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- **Sagarin, frequent CHDS speaker, passes in bicycle accident**

Marine ecologist Raphael Sagarin, who applied adaptability and risk in nature to homeland security education as a regular speaker at Center for Homeland Defense and Security executive programs, died May 28 from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident. He was 43.

(<https://www.chds.us/?pr&id=3300>)

- **Alum's firm managing drone test range**

A company founded by Center for Homeland Defense and Security master's degree graduate Chris Kluckhuhn is managing a test site where government agencies and entrepreneurs are unlocking the potential of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). (<https://www.chds.us/?pr&id=3299>)

CHDS People in the News

- Boston Police Commissioner William Evans (ELP 1202) was quoted in numerous reports on the case of a man under 24-hour federal surveillance who was fatally shot in Boston on June 2. (Please see addendum).
 - Source: Man fatally shot by officers in Boston was under terror investigation (<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/02/us/boston-police-shooting/index.html>)
- CHDS master's degree alumnus and former FBI agent David Gomez (MA 0805/0806) was quoted in the Seattle Times in a story on the FBI's aerial surveillance program. (<http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/fbi-behind-mysterious-surveillance-aircraft-over-u-s-cities/>)
- On May 20th, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), with support from VITEMA, sponsored an executive-level seminar for Mapp cabinet members. The seminar was conducted by a team of nationally recognized homeland security experts from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security. (<http://viconsortium.com/featured/hurricane-season-2015-everything-you-need-to-know/>)
- CHDS alumni and students were part of the response to the May 13 Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia that killed eight and injured more than 200. These alumni include Emergency Management Director Samantha Phillips (MA 1103/1104), Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer (master's degree student; temporary withdrawal) and Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey (ELP 0701). (<http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/242395-obama-local-officials-huddle-over-amtrak-crash>)





Class Notes

- M. Jay Farr (ELP 1101) was appointed as the Arlington County (Virginia) Police Department's Chief of Police. For the past 25 years, Chief Farr has served the community, holding various positions throughout the Department.
- Jill Benson Ramaker (ELP 1302) has been named Executive Director of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy. Most recently, Ramaker served as NIPSTA's Director of Training since August 2014.
- Guam Police Chief Fred Bordallo (ELP 1402; MA Cohort 1201/1202) retired from his post May 22 after 29 years of service.
- Kimberly (Spill) Cristiano (MA 1101/1102) has been elected Area 7 Alternate Governor with the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA). She works as the Emergency Manager for Pompano Beach (Florida) Fire Rescue.
- Jonathan Yavneh (MA 0703/0703) has been promoted to Captain and assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief with the Miami Police Department.
- Captain Bonnie Regan (MA 0803/0804), Arlington County (Virginia) Office of Emergency Management Deputy Director, has announced her retirement after 33 years of service to the county.
- U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Cari B. Thomas (Pacific ELP 1401), 14th District commander since May 2013, has assumed duties as assistant commandant for human resources at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was cited for outstanding service at the 14th District and awarded the Coast Guard Legion of Merit medal.

Upcoming on the Hill

- House Committee on Homeland Security - Subcommittee Hearing: Defense Support of Civil Authorities: A Vital Resource in the Nation's Homeland Security Missions. Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, 10 a.m., June 10, 311 Cannon House Office Building.
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs - Oversight of the Transportation Security Administration: First-Hand and Government Watchdog Accounts of Agency Challenges, 10:30 a.m., June 9, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

