



## CHDS Fact Sheet

### **About the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) - [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us)**

- Part of Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, CA since 2002.
- Conducts programs to assist current and future HS leaders to develop policies, strategies, programs and organizational elements to defeat terrorism.
- Through graduate-level coursework, seminars, and research, HS leaders gain analytic expertise to counter terrorism and bridge gaps in interagency and civil-military cooperation.
- Programs developed with and sponsored by DHS Office of Grants and Training

### **Fully Accredited HS Master's Degree Curriculum (first class graduated in June 2004)**

- 18-month program for local and state HS leaders with a mix of federal and military.
- Requires participants to be in-residence just 2 weeks each quarter; remainder of coursework completed via distance learning.
- 96 students enrolled from diverse HS disciplines, 125 graduates – classes graduating every six months.
- Master's degree students complete research papers and a thesis on actual policy development issues confronting their state, city, or sponsoring organization; research papers are already being implemented by government agencies around the country.

### **Mobile Education Team (MET) Seminars for Governors, Mayors and other HS Leaders**

- More than 50 major urban areas and state Governors and Cabinets have received seminars.
- The half-day seminar focuses on specific challenges each state or urban area faces.
- Topics are discussed in interactive roundtable format utilizing mock scenarios.
- Executive Education topical seminars also offered on priority topics such as Intelligence.

### **Homeland Security Affairs Journal – [www.hsaj.org](http://www.hsaj.org)**

- Academic, online journal published quarterly.
- Articles propose and debate strategies, policies, and organizational arrangements to strengthen HS.

### **Homeland Security Executive Education Seminars**

- Series of four one-week seminars designed to bridge the gap between the 18 month Master's Degree Program and the half-day MET Seminar.
- Participants consider complex issues and case studies, and scenarios that enable them to strengthen working relationships across local-state-federal jurisdictional lines.

### **University and Agency Partnership Initiative**

- CHDS makes available through the partnership its curriculum, distance learning technology, Homeland Security Digital Library, and all other resources. In return, partners share curriculum and specialized expertise with CHDS and other partners.
- Produces multiplier effect by partnering with other Universities in standing up their own programs. Dramatically increases number and diversity of students with access to quality HS education. Takes advantage of DHS investment at CHDS (rather than others "re-inventing the wheel").

### **Homeland Security Digital Library – [www.hsdl.org](http://www.hsdl.org)**

- The nation's premier collection of HS policy and strategy related documents. The website is a one-stop shop for local, state, and federal analysis and decision-making needs and assists academics of all disciplines in HS and defense research.



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### Homeland Security Online Courses- [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us)

- Non-credit, online versions of the NPS CHDS Master's degree courses are available to homeland defense and security professionals who wish to enhance their understanding of key homeland security concepts and require the flexibility of self-paced instruction.