



Homeland Security

LEADERSHIP IN HOMELAND SECURITY

The Leadership in Homeland Security program is designed by Harvard Kennedy School's Program on Crisis Leadership specifically for the National Guard and their partner organizations. The program equips senior leaders with the resources and capabilities to produce an effective response. This program emphasizes the critical role of the National Guard and their partner organizations as the backbone of the nation's leadership cadre for providing the essential intermediate response to large, complex, multi-jurisdiction, multi-level, multi-sectoral events.

BACKGROUND:

The Program on Crisis Leadership seeks to improve society's capacity to deal with natural disasters; infrastructure, technology, and systems failures; emergent infectious disease; and terrorism. Professors Dutch Leonard and Arn Howitt have researched, studied, and analyzed leaders and organizations facing crisis situations for over a decade. Their book *Managing Crises: Responses to Large-Scale Emergencies* gives students a clear understanding of the different types of disasters governments confront and of the key challenges governments face in preparing for and responding to these events.

The Leadership in Homeland Security program will assist the National Guard, their partners, and other agencies in developing leadership skills and organizational capabilities to respond to 21st century homeland security emergencies.

Through intensive case study-based discussion of recent events, participants will develop concepts and frameworks for the design and execution of response in complex, multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral environments. Throughout the discussions, the central questions will focus on leadership: what do leaders need to do before an event, how do they need to operate during an event, and how do they make the greatest possible contribution to the nation's security? Review the [LHS 2017 Brochure](#) for further program information.

1. APPLICATION DEADLINE: COB August 23, 2017

2. DATES/LOCATION: The course is from September 24-29, 2017 at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.

3. FUNDING: This program is not HQ funded. Selected nominee's unit will be responsible for all costs (Tuition, Travel, Per diem). The cost of the course is \$2438 which will cover course materials and lodging.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

a. GS-13 and above, to include senior noncommissioned officers at the E9 level who have been with DHS for at least one year at the time the application is due.

b. Employees must have achieved at least a "Meets Expectations" or equivalent on their last review, and must be in good standing.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURES: [Application package](#) will not be considered complete unless all items are contained in the package, to include all signatures.

a. Application must be completed electronically. (DO NOT Copy and Paste essays into the application. Spelling and grammar check will still work within the form.)

b. Applicants must print and sign the completed application.

c. All completed applications shall have both the applicant and immediate supervisor signatures. (No electronic signatures)

d. Once all signatures have been obtained email the completed package to Darlene.M.Murphy@uscg.mil. (No incomplete packages will be accepted.)

6. NOMINATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

a. USCG will prescreen applications and nominate 1 primary and 1 alternate applicant to DHS NLT NOON, Tuesday August 29, 2017.

b. DHS Leadership in Homeland Security Nomination Committee will review and rank applicants based on nomination criteria.

c. DHS Leadership in Homeland Security Nomination Committee will announce the nomination results to components NLT September 8, 2017. (The school will make all final selections)

d. The Leadership in Homeland Security Office will make selection after reviewing nominees based upon the school's acceptance criteria. (Applicants SHOULD NOT contact the school directly.)

e. The selection notification will be sent to the DHS Academic Program Manager.

7. For program information or application questions, please contact the DHS Academic Program Manager: Ms. Darlene Murphy at 202-475-5520 or email: Darlene.M.Murphy@uscg.mil.