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## Mission

The Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) is a university academic center that works side-by-side with the nation's top federal, state, and local emergency responders, assisting them in the development of plans, strategies, policies, regulations, and legislation to ensure the safety of our citizens in the event of man-made or natural catastrophic events.

## Affiliations

- Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Washington, D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA)
- Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD)
- Baltimore Urban Area Working Group
- National Capital Region
- Maryland Judiciary
- Maryland Department of Transportation

## What We Do

### • COOP

Continuity of Operations (COOP) planning is an internal effort to ensure that an organization's essential functions can be performed and sustained across a wide range of emergencies and events. CHHS has either completed or is developing COOP plans for agencies across the country; clients in this region include:

- Maryland Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts, Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and courts in all 23 local jurisdictions)
- Health Departments (Baltimore City, Carroll County)
- Maryland and D.C. Cabinet agencies (e.g., Depts. Of Transportation, Police, Health, Mayor/Governor's Offices)
- Community Colleges (Montgomery College, Carroll Community College)

### • DHS Training Grant

CHHS has received more than \$2 million in grant funding to deliver a nationwide COOP training program. Through this grant, CHHS has made more than 40 deliveries since May 2007.

### • Emergency Operations Planning

Together with MEMA and DC HSEMA, CHHS addresses a wide range of preparedness and mitigation strategies, including:

- Interoperability
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Port Security
- Cybersecurity
- Table Top and Field Exercise Coordination
- Preparation of Homeland Security grant applications

### • Medical and Health Emergency Strategies

- Emergency Hospital Coordination
- Medical Surge Capacity
- Pandemic Flu Planning

### • Special Needs Focus

CHHS hosted a national conference of experts on Special Needs preparedness in fall 2007, and is currently developing National Action Plan recommending programs and policies to be adopted by state and local governments in preparing special needs populations for catastrophic events.

### • Publications in the field of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Law

- *The Maryland Public Health Emergency Law Bench Book*
- *The Maryland Public Health Emergency Preparedness Legal Handbook*

## About Us

Shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, University of Maryland, Baltimore President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, created CHHS to coordinate and expand upon the extensive scientific research, health programs, policy development, training, legal analysis, and government consulting done at the University relating to homeland security. Michael Greenberger, JD, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and a former high-ranking United States Justice Department official with counterterrorism responsibilities, is the CHHS founder and director. Now boasting a staff of more than 50 professionals with diverse backgrounds, CHHS is regarded as one of the nation's foremost authorities on emergency planning.