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ABOUT

The Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) is dedicated to preventing terrorism through education, empowerment and engagement. As a nonprofit, nonpartisan institution, its one-of-a-kind exhibit, renowned speaker series and training initiatives provide a comprehensive look at the threat of terrorism and how individuals can play a role in preventing it, ultimately enhancing public safety. For more information, go to www.thecell.org.

SPEAKER SERIES

The CELL has featured world-renowned domestic and international security experts, U.S. elected officials and sitting cabinet members in symposia, aimed at equipping the community and region with greater insights into terrorism, counterterrorism and response. The following is an abridged list of past events the CELL has hosted:

February 18, 2014 – *The Cross Border Debate: Immigration, Trade & Security* – Featuring The Hon. Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator for Colorado; The Hon. John W. Suthers, Atty Gen. for the State of Colorado; The Hon. Marcy Grossman, Consul General of Canada; Linda Chavez, Chairman of the Center for Equal Opportunity; and The Hon. Bill Ritter, Jr., former Governor of Colorado.

October 17, 2013 – *U.S. Leadership in Shaping Global Security* – Featuring The Hon. Leon Panetta, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; The Hon. Mark Udall, U.S. Senator for Colorado; Andy Alexander, former *Washington Post* Editor & Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief for Cox News; Jeffrey R. Tarr, Chief Executive Officer of DigitalGlobe, Inc.; and Hazel Miller, vocalist of The Hazel Miller Band.

September 11, 2013 – *Colorado Remembers 9/11: Looking at the Future of U.S. National Security* – Featuring The Hon. Joe Lieberman, former U.S. Senator from Connecticut, and The Hon. Jane Harman, former U.S. Representative from California (36th); Hosted by John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado, and Michael B. Hancock, Mayor of Denver; and with a special ceremony led by the Colorado National Guard.

July 16, 2013 – *Balancing Civil Liberties and National Security* – with Matthew G. Olsen, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center; Dr. James Jay Carafano, Vice President of the Foreign & Defense Policy, The Heritage Foundation; Samuel Rascoff, Associate Professor of Law at New York University School of Law; Ambassador Christopher Hill.

March 14, 2013 – *Denver's Response to a Possible Terrorist Attack* – Co-hosted with the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership, with CO National Guard's 8th Civil Support Team, Cdr. Lt. Col. Kevin Black; Denver Fire Dept. Liaison Officer, Charlie Chase; Denver Police Department Lieutenant, Ken Chavez; TIAA-CREF Corporate Safety & Security Manager, Tom Davis; Director of Emergency Management for the City & County of Denver, Scott Field; Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Denver FBI, Steven Olson; Chief of Operations, Denver Health Paramedic Division, James Robinson; Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety, James H. Davis.

February 19th, 2013 – *Addressing Gun Violence* – with Governor John Hickenlooper; The Honorable Doug Lamborn, U.S. Representative from Colorado; The Honorable John Morse, President of the Colorado State Senate; The Honorable Rhonda Fields, Colorado State Representative; Tom Deland, Fmr. President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police; Mr. David Kopel, Fmr. Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law.

September 11, 2012 – *Colorado Remembers – 11th Anniversary Commemorative Concert*, Hosted in conjunction with the State of Colorado, City of Denver, City of Aurora to honor lives lost on 9/11 and honor first responders in the wake of the



wildfires and the Aurora tragedy, 3,000 people in attendance – with Governor John Hickenlooper, Mayor Michael Hancock of Denver, John Elway, and live performances by the Colorado National Guard, The Colorado Children’s Chorale and Hazel Miller.

February 22, 2012 – *Emerging Threats to U.S. National Security: From Iran to Global Terrorism*, Co-Hosted with U.S. Senator Mark Udall – with Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr.; Ambassador Christopher Hill; Kenneth Wainstein, Former Homeland Security Advisor to the President.

May 10, 2011 – *Turmoil in the Middle East and the Death of Osama Bin Laden: Evolving Regimes & U.S. Policy* – Ambassador Christopher Hill; Bruce Hoffman, Director of the Center for Peace and Security Studies at Georgetown University.

September 11, 2011 – *Colorado Remembers 9/11 – 10th Anniversary Commemorative Concert*, Hosted in conjunction with the State of Colorado and the City of Denver, to honor lives lost & America’s will to prevail, 35,000 people in attendance – with Secretary Ken Salazar, Senator Mark Udall, and Senator Michael Bennet, and live performances by The Beach Boys, The Colorado Symphony, Tyler Ward, and the Colorado Children’s Chorale.

October 28, 2010 – *How the U.S. is Countering Today’s Terrorist Threats* – with The Honorable Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mayor John Hickenlooper.

September 30, 2010 – *Why the U.S. Must Defeat Terrorism in the Next Decade* – with The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Greg Moore, Editor of *The Denver Post*.

April 27, 2010 – *The Future of Terrorism: Homegrown Threats & The U.S. Response* – with The Honorable Tom Ridge, First Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; The Honorable Craig Stapleton, Former Ambassador to France.

November 3, 2009 – *Jerusalem in Transition: An Ancient City at the Forefront of Contemporary Issues in the Middle East* – with Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.; Robert Coombe, Chancellor, University of Denver; Micheline Ishay, Professor and Director of the International Human Rights Program, University of Denver; The Honorable Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem.

September 10, 2009 – *Breaking the Chain of Global Terror* – with His Excellency Husain Haqqani, Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United States; Brian Jenkins, Senior Advisor to the RAND Corporation; Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.

AWARDS

The CELL’s video, *Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism* and the Community Awareness Program (CAP) have been nationally recognized:

- **Aegis Video & Film Production Award** – *Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism* achieved “winner status” in this competition including placing 7th in the Training and Education category.
- **Telly Awards** – *Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism* received two awards. It won a silver award in the Government Relations category and a bronze in the Social Responsibility category.
- **DHS/FEMA Best Practices** – the CELL and the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) were recognized for their work with the Community Awareness Program (CAP).
- **FEMA Innovative Training and Education Program Award** – the CELL and the CIAC were recognized, in partnership, for their work with the Community Awareness Program (CAP)TM.
- **2012 Director’s Community Leadership Award** – awarded to Executive Director Melanie Pearlman of the CELL for her dedication to making a difference in community safety.
- **2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Community Policing Award** – The IACP recognized the Colorado State Patrol, in partnership with the CELL, for developing the Community Awareness Program (CAP)TM, which is considered a best practice for promoting effective community policing initiatives.



EXHIBIT

The CELL features a state-of-the-art exhibit that was created by Academy Award and Emmy Award winning artists, with the guidance of domestic and international security experts and officials. The exhibit is a key destination in downtown Denver for both culturally and civic-minded citizens. Since the exhibit opened in February 2009, The CELL has hosted diverse groups of domestic and foreign dignitaries, as well as U.S. elected officials, including:

CABINET OFFICERS

- The Hon. John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General (2001 – 2005)
- The Hon. Michael Chertoff, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security (2005 – 2009)
- The Hon. Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education (2009 – present)
- The Hon. Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security (2009 – present)
- The Hon. Leon Panetta, U.S. Secretary of Defense (2011 – 2013); Director of the CIA (2009 – 2011)
- The Hon. Tom Ridge, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security (2003 – 2005)
- The Hon. Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of Interior (2009 – 2013)

U.S. SENATORS

- The Hon. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) (2011 – present)
- The Hon. Bob Bennett (R-UT) (1993 – 2011)
- The Hon. Michael Bennet (D-CO) (2009 – present)
- The Hon. Dan Coats (R-IN) (1989 – 1999; 2011 – present)
- The Hon. Mike Crapo (R-ID) (1999 – present)
- The Hon. James DeMint (R-SC) (2005 – 2013)
- The Hon. Christopher Dodd (D-CT) (1981 – 2011)
- The Hon. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (2003 – present)
- The Hon. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) (1977 – present)
- The Hon. James Inhofe (R-OK) (1994 – present)
- The Hon. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader (R-KY) (1985-Present)
- The Hon. John Cornyn, Senate Minority Whip (R-TX) (2002-Present)
- The Hon. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) (1963 – 2012)
- The Hon. Blanche Lambert Lincoln (D-AR) (1999 – 2011)
- The Hon. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) (1997 – present)
- The Hon. Joe Lieberman (I-CT) (1989 – 2013)
- The Hon. Patty Murray (D-WA) (1993 – present)
- The Hon. Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader (D-NV) (1987 – present)
- The Hon. Richard Shelby (R-AL) (1987 – present)
- The Hon. Mark Udall (D-CO) (2009 – present)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- The Hon. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) (2007 – present)
- The Hon. John Boehner, 61st Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-OH) (1991 – present)
- The Hon. Eric Cantor, House Majority Leader (R-VA) (2001 – present)
- The Hon. Mike Coffman, (R-CO) (2009 – present)
- The Hon. Diana DeGette (D-CO) (1997 – present)
- The Hon. Cory Gardner (R-CO) (2011 – present)
- The Hon. Newt Gingrich, 58th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-GA) (1979 – 1999)
- The Hon. Jane Harman (D-CA) (1993 – 1999; 2001 – 2011)
- The Hon. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) (2007 – present)
- The Hon. Betsy Markey (D-CO) (2009 – 2011)
- The Hon. Kevin McCarthy, House Majority Whip (R-CA) (2007 – present)
- The Hon. Sue Myrick (R-NC) (1995 – 2013)
- The Hon. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO) (2007 – present)
- The Hon. Jared Polis (D-CO) (2009 – present)
- The Hon. Peter Roskam, Republican Chief Deputy Whip (R-IL) (2007 – present)
- The Hon. Matt Salmon (R-AZ) (1995 – 2011; 2013 – present)



- The Hon. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (2005 – present),
Chairwoman of the Democratic National Convention
(D-FL) (2011 – present)

FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

- The Hon. Eduardo Arnal, Consulate General of Mexico
- The Hon. Daniel Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel (2008 – 2012)
- Her Excellency Carolina Barco, Ambassador of Colombia (2006 – 2010)
- The Hon. Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem (2008 – present)
- Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, Fmr. Head of Israeli National Security Council (2003 – 2005)
- The Hon. Marcy Grossman, Consul General of Canada (2012-Present)
- His Excellency Jose Goni, Ambassador of Chile (2009 – present)
- His Excellency Husain Haqqani, Ambassador of Pakistan (2008 – 2011)
- Oscar Morales, Founder of the Worldwide Mobilization Against FARC
- His Excellency Michael Oren, Ambassador of Israel (2009 – present)
- His Excellency Hector Timerman, Ambassador of Argentina (2007 – 2010)

U.S. STATESMAN & OTHER DIGNITARIES

- W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (2006 – 2009)
- The Hon. Jan Brewer, Governor of Arizona
- Matthew Brooks, Executive Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition
- The Hon. William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs
- Maj. Gen. Mike Edwards, Adjutant General of Colorado
- The Hon. Ari Fleischer, White House Press Secretary (2001 – 2003)
- Abe Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League
- The Hon. Rudy Giuliani, Mayor of New York (1994 – 2001)
- The Hon. Michael B. Hancock, Mayor of Denver
- The Hon. John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado
- The Hon. Susana Martinez, Governor of New Mexico
- The Hon. Jane Norton, Lt. Governor of Colorado (2003 – 2007)
- The Hon. John W. Suthers, Attorney General for the State of Colorado
- Jim Davis, former Executive Director of Colorado's Department of Public Safety (2011-2014)
- Ken Buck, District Attorney for Weld County, Colorado (2004-Present)
- The Hon. Rhonda Fields, State Representative (D-CO) (2010-Present)
- The Hon. Christopher Hill, Ambassador to Iraq (2009-2010)
- The Hon. Mike Rounds, Governor of South Dakota
- Matthew G. Olsen, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center
- Gen. Victor Renuart, Jr. USAF (Ret.), Commander of NORAD/USNORTHCOM (2007 – 2010)
- The Hon. Bill Ritter Jr., Governor of Colorado (2007 – 2011)
- The Hon. Mitt Romney, Governor of Massachusetts (2003 – 2007)
- The Hon. Karl Rove, Deputy Chief of Staff (2005 – 2007), Senior Advisor (2001 – 2007) to President George W. Bush
- The Hon. Michael Steele, Chairman of the Republican National Committee (2009 – 2011)
- The Hon. Ed Tauer, Mayor of Aurora (2003 – 2011)
- Maj. Gen. Mason Whitney, Dir. of Colorado Governor's Office of Homeland Security (2007 – 2010)
- The Hon. Juan Carlos Zarate, Fmr. Deputy Assistant to the President; Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM (CAP)[™]

Guided by the principle that every citizen has a role to play in keeping our communities and our nation safe, the CELL, in partnership with the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC), developed the Community Awareness Program (CAP)[™]. Taught by members of the public safety community, the CAP[™] is an interactive course that provides citizens



with the basic tools needed to recognize and help prevent terrorist and criminal activity in their hometowns, while preserving civil liberties protected by the U.S. Constitution.

During the 2.5-hour course, participants learn:

- How to define terrorism
- The tools and methods used by terrorists
- Today’s terrorist threats
- How to recognize the eight signs of terrorism
- How to assemble a disaster preparedness kit
- What to report/how to report while preserving civil liberties

CAPT[™] Curriculum recognition and highlights:

- Designed in accordance with, and in support of, the national “If You See Something, Say Something”[™] campaign and the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) process and training
- Vetted and approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Office of Protection and National Preparedness
- Featured nationally as a Fusion Center best practice by the DHS and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) through the Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS) program
- Meets the required DHS/FEMA National Training and Exercise Division (NTED) standards
- Approved by the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board as fulfilling the requirements for continuing education and training for all peace officers
- FEMA commended the CELL for *Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism* and incorporated it into the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Terrorism Preparedness Training (Unit 8).

CAPT[™] PARTNERS

The CELL has partnered with and educated members of the following groups, organizations and institutions:

Private Sector

Advantage Security
 Allied Barton
 Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado
 American Red Cross, Mile High Chapter
 Anti-Defamation League
 Boy Scouts of America
 Colorado Concern
 Denver League of Women Voters
 Girl Scouts of America
 Medical Center of Aurora

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
 National Homeland Security Defense Foundation
 Pikes Peak Christian Church
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
 Temple Emanuel
 The Colorado Thirty Group
 The Denver Post
 University of Denver
 Urban Areas Security Initiative
 Westwoods Community Church
 Young Presidents’ Organization

Local Government, Public Safety & Education

Aurora Fire Department
 Aurora Police Department
 Aurora Citizen Police Academy
 Aurora Police Explorers Post
 Aurora Police Volunteers
 Colorado Springs Police Department
 Community College of Aurora
 Denver Fire Department
 Denver International Airport

Denver Mayor’s Office
 Denver Police Department
 Denver Citizen Police Academy
 Denver Public Library
 Denver Public Schools
 Denver Sheriff Department
 Denver 911
 Dolores Fire Department
 Douglas County Sheriff’s Department



Elbert County Sheriff's Department
 Englewood Police Department
 Estes Park Police Department
 Fort Collins Police Department
 Frederick Police Department
 Glendale Police Department
 Glenwood Springs Fire Department
 Jefferson County District Attorney Office
 Jefferson County Schools
 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
 Larimer County Sheriff's Office

Northglenn Police
 Parker Police Department
 Parker Citizen Police Academy
 Parker Police Explorers Post
 Rifle Police Department
 Sable Altura Fire Rescue
 Sheridan Police Department
 Thornton Police Department
 Thornton Citizen Police Academy
 Wheat Ridge Police
 Wheat Ridge Citizen Police Academy

State Government, Public Safety & Education

Central Florida Intelligence Exchange
 Colorado Department of Corrections
 Colorado Department of Revenue
 Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partners (CEEP)
 Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC)
 Colorado National Guard
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State Patrol
 Colorado State University

Colorado Technical University
 Department of Corrections
 Department of Revenue
 Nebraska Information Analysis Center
 Nebraska State Patrol
 Nebraska State Patrol
 New York State Intelligence Center
 Office of the Attorney General
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Federal Government & Military

Capitol Security
 Colorado State Office of Preparedness
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 U.S. Mint
 NORAD/USNORTHCOM
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Sporting Teams, Venues & Special Events

Colorado Avalanche
 Colorado Mammoth
 Colorado Rapids
 Colorado Rockies
 Coors Field
 Denver Broncos*
 Denver Nuggets
 Detroit Tigers *

Dick's Sporting Goods Park
 Great American Beer Festival*
 NFL Security Operations*
 Pepsi Center
 USA Pro Challenge
 Washington Nationals*
 Winter X Games
 World Alpine Ski Championships*
 World Cycling Championships*

Transportation

ABC Shuttle
 Carey Limousine
 Custom Coach Limousine

Denver Metro Taxi Companies
 Denver Trike Pedicab
 Mile High Pedicab
 Presidential Limo

* Planned, but not yet completed