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- **Seminar Purpose**

- State, local and tribal governments are at the forefront of the response to catastrophic disasters from all hazards.
- Experience has shown that state and local communities' preparedness and capability to prevent and respond to all disasters and emergencies requires strong, executive leadership.

- **Core Capabilities**

- Planning
- Individual Preparedness
- NCR Situational Awareness
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Communications
- Restoration of Lifelines



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- **Program Objectives:**

- ✓ ID and examine homeland security challenges in this complex and fluid environment.
- ✓ Increase the overall knowledge and awareness of homeland security issues at the policy, strategic and organizational design levels.
- ✓ Discuss potential options to meet homeland security challenges, in practical and sustainable ways.
- ✓ Set the stage for follow-up action by the jurisdiction



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• **Jurisdiction Specific Objectives:**

- ✓ Enhance the ability of the National Capital Region leaders to respond to a major emergency or disaster.
- ✓ Examine the concepts and response to asymmetric warfare.
- ✓ Examine the coordination, strength and limitations of mutual aid.
- ✓ Instill a common understanding of key homeland security policies, emergency management strategies, authorities, plans and organizational structure.
- ✓ Review and clarify key roles and responsibilities of senior elected and appointed officials.
- ✓ Identify areas of improvement for the emergency management program.
- ✓ Provide information about model practices and lessons learned from around the United States.
- ✓ Establish a baseline understanding of the unique roles and responsibilities of executive leadership in the critical, multi-state, multi-jurisdictional region.



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- Hot Wash (On Target)
- ✓ *The discussions were key and the face-to-face networking proved to be effective.*
- ✓ *Risk, Current Threat Brief, and Risk Reduction Discussions opened the door to great dialogue with the SME panel and audience.*
- ✓ *Intelligence Fusion and Information Sharing discussions led to positive dialogue regarding interface with the LE community and having the “need to know” and “nice to know” information disseminated appropriately.*



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- Hot Wash (Sustainment/Improvement)
- *Continue discussions, training and exercises in the area of response to **cyber attacks** and coordination/interface with elected officials in the Executive Decision-making process.*
- *“Asymmetric Warfare” - Continue discussions, training and exercises in this critical area.*
- *More T&E regarding planning, deliberate decision-making, and response/recovery decisions at the elected official/policy level.*