

# The Homeland Security and Preparedness College of The NJ-OHSP

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# Rationale

- **The issues on homeland security and preparedness cannot be solved by one segment of society or by experts from one discipline.**
- **Addressing such issues require:**
  - unique new partnerships among academia, government and industry;
  - multi-disciplinary collaborations, innovative approaches, and
  - novel ways of improving our ability to think and plan strategically before, during and after an event.

# Structure

- **Participants:** The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP), NJ public and private institutions of higher learning et al
  - Aim: Provide a resource for preparation and response to acts of terrorism and natural disasters
  - **Reason:** The potential for mass casualties or disruption of the State's economic or social fabric.
  - Outcome:
    - Augment State efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks or natural disasters
    - Enable NJ to mitigate impacts of such events.
  
- **Approach:**
  - Operate as a “think tank” and advisory group
  - Include individuals from institutions of higher learning, *government, and the private sector* in New Jersey
  - Evaluate ways to effectively plan, coordinate and communicate before, during and after terrorist acts or natural disasters.

# Structure

- **The College is managed by an Executive Committee. It Will:**
  - Have a member from Rutgers University, UMDNJ and NJIT appointed by the Director of OHSP
  - Have Three members from OHSP
  - Complete strategic planning, implement goals and objectives, evaluate resource needs/opportunities, and plan activities.
  - Appoint committees and choose members/ chairs.
- **The “faculty” of the Preparedness College will:**
  - *be drawn from participating universities in the Consortium and key individuals from outside the Consortium from government, industry and other academic institutions*
  - be drawn from many academic disciplines and areas of expertise.
  - have two levels of membership, full and associate, with associate members added for specific tasks/initiatives.

# The New Jersey University Consortium

- Formed in 2002 to unify the State's response to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) competitions for academic centers of research excellence
- Broadened its mission and membership to develop other methods to contribute to NJ's homeland security efforts.
- Affiliated universities (charter members): Fairleigh Dickinson University; Monmouth University; New Jersey Institute of Technology; Princeton University; Rutgers University; Stevens Institute of Technology; and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

# Objectives and Goals of the College

- Objectives
  - Build a long-term working relationship between OHSP, the academic community and the private sector
  - Use the Consortium as the portal to facilitate access to competencies across the state.
- Specific goals:
  - Create a New Jersey forum where the people who know the most about homeland security and preparedness issues can share information, address both current problems and “big picture” more global problems and needs
  - Provide a resource for the OSHP to examine practical new strategic and tactical initiatives, and practical solutions identified by risk assessment activities.

# Primary Functions

- ❑ To examine OSHP's
  - ❑ Ideas
  - ❑ Areas of concern
- ❑ To review specific activities
  - ❑ Planning stage
  - ❑ Active and After Action
- ❑ To examine Data
- ❑ To Provide
  - ❑ Recommendations
  - ❑ Identify gaps
  - ❑ Reaction to ideas
  - ❑ Discussion and integration of ideas
  - ❑ Insights on prioritization of activities, threats and vulnerabilities

# Full Membership in College

- Full members of the Faculty will be appointed by Director of OHSP upon recommendation by Executive Committee
- Criteria for Full membership on the Faculty will be:
  - Interest in achieving the goals and objectives of the College
  - Professional background needed to support the specific tasks being addressed by the College
  - Submission to a background check;
  - Maintenance of confidentiality on sensitive issues and activities
  - Active participation in College projects
  - Readiness to assist during an actual event

# Follow Up

- For Full Text of NJ OHSP College Plan of Operations and/or Membership Application:  
Contact: Joe Picciano or David Leonardis of OSHP
- Executive Committee:
  - Richard Canas, Director OHSP
  - Joe Picciano, OHSP
  - David Leonardis, OHSP
  - Paul Lioy, EOHSI –UMDNJ
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