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MONTEREY, Calif., – Thirty-three professionals from across the nation completed the Executive Leaders Program on Aug. 19 at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS).

The program brings together leaders to discuss, debate, and explore strategies and policies related to homeland security. The goal of the Executive Leaders Program is to enhance senior leaders' capacity to develop policies and resolve homeland security issues while strengthening their working relationships across regions, agencies, and local-state-tribal-federal jurisdictional and private-sector lines.

Topics during the course include security and threats, legal and cultural aspects of preventing and preparing for the threats, the collaborations necessary to effectively manage the information sharing, threat recognition, protection measures, and plans in preparation for action.

The 33 senior leaders were chosen because of their extensive experience and recognized leadership in the disciplines that comprise homeland security. They represent a snapshot of homeland security professions across the country and include representation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the agencies within it, state and local homeland security officials, emergency management directors, law enforcement and fire professionals, public health officials and the private sector. Participants met for four, intensive one-week sessions over a nine-month period at the NPS/CHDS campus in Monterey, Calif.

The Executive Leaders Program was established in August 2006.

**ABOUT CHDS:** CHDS, established in 2002 and located at the 100-year-old Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), is the nation's homeland security educator. To date, more than 300 participants have earned master's degrees from the Center, the first institution in the nation to offer a postgraduate degree in the homeland security field. The Executive Leaders Program (ELP) enables selected government and private-sector professionals to participate in four one-week forums on emerging national security issues. The CHDS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For information, visit [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us).

**ABOUT NPS:** The mission of the Naval Postgraduate School is to provide unique advanced education and research programs in order to increase the combat effectiveness of the U.S. and Allied armed forces as well as enhance the security of the United States. For information, visit [www.nps.edu](http://www.nps.edu).

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