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CHDS News

- **Alum, UAPI collaborate on degree program at FIU**
Center for Homeland Defense and Security master's degree graduate **Ruben D. Almaguer** has played a key role in spreading the Center's educational multiplier effect with a newly established graduate degree program in disaster management at Florida International University (FIU). (CHDS website - <https://www.chds.us/?pr&id=3324>)

CHDS People

- CHDS master's degree student **Doug Lee** has been appointed Director of the California State Threat Assessment Center, the state's primary fusion center.
- Master's degree student **Michael Thomas** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and promoted to Deputy Director with the Florida Highway Patrol.
- **Michael Petrie**, a master's degree graduate, had been named Director of Monterey County (California) EMS.

CHDS in the Media

- FDNY Battalion Chief **Joe Pfeiffer**, a master's degree alumnus, discussed the establishment of the Department's Center for Terrorism and Disaster Response as well as other changes to the department following the 9/11 attacks. (*"How the unthinkable losses on 9/11 reshaped FDNY"* – New York Daily News - <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/unthinkable-losses-9-11-reshaped-fdny-article-1.2198740>)
- Master's degree alumnus **Keith Squires**, Director of the Utah Department of Public Safety, made history when he named the department's first female Deputy Commissioner. (*Utah DPS names first female deputy commissioner* – Salt Lake Tribune - www.sltrib.com/home/2860565-155/utah-dps-names-first-female-deputy)
- Master's degree alumna and U.S. Attorney for California **Eileen Decker** was profiled by a public radio station on the challenges facing that office. (*Eileen Decker brings low-key approach to high stakes U.S. Attorney's office* – KPCC - www.scpr.org/news/2015/08/05/53550/profile-eileen-decker-brings-low-key-approach-to-h/)
- D.C. Metro Police Chief **Cathy Lanier**, a CHDS master's degree graduate, is targeting gun crime in the city following an uptick in violence this summer. (*"D.C. Mayor Muriel Browser and Police Chief Cathy Lanier Push for GunStat Program"* – WJLA - <http://wjla.com/news/crime/dc-mayor-muriel-browser-and-police-chief-cathy-lanier-push-for-gunstat-program>)



On the Hill

- **House Committee on Homeland Security**, Subcommittee on Preparedness, Response and Communications. “Promoting Resilience and Efficiency in Preparing for Attacks and Responding to Emergency Act.” Bill Markup, 10 a.m., September 10, 311 Cannon House Office Building.
- **Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**. “All Hands on Deck: Working Together to End the Trafficking and Abuse of Prescription Opioids, Heroin, and Fentanyl.” 2 p.m., September 14, New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.