



CHDS in the News, March 1-8, 2015

CHDS hosts two-day APEX

- Almost 200 alumni, faculty and staff attended the 2015 Center for Homeland Defense and Security Alumni Professional and Educational Exchange (APEX) held March 4-5 in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Web story pending

Los Angeles Police Veteran Makes Outreach to Muslims Part of His Mission

- For the man in the uniform, **Deputy Chief Michael Downing (ELP 0802)**, that moment distilled the uncommon role he has within the department. While his full title aptly describes his investigative mission — commanding officer of the counterterrorism and special operations bureau — it omits what has become the signature element of his 33-year career. In a city with a history of traumatic, adversarial relations between the police force and various minority groups, Muslims among them, Chief Downing has forged bonds that are both durable and contentious.

New York Times / <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/07/us/lapd-deputy-chief-muslims.html>

Gregory Dean will be named to lead D.C.'s embattled fire department

- **Gregory Dean (ELP 0702)**, who led the Seattle Fire Department for a decade, will be named by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser on Monday morning as the District's new chief, two officials in the mayor's administration said.

Washington Post / www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/new-dc-fire-chief-to-be-announced-monday-by-mayor-muriel-bowser/2015/03/01/bdae27a8-c072-11e4-ad5c-3b8ce89f1b89_story.html

Washington, DC, police chief on marijuana: "All those arrests do is make people hate us"

- D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier (MA 0401/0402) told the American News Women's Club last Wednesday, according to the [Daily Beast](http://www.dailymail.com), "All those [marijuana] arrests do is make people hate us." She added, "Marijuana smokers are not going to attack and kill a cop. They just want to get a bag of chips and relax. Alcohol is a much bigger problem."

Vox / www.vox.com/2015/3/3/8143371/cathy-lanier-marijuana

Simpson's 911 thesis written in real-time

- Carl Simpson's homeland security epiphany came the day he visited an elementary school in Portland, Oregon, as part of a Principal for a Day program and witnessed a school administrator who was a master multi-tasker facing a series of snap decisions.
- Among those decisions was to recess outside or inside in the rain-prone Pacific Northwest. During recess time, Simpson noticed pockets of children spread from the school building across the blacktopped playground to the fence at the property's boundary. He knew back at his 911



communications center calls were coming in about burglaries, shootings and other life-threatening emergencies.

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Huerta working counterterrorism in the Bronx

- NYPD Deputy Inspector **Jason Huerta** (MA 1201/1202) is Commanding Officer of the department's Bronx Terrorism Unit. Huerta was formerly 111th Precinct Commanding Officer.

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