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DENVER HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND TERRORISM

More than 600 people from all over the country will gather in Denver next week for a first of its kind conference designed to improve safety and security. The Shared Strategies For Homeland Security conference, put on by the Denver Urban Security Initiative, with funding from FEMA/DHS, will integrate first responders, healthcare professionals, the business community and citizens with information, ideas and concepts from around the world that promote increased safety and security.

More than 70 presenters will address four main disciplines: business and critical infrastructure, community resiliency, first responder needs, and medical/health issues. Presentations include topics such as Terror Medicine, Cyber Security, Lessons from Israeli Bombing Investigations and Law Enforcement in a Terror Environment. Speakers come from all disciplines and will include Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator of FEMA as well as numerous security experts from Israel.

The goal is to engage a broad cross section of people throughout a community – from police and fire to business and citizens – in the discussion and planning of safety and security issues. Speaker information and the conference schedule is at: www.sharedstrategiesconference.co

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Shared Strategies for Homeland Securities is a Denver Urban Area Security Initiative conference in partnership with the City and County of Denver, the City of Aurora, the Colorado Governor's Office of Homeland Security, the North Central All Hazards Region, the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and The C.E.L.L.

Media Advisory – Denver UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) welcomes media coverage of the conference and/or speakers. The Denver UASI's major conference partner is the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL), where the conference opening session will take place on Monday, December 13th. Presentations will include tours of the CELL exhibit, a welcome by Governor Bill Ritter and Governor-Elect John Hickenlooper, and will include a keynote address by Juan Zarate, former Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism. Other topics of interest include lessons from the BP oil disaster on Tuesday, December 14th and a presentation on the use of social media during the Boulder wildfires Wednesday, December 15th. Arrangements should be made in advance by calling 720-913-9025 (Lynn Kimbrough with the Denver DA's Office is helping coordinate media interest in the conference.)