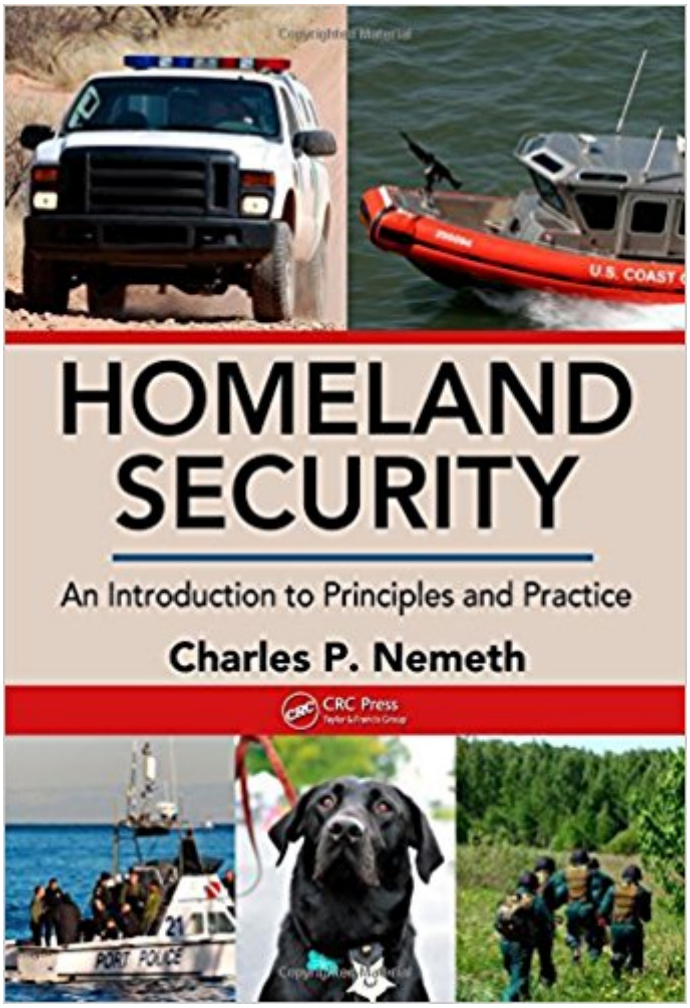
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Homeland Security: An Introduction To Principles And Practice



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Synopsis

Since its formation in 2002Ã¢â ¬â ¢the largest government reorganization since FDRÃ¢â ¬â„¢s "New Deal"Ã¢â ¬â ¢the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has focused on a broad range of public policy, safety, and security issues. From responsible intelligence gathering and combating global terrorism to securing critical infrastructure and disaster planning and response, mounting risks and ever-changing threats have created the need for a timely resource that outlines the recent organizational changes and strategic initiatives that have emerged within DHS. Homeland Security: An Introduction to Principles and Practice provides students and practitioners alike with the latest developments on the make-up, organization, and strategic mission of DHS. Homeland security involves a complex network of government agencies and private organizations collaborating to ensure the safety and security of the United States, its domestic and global interests, and its citizens. As such, this book offers valuable insights into the roles of multi-jurisdictional agencies and various stakeholders at all levels of government including law enforcement, the military, the intelligence community, emergency managers, and the private sector. Many of the books currently available offer a skewed or unbalanced examination of DHS, emphasizing certain elements over others. This is the first book to provide objective and equal treatment of each of the core components that encompass DHSÃ¢â ¬â„¢s mission including: border security, immigration and naturalization, emergency management, transportation security, critical infrastructure protection, information security, public health, and intelligence and counterterrorism efforts. Each chapter includes extensive pedagogyÃ¢â ¬â ¢learning objectives, informative boxed sidebars, summaries, end-of-chapter questions, Web links, and referencesÃ¢â ¬â ¢for ease of comprehension and retention. Authored by Charles Nemeth, a respected expert in homeland security and leader in homeland security education, Homeland Security provides the most complete and up-to-date overview available on the organizational and strategic initiatives of DHS, the challenges facing federal and state government agencies, and new and emerging ideas on the future of DHS and the role it should play in national and domestic security. An instructor's manual with exam questions, lesson plans, and chapter PowerPointÃ Â® slides are available upon qualified course adoption.

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In this text, author Charles P. Nemeth seeks to educate readers about the numerous agencies and dedicated personnel responsible for the homeland security mission. He presents this complex, heavily bureaucratic, and continuously evolving world in a clear and concise manner. Nemeth begins the text with a historical perspective on the security threats facing America, up to and including the 9-11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. From there, the reader is led chronologically through the establishment and evolution of the present-day U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Later chapters address the central elements of the homeland security mission, such as the law, risk analysis, counterterrorism, emergency management, public health, and training and exercises. Nemeth, a veteran criminal justice professor, employs a textbook-style format with copy that is easy to read and understand. Each of the book's 12 chapters can be viewed as a lesson of its own. Each begins with a list of learning objectives and wraps up with a conclusion section and a list of keywords. The author then presents the discussion questions and practical exercises to stimulate further understanding of the subject matter. Throughout, Internet exercises allow the reader to explore the subject deeper, depending on his or her own level of interest and understanding. An instructor's manual with exam questions, lesson plans, and chapter Microsoft PowerPointÃ Â® slides are available from the publisher for course adoption. The text is a complete study, and one that would benefit both students and security professionals who seek a broad understanding of how the country's new and evolving homeland security mission is executed.Ã¢â ¬â ¢Frederick D. Arons, CPP, in Security Management, November 2010

Charles P. Nemeth is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and a respected pioneer in the field of homeland security.

A solid introduction to the study of homeland security. This is an accessible volume. People interested in the subject should be able to read and get something out of this work. It covers relevant material, such as the origin of the idea of homeland security, laws related to the subject, risk management, threats, intergovernmental issues, the role of intelligence, and so on.Let’s take a look in a bit more depth. The author begins by noting that (Page xv): "This is a text about the very complex and highly bureaucratic world of Homeland Security." The book begins by laying out the origins of the idea of homeland security. Part of this was terrorism, of course. Indeed, the second chapter focuses on terrorism and its relationship to the homeland security endeavor. Critical for understanding the subject is the set of laws and regulations giving form to homeland security in operation. Budgets, too, are discussed. One key element in understanding homeland security is the Department of that name. Throughout this book, the author provides a sense of this complex entity. To understand homeland security, one must understand the complex intergovernmental collaboration that is necessary (and not always forthcoming, although there has been considerable improvement).Other aspects of considerable importance that are covered: intelligence, border security, FEMA, transportation security, public health, and the future of homeland security. While most think of homeland security as a response to terrorism, it is essentially an all hazards approach (human-made as well as natural disasters).All in all, a useful introduction. . . . The book is functionally written, but rather pedestrian in its style.

Needed this book for school. Received quickly, and can’t beat the price.

Facts are outdated. Book was written in 2010. It was interesting to see how Homeland Security promised big things, cost tons of money, and yet did not deliver. Hindsight is 20/20

good book, worked for class

Very Informative book....lots of relevant information.

Great book

This is a textbook and it worked for my study purposes, but if you are trying to learn about homeland security on your own I would suggest to go take the free FEMA courses which are much more informative.

It is a good book

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