



The All Hazards Forum - a private-public partnership of Mid-Atlantic States and private corporations

All Hazards Forum (AHF) Overview “AHF at a Glance” (as of 10/1/05)

What: The Mid Atlantic All Hazards Forum and technology exhibition (www.allhazardsforum.com).

The Mid-Atlantic Regional All Hazards Forum (AHF) is a first of its kind, grass roots, 5 year initiative designed to help improve regional coordination between state/local governments, DHS/ODP, regional universities and industry. Focusing on all three phases of a hazard (readiness, response and recovery), the AHF’s mission is to help build communication and relationship bridges between the states in the mid-Atlantic region (NC, VA, WV, DC, MD, PA, DE, & NJ) through a year round program of sustained interactions via monthly conference calls, 1 day meetings in each state, and a multi-day regional event that all the states attend.

The AHF Annual Regional Summit Forum Including:

- All Hazards Forum conference, October 25 through 27
- Regional VIP Reception at the Camden Club, October 25, at Oriole Park at Camden Yards
- IT Vendors Day, October 26th, special program for small business to understand state government contracting, and to meet with large business contract holders for sub-contracting opportunities; program led by MDOT
- ATAC quarterly law enforcement training event, the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, October 27th
- Regional National Guard Adjutant Generals discussion on lessons learned from Katrina hurricane
- Special law enforcement training seminar: Brigadier General Simon Perry, Israeli National Police, on intelligence as it relates to behavior pattern recognition and other tactics; October 27th
- National Transportation Research Board (www.nrb.org) quarterly national coordination meeting; October 27th
- Mid Atlantic regional Citizens Corps training seminar; October 27th. **This session is FREE to all volunteer and faith based organizations**

When: October 25 through 27, 2005

Where: Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

Who:

- State and local government homeland security and emergency management planners and practitioners; federal agency directors and coordinators; industry leaders and stakeholders; critical infrastructure executives; large enterprise citizen corps representatives.
- State and local government leaders from state-wide homeland security offices, emergency management agencies, emergency management associations, state CIO offices, transportation agencies, public health agencies, public safety agencies, state police, state fire chiefs; county emergency management executives; city emergency management executives.
- Federal agency representatives from DHS, DOJ, FEMA, FBI, INS, TSA, and others.
- Industry leaders from technology integrators and solutions providers; project management and construction firms; consulting firms; security equipment manufacturers.
- Privately owned critical infrastructure executives from healthcare providers and hospital networks; financial services and banking companies; insurance companies; utility infrastructure companies.
- Citizen corps enterprise executives from large employers; school and university facility executives; community center management and church leadership.

Why:

To address the common planning, communications, and interoperability disconnects facing regionally integrated homeland security and emergency management efforts:

- Between state-wide agencies and local jurisdictions, regarding interoperability for shared data and communications, coordinated grant management, coordinated planning, procurement, and project implementation.
- Between state planners and private sector critical infrastructure executives, regarding common planning, and shared information for incident command and management.
- Between states, at state-wide and local levels, to regionally neighboring counterparts, for coordinated planning, shared information, exchange of best practices and lessons learned, networking interoperability, policy harmonization, consolidated federal grant management.
- Between Federal authority agencies and the states, regarding clarification of homeland security directives; compliance expectations; funding, granting, and measurement procedures; federal information sharing and interoperability with the states.
- Between state and local agencies and industry solutions, where state-of-the-art developments from industry could inform government planning and procurement process.
- Between educational research institutions and the states and industry, where educational research institutes can apply specification to government problems so that industry can develop targeted solutions.

Supporters:

Host: Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP)

ATAC (Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council)

National Transportation Research Board (NTRB)

Israeli Foreign Ministry and Embassy

The Homeland Security Institute (HIS)

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

The Association of Public Safety Communication Officials International (APCO)

The National League of Cities (NLC)

Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

National Governor's Association (NGA)

State of Maryland

- Governor's Office
- Office Homeland Security
- Emergency Management
- Dept Transportation
- Dept Health & Mental Hygiene
- Governor's Grants Office
- MD Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)
- Maryland Association of Counties
- Maryland Municipal League
- Dept Budget and Management
- University of Maryland – Baltimore
- University of Maryland - College Park
- Towson University
- Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (JHU/APL)
- Chesapeake Innovation Center (CIC)

State of North Carolina

- Office of Crime Control & Prevention
- Office of Emergency Management
- State Highway Patrol
- Governor's Office of Citizen Corps
- Office of Information Technology
- Department of Public Health
- NC Emergency Management Association
- NC Association. of County Commissioners

State of New Jersey

- Governor's Office
- Office of the Attorney General
- Office Counter Terrorism
- Office of Emergency Management
- State Police
- NJ Emergency Management Association
- New Jersey Association of Counties
- NJ State League of Municipalities
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Rutgers University
- Monmouth University

State of Pennsylvania

- Governor's Office
- Office Homeland Security
- Office of Emergency Management
- Keystone Emergency Management Association

- Pennsylvania State University
 - State of Virginia
 - Governor's Office
 - Office Homeland Security
 - Office of Emergency Management
 - VA Hazmat Association (VAHMRS)
 - VA Fire Chiefs Association
 - Virginia Municipal League
 - Virginia Association of Counties
 - State of West Virginia
 - Office Homeland Security
 - Office of Emergency Management/ Emergency Services
 - Dept Health & Human Resources
 - Dept of Agriculture
 - West Virginia Association of Counties
 - West Virginia Municipal League
 - District of Columbia
 - Office of the Mayor
 - Office of Homeland Security
 - Office of Emergency Management
 - State of Delaware
 - Governor's Office
 - Office of Homeland Security
 - Office of Emergency Management
 - State Police
 - State of New Mexico
 - Office of Homeland Security
 - State of Kentucky
 - Office of Homeland Security
 - State of Illinois
 - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Invited Universities in NC,VA,DC,PA,NJ,DE,WV
 Summer Communications (Publishers of EMS Magazine and Frontline First Response Magazine)

Corporate Sponsors and exhibitors (as of 10/1/05):

See AHF website for latest updates.

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