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NETWORK NEWS

Membership Meeting

The Homeland Security Network leadership will be hosting our first membership meeting on **April 5th** at **1900 EST**. We will be having a guest speaker from Career Services speak on resume and curriculum vitae preparation. Use the following link to access the meeting: [http://apus.adobeconnect.com/careerservices](http://apus.adobeconnect.com/careerservices).

The audio for the presentation can be accessed by calling the conference line at the following number:

Conference Line **1-866-631-0730**
Participant Code **6785299#**

Thanking Those Who Serve Campaign

During the week of **April 3rd** through **April 9th** we are holding a Thanking Those Who Serve Campaign. During this week, we encourage you to write a post card to either a service member who is deployed or an American Red Cross Member who is deployed in support of disaster relief. The Thanking Those Who Serve Project letter submission page can be found at: [http://www.amu.apus.edu/student-activities/service/postcard.htm](http://www.amu.apus.edu/student-activities/service/postcard.htm).

Chapter Standard Program Update

The Homeland Security Network has achieved Bronze Status in the Chapter Standards program! Reaching this level ensures that this organization will continue to be recognized as an official student organization by the university. Thank you to the members who helped us achieve this by submitting volunteer hours and milestones through the Quad!

In **April**, we will be doing a membership survey via Survey Monkey. This will help us get an idea of our membership’s needs, ideas, and backgrounds. We will also be doing a survey at the end of the year to provide feedback for next year’s board.
Registration is open for the **2016 National Homeland Security Conference**! “This conference provides a direct bridge for public and private partnerships to connect and share best practices among those charged with keeping our nation safe.” For more information on registration, activities, and hotels go to [http://nationaluasi.com/dru/](http://nationaluasi.com/dru/).

APUS students, faculty, and alumni are welcome to attend all **Policy Studies Organization (PSO)** events at no cost. Individuals must register with PSO in advance. APUS presenters are also welcomed; deadlines for proposals will be shared as they become available. The following is an update on the opportunities available to APUS through our partnership with the PSO.

**Annual Forum on Drug Policy**, 4/8/16 (Chicago, IL)

**PSO Yearbook**, (online)

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**STAYING CONNECTED**

**Social Media**


**CURRENT EVENTS SPOTLIGHT**

**Amid Brussels Attacks, EMTs and Paramedics Face New Reality of Terrorism and an Evolving Set of Challenges** by Elizabeth Whitman

**Summary:** In a world where terrorist attacks are a likely occurrence, EMTs and paramedics have had to learn a new approach to their mission. Where once they were responding to isolated incidents, they now have added tasks inherent to the scene of a terrorist attack such as coordination with police efforts, wearing protective gear, and acting quickly while ensuring their own safety. According to Greg Santa Maria, who was running the paramedic program at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City on 9/11/01, “Terrorist groups are consistently coming up with new ways to do things. We have to think outside the box on a regular basis.”¹ Click [here](http://www.ibtimes.com/amid-brussels-attacks-emts-paramedics-face-new-reality-terrorism-evolving-set-2341419) to read the entirety of Elizabeth Whitman’s article.