

**FEATURED CONFERENCE SPEAKERS FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY  
— GLOBAL and DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES CONFERENCE**

**INFORMATION ON PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS**

**USNORTHCOM J3 Operations Confirmed:**

**Major General Frank J. Grass, USA**, is currently the Director of Operations for Headquarters U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. The Directorate of Operations serves as the principal advisor to the USNORTHCOM Commander on all operational matters, providing strategic guidance to plan and execute NORTHCOM missions within the area of responsibility; including land, maritime, and Homeland Defense air operations as well as Defense Support to Civil Authorities. USNORTHCOM's mission anticipates and conducts Homeland Defense and Civil Support operations within the assigned area of responsibility to defend, protect, and secure the United States and its interests. USNORTHCOM's AOR includes air, land and sea approaches and encompasses the continental United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico and the surrounding water out to approximately 500 nautical miles. It also includes the Gulf of Mexico and the Straits of Florida. The defense of Hawaii and U.S. territories and possessions in the Pacific is the responsibility of U.S. Pacific Command. The defense of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands is the responsibility of U.S. Southern Command. The commander of USNORTHCOM is responsible for theater security cooperation with Canada and Mexico. USNORTHCOM consolidates under a single unified command existing missions that were previously executed by other DOD organizations. This provides unity of command, which is critical to mission accomplishment. USNORTHCOM plans, organizes and executes homeland defense and civil support missions, but has few permanently assigned forces. The command is assigned forces whenever necessary to execute missions, as ordered by the president or secretary of defense. [www.northcom.mil](http://www.northcom.mil)

**509th BOMB WING: Brig. Gen. Robert E. Wheeler** is the Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. He is responsible for the combat readiness of the U.S. Air Force's only B-2 wing. His responsibilities include development and employment of the B-2's combat capability as part of the U.S. Air Force's Global Strike Task Force. His command provides logistics support for the Air Force Reserve 442nd Fighter Wing; Missouri Air National Guard 131st Bomb Wing; Missouri Army National Guard 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Unit; and the Navy Reserve Maritime Expeditionary Security Division 13. He manages flying assets in excess of \$46 billion and an annual operations and maintenance budget of \$147 million. The 509th Bomb Wing, located at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is one of only two Air Force units to operate the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber. The unit can launch combat sorties directly from Missouri to any spot on the globe, engaging adversaries with large payloads of traditional or precision-guided munitions. The first combat use of this capability was during 1999, as part of Operation Allied Force, the air campaign over Serbia and Kosovo. The 509th also led the way for America's first military response following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. in September 2001. B-2 bombers were the first U.S. aircraft to enter Afghan airspace in October 2001, paving the way for other coalition aircraft to engage Taliban and Al Qaeda forces. During this operation, the aircraft flew roundtrip from Missouri, logging combat missions in excess of 40 hours - the longest on record. [www.whiteman.af.mil](http://www.whiteman.af.mil)

**Missouri Office of Homeland Security Confirmed:**

**Paul H. Fennewald**, Homeland Security Coordinator for the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, retired from the FBI after a distinguished 23-year career as a Special Agent in January 2004. He spent most of his career working terrorism related investigations, as well as responding to a number of major terrorist attacks, including the bombings of the USS Cole, the Nairobi, Kenya US Embassy, and the September 11 World Trade Center attack. After retiring from the FBI, Paul taught

first responders about terrorist and suicide bombings through the Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness New Mexico Tech training programs. He was appointed to the position of Homeland Security Coordinator for the Missouri Office of Homeland Security in November, 2005. To ensure security the Missouri Office of Homeland Security was established on September 26, 2001. Missouri was the first state in the nation to create an Office of Homeland Security in response to the disaster of September 11, 2001.

Executive Order 05-20 was signed on July 21, 2005 effectively moving the Missouri Office of Homeland Security under the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Placing the office under this Department has allowed for better coordination between the Public Safety agencies that do much of the daily work that makes up Homeland Security, such as the State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In the same executive order, the Homeland Security Advisory Council was established to review state and local security plans and grant funding requests and make recommendations for changes to better protect Missourians. The Homeland Security Advisory Council was designed to be comprised of the Director of the Department of Public Safety and relevant Public Safety Division Directors, but equally as important, Directors of other state departments. This ensures a statewide focus for homeland security and an effective means for coordination of resources.

By Executive Order 06-09, dated February 10, 2006, the Homeland Security Advisory Council was made permanent. It also recognizes the position for a Homeland Security Coordinator, who works at the direction of the Director of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, the executive order established Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOCs). Since the formation of the Office of Homeland Security and the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council numerous safety awareness, preparedness, and management programs have been developed. These initiatives are administered by the Missouri Office of Homeland Security to promote statewide safety.

#### **Nongovernmental Organization Perspective: Confirmed**

**Thomas Plutt. ENSCO, Inc.** Thomas Plutt is a security professional who works with ENSCO offering solutions and recommendations as a private industry business to any worldwide organization. Thomas Plutt will address the challenging critical infrastructure vulnerability points.

Mr. Plutt is a Senior Security Analyst with ENSCO, Inc., Springfield, Virginia and for the past nine years has been supporting the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) conducting the Balanced Survivability Assessments (BSA) program as a senior physical security analyst, a surveillance operations specialist and as corporate program manager. Mr Plutt has served Ensco as a Deputy Division Manager and Business Area Manager for the Security Services Group and has provided corporate level support to Architectural Engineering firms engaged in the construction of mission critical facilities for the U.S. Government. Over the past eight years Mr. Plutt has been involved in conducting worldwide critical mission vulnerability assessments at over 100 sites as part of an integrated team of specialists addressing matters of mission survivability for the most critically sensitive facilities directly supporting national security.

Prior to his work with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency Mr. Plutt served in the United States Air Force for over 26 years retiring from active duty in February 2001 as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving as the Director of Security and Anti-terrorism and Force Protection for Headquarters United States Central Command Air Forces, (USCENTAF). From October 1997 until his retirement Colonel Plutt was responsible for providing security for all mission critical resources and personnel at locations throughout the Middle East in support of ongoing combat operations. In addition to his assignment to USCENTAF Colonel Plutt has served in numerous positions of command and leadership as a member of the United States Air Force Security Forces at locations throughout the U.S. and overseas.

In addition to his military accomplishments, Mr Plutt developed the Criminal Justice program for Bellevue University, Bellevue Nebraska teaching at the University for two years.

Mr. Plutt holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento, California and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. He is a graduate of The Air Command and Staff College and The Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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### **An International Perspective: Confirmed**

**Mahmoud Ali Hamad, University of Brighton**, (UK) is a Lecturer in Arabic Language and Culture at the University of Brighton. He received a Master of Arts degree in War, Violence and Security from Sussex University in 2008. He has provided expert evidence and reports in terrorism cases in the United Kingdom and the United States since 2007. A native of Syria and an Arabic speaker and writer, he has wide experience and knowledge of Islamic movements in the Arab and Muslim world and of Islamic fundamentalism, Islamist international terrorist networks, and global Jihadi culture. He has detailed knowledge and understanding of Middle Eastern political and media affairs. He is the author of a paper on "Holy books and terror manuals". At the University of Brighton, he has conducted research into Media, Islam and Politics and "Al Qaeda organisational structure post-September 11." He has advised international agencies and organizations on safe practices when working in regions with faith based conflicts and facing the risk of terrorist activities. Between 1998 and 2001 Mr. Hamad undertook a field study that involved establishing and acquiring direct contacts with prominent Islamist operatives, so as to profile and understand the radicalisation process of young Muslims, and to enable him to gather information and statistics on the operational aspect of Jihadi networks and the dissemination of ideological material at grassroots level. Duncan Campbell and Mahmoud Ali Hamad have jointly prepared a guide, the "Single Narrative Index" (SNI), to assessing recovered electronic and printed documents from terrorism suspects in the United Kingdom and with a view to testing and assessing the degree of extremist commitment reflected in documentary evidence. The guide has been provided to defence legal teams, police officers, and to the Home Office. They were both recently consulted by Regional Terrorism Unit officers who were tasked to assist and advise the Home Office in its 2008 review of the "CONTEST" counter-terrorism strategy.

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### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Confirmed:**

**Phil Kirk, FEMA Region VII National Preparedness Division Director** will discuss FEMA's mission is to support U.S. citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation the U.S. works together to build, sustain, and improve U.S. capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards. The disaster life cycle describes the process through which emergency managers prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond to them when they occur, help people and institutions recover from them, mitigate their effects, reduce the risk of loss, and prevent disasters such as fires from occurring. Under the Homeland Security Act of 2002, FEMA's supports efforts to support the homeland.

### **Global Policy Perspective: Confirmed.:**

**Michael Trapp, CPP, Colonel (USAF Retired), Applied Research Associates, Inc.** Islam and the Islamic World; an academic approach. Interpersonal presentation on historical perspectives through Islam today. Michael Trapp's unique perspectives and academic presentation is based on personal experiences from multiple and lengthy deployments to extensively throughout Southwest Asia. Colonel Trapp is Chief of the Innovation Division, USAF Security Forces Center, Lackland AFB Texas. In this position he leads a multidisciplinary team that seeks leading-edge solutions in all areas of force protection and security. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1975 as a law enforcement specialist and in 1983 received his commission through

the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Utah State University. Colonel Trapp has served as a Security Police officer with intercontinental ballistic missile, heavy bomber, space operations, tactical fighter and composite expeditionary wings. He has been assigned to HQ USAF, major command and numbered Air Force staffs, and served as a National Defense Fellow at Harvard University. The colonel has also served as commander of three air expeditionary squadrons and an air expeditionary group during combat deployments to Southwest Asia.

### **Community Preparedness for Chemical Incidents: Confirmed**

**Tim Gablehouse, President, National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO)**, holds a number of positions relevant to emergency planning. He is in an eighth term as a Governor's appointee on the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission, currently chairs the LEPC-Citizen Corp Council for Jefferson County, is serving a second term on the Executive Committee of the InfraGard Denver Member's Alliance, and is a member of the board of directors of the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership, Inc. Reelected in April 2009, he is also serving his second term as President of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials. Mr. Gablehouse has been a member of federal advisory committees regarding accident prevention and EPCRA and a participant in EPA's Presidential Review Stakeholders Conference on EPCRA. He has twice testified before the Commerce Committee of the United States House of Representatives regarding emergency planning and response, and before the Environment and Public Works Committee of the United States Senate regarding the accident investigation and prevention activities of the United States Chemical Safety Board and Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Gablehouse has been a speaker at numerous international conferences, has conducted or otherwise participated in a wide variety of research projects and has served as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado regarding the Rocky Mountain Arsenal environmental litigation and numerous reported CERCLA governmental and private party cost recovery actions. Mr. Gablehouse holds JD and MBA degrees from the University of Denver, and a BA in Environmental Biology from the University of Colorado. <http://www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/gablehouse.htm>

### **Homeland Security & Civil Liberties Confirmed:**

**Dan Winter, Executive Director American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas and Western Missouri** is a native of Ottawa, Kansas, and came to the ACLU of Kansas and Western Missouri in late 2007. For most of his career before the ACLU, Dan was President and CEO of Peoples Bank with locations in the eastern Kansas communities of Lawrence, Ottawa, Louisburg, Paola and Overland Park. Before joining the ACLU, Dan was with Turning Point: The Center for Hope and Healing, a non-profit agency in greater Kansas City, as Chief Operating Officer. A graduate of Kansas University, with an undergraduate degree in journalism, and the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking, Dan is the father of three children. He has been involved as a volunteer with, among other organizations, Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, the ALS Association, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Kansas City Chorale, The Women's Center of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty and has worked as a supporter of youth sports in midtown Kansas City, particularly boy's basketball.

**Mike German, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington Legislative Office, is a sixteen-year veteran of the FBI**, where he served as a Special Agent in domestic terrorism, bank fraud and public corruption investigations. While at the FBI, German also served in undercover operations, successfully helping to prevent several terrorist attacks. He resigned in 2004 to make Congress and the public aware of the continuing deficiencies in FBI counterterrorism operations after the implementation of the 9/11 Commission's reforms. After leaving the FBI, German formed Hotei Consulting, where he urged Congress to adopt better intelligence policies in the wake of 9/11. He was also as an adjunct

professor at the National Defense University School for National Security Executive Education. German's articles on terrorism have appeared in the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle and the National Law Journal. German graduated from Wake Forest University and earned his J.D. from Northwestern University Law School. For his work combating white supremacist groups, he was awarded the Los Angeles Federal Bar Association Medal of Valor, the First African Methodist Episcopal Church FAME Award and the Traveler's Aid Community Award. "I joined the FBI because I wanted to defend this country, but the oath I took was to defend the Constitution. Working for this administration, I felt as though I was participating in a dark chapter in American history," German said. "At the ACLU, I will be able to fulfill my oath by protecting what this country stands for: we can, and must, be both safe and free. Mike German was a highly regarded FBI agent working on domestic terrorism cases for 16 years before resigning in frustration in Summer 2004. In the early 1990s, he successfully infiltrated a white supremacist group that was plotting to blow up synagogues and a church attended by African Americans. After the Oklahoma City bombing, he again went undercover, joining a militia group that was conspiring to harm federal agents. Both cases led to prosecutions and more importantly, prevented terrorist acts. <http://www.aclu.org/safefree/general/18829res20050126.html>