial, federal government, military, and private sector officials are chosen from a national applicant pool and reflect the variety of professional backgrounds and geographic areas that comprise the homeland security/public safety community.
- The instruction is a combination of presentations and facilitated discussions between faculty, participants, and subject matter experts.
- Designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participating executives and does not require the workload of traditional graduate-level education programs. However, readings and other support pre-view materials will be assigned to students for each in-residence.
- Instructors are experts in their field and offer unique perspectives on how emerging trends can be leveraged and applied to the participant's organization.
- Occasional virtual opportunities for continued learning in between in-residence periods.

COST

With the exception of private sector participants, all costs associated with participation—tuition, course materials, and travel—are covered by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security through its sponsor, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA.

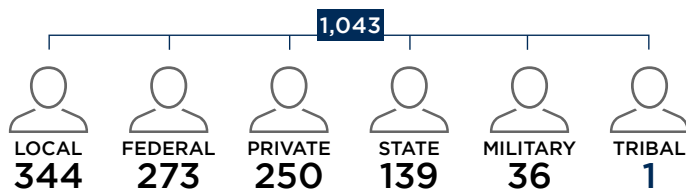
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