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HOMELAND SECURITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

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HSMi ran two sessions of our “**Bomb Threat Management for Educational Facilities**” on September 29th, and November 1st, 2006. The course, created in conjunction with bomb detection and disposal experts from the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, is the first of its kind locally and offered a hands-on approach to recognizing hazardous devices, clearing rooms, dealing with bomb threats, and related activities for school administrators or employees.

The course is also offered off-site for those interested.



HSMi partnered with the New York State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC), a division of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, to bring a pair of homeland security courses to Rochester. On October 3rd and 4th, HSMi hosted **Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings**, and **Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents**, which were held at the PSTF.

The courses drew 270 homeland security professionals to the institute for the two sessions including 18 soldiers from Fort Drum (pictured on left).

There will be additional offerings in the spring of 2007.

The Need
is Real

HSMi in conjunction with OHS, sponsored, “Preparedness and Response to Agricultural Terrorism”, on November 7th-9th. This course, taught by instructors from Louisiana State University, provided participants with the skills needed to prepare for and respond to an agricultural terrorist attack on their area’s food supply.



HSMi along with the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) completed an update to the **Disaster Preparedness For Seniors by Seniors** brochure. The project was developed under a grant secured by U.S. Rep. Thomas Reynolds to help prepare seniors to deal with emergencies and disasters.

To download a copy of the booklet click [here](#).



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UPCOMING TRAINING

- HSMi in conjunction with Security Solutions International (SSI), will offer “**Principals for Management of Mass Casualty Incidents**,” January 25-26, 2007. The course deals with adapting the Israeli approach to the American medical response, characteristics of mass casualty incidents, community preparedness and experience, lessons learned from deployment to remote disaster areas, conventional mass casualty incidents, blast injuries and hospital triage. The course also covers chemical/toxicological mass casualties, decontamination for chemical warfare and how to prepare the hospital for biological incidents (a.k.a. “Bug Hospitals”).
- HSMi will offer a new course called “**Cyber Skills to Protect Our Children**.” January 10, 2007. This seminar will cover various topics surrounding the protection of our children in today’s electronic world. These topics include: MySpace, Facebook, Gmail, blogging, common acronyms used by children while communicating on the internet, text messaging, use of web cams and cell phones, and the responsibilities of parents, teachers, and administrators.

The course is for parents, school administrators, teachers, professional and support staff, school resource officers, community service officers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and anyone interested in the safety of society’s children.

- **Identity Theft**, Online Course, Runs Continuously
- **Agricultural Agents Threat and Response**, Online Course, Runs Continuously
- **Botulism and Other Food-borne Agents**, Online Course, Runs Continuously

ONGOING INITIATIVES

Having been selected as the vendor of choice by the Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness to deliver the **Community Emergency Response Team** (CERT) program to county residents, HSMi has trained well over a hundred citizens primarily from faith-based communities across Monroe County. We look forward to offering additional classes during the Spring and Fall semesters of 2007.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the program or may be interested in attending one of our upcoming sessions.

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