



## **WVU develops training course for U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

West Virginia University's VMC/Homeland Security Programs has developed a workshop that has been accepted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Grants and Training.

The workshop, titled "Homeland Security Planning for Campus Executives," supports the Department of Homeland Security's program for improving the planning and preparedness capabilities of higher education institutions.

The training course is designed to help campus executive leadership understand principles of campus incident readiness by providing them with examples, tools, and resources for homeland security strategies.

There are approximately 4,000 Title IV institutions of higher education in the United States serving 15 million students and several million faculty, staff, and visitors.

These institutions include a broad range of facilities and activities such as large entertainment venues, critical national research facilities, and student residences and activity centers that may be susceptible to terrorist acts or other forms of disruption.

To assure the safety of people, facilities, and programs, higher education institutions must become involved in homeland security planning at institutional, regional, and national levels.

Targeted audiences for the workshop include higher education campus presidents, vice presidents, key staff members, safety committees, and incident management teams.

WVU VMC/Homeland Security Programs conducted pilot versions of the workshop at WVU, Bowie State University, Southern Methodist University, and at the National Association for College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) conference held in Baltimore.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security accepted the workshop for its course catalog after a standard review process.

The workshop is available through the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants & Training.

Call 800-368-6498 to request the course or obtain a copy of G&T Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Programs course catalog.

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