



## CHDS in the News, February 2015

- Assistant Police Chief **John Bennett** (MA 1103/1104), retired from the Tampa (Florida) Police Department after 30 years. – Tampa Bay Times <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/tampas-assistant-police-chief-prepares-to-depart-after-30-years/2215906>
- **Eileen Decker** (MA 1205/1206), who was nominated to be the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California by President Obama — Southern California NPR <http://www.scpr.org/news/2015/02/04/49662/la-deputy-mayor-eileen-decker-named-us-attorney/>
- **Sharon Watson** (MA 1005/1006) is the new Director of Public Affairs and Communications for the government of Johnson County, Kansas. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-for-Homeland-Defense-and-Security/150094791741872?ref=bookmarks>
- U.S. Secret Service Deputy Assistant Director **Ed Lowery** (MA 1303/1304) was part of panel discussion as part of the White House Summit on Cybersecurity and Consumer Protection at Stanford University. [http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-secret-service-to-host-industry-leaders-in-connection-with-white-house-summit?utm\\_campaign=email-Immediate&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=national-press-releases&utm\\_content=404062](http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-secret-service-to-host-industry-leaders-in-connection-with-white-house-summit?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=national-press-releases&utm_content=404062)
- ELP alumnus **Michael Steinbach**, FBI Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, testified before House Committee on Homeland Security last week on ISIL and the threat of homegrown violent extremists in the U.S. FBI.gov [http://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/the-urgent-threat-of-foreign-fighters-and-homegrown-terror?utm\\_campaign=email-Weekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=congressional-testimony&utm\\_content=403302](http://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/the-urgent-threat-of-foreign-fighters-and-homegrown-terror?utm_campaign=email-Weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_source=congressional-testimony&utm_content=403302)
- Lt. **Sam McGhee** of the Aurora (Colorado) Police Department writes on information sharing post 9/11 in the recent edition of Police Chief. McGhee is a triple alumnus, having graduated the CHDS masters, Executive Leaders and Fusion Center Leaders programs. Police Chief, [http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article\\_id=3636&issue\\_id=22015](http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=3636&issue_id=22015)
- Former master's degree student **Keven Saup**, DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, writes on fusion centers and domestic information sharing. Police Chief, [Fusion Centers: Enabling a Domestic Architecture for Sharing Information on a Range of Criminal Threats](#)

## Stories from the Center

- **Hayes takes local insights to intelligence-led policing** - Current master's degree student William Hayes is taking a chief's insights to intelligence-led policing. After five years as chief of the Bedford, New York, Police Department, Hayes has moved to the director's job at the Westchester Intelligence Center in the New York City suburbs. <https://www.chds.us/?pr&id=3274>



- **DHS Unity of Effort delivers improved critical infrastructure protection IT**  
Two master's degree graduates (**Michael Brody and Christy Riccardi**) from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) were leading forces in implementing a key set of Department of Homeland Security recommendations aimed at better protecting the nation's infrastructure by delivering improved information sharing and IT at the National Protection and Programs Directorate Office of Infrastructure Protection. <https://www.chds.us/?pr&id=3275>
- **FCLP 11**- Twenty-seven students completed the 11<sup>th</sup> iteration of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Fusion Center Leaders Program February 2-6, which was punctuated with a presentation from Stephanie O'Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. (Web post pending DHS approval)

## People and Notes

- Thirty students completed the Executive Leaders Course (ELP 1402) on February 19.
- **Andrew Phelps** (MA 1005/1006) was named Director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. He was formerly Emergency Manager for the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- **Keith Taylor** (MA 2013) was recently appointed Assistant Commissioner of the Intelligence Bureau and Emergency Management for the New York City Department of Correction. The mission of the Intelligence Bureau is to enforce Departmental policies through effecting arrests of individuals who commit criminal acts, and to be a hub of information in which the Bureau investigates, deciphers and disseminates information relative to violent crimes.
- U.S. Coast Guard Reserve LCDR **Donald B. Davis** (MA 1005/1006) has earned Board Certification as a Physical Security Professional (PSP). Davis now holds dual certification as a CPP and International Security Professional (PSP)
- CHDS Strategic Communications released the 2014 Annual Report.
- HSDL released its winter 2015 Newsletter, focusing on unmanned aircraft, foreign fighters returning from the Middle East and security at large-scale public events.