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About the Center

Shortly after the September 11th terrorist attacks, University of Maryland President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, created the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) to coordinate and expand on the extensive scientific research, health programs, policy development, training, legal analysis, and government consulting related to homeland security and performed at the University.

The University's six professional schools (medicine, law, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, and social work), the graduate science program on the UMB campus, and the University's acclaimed Health Sciences and Human Services Library form the core of CHHS' significant work. These institutions and CHHS have been called on repeatedly by various governmental entities within the federal government, the National Capital Region, the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, and surrounding localities to address a broad range of problems and policies pertaining to the Nation's war on terrorism. CHHS serves as a clearinghouse for these efforts and supports programs within the University's academic and research community. CHHS focuses the extensive expertise and resources of the University on the public and private sectors' important homeland security work.

In keeping with its mission, CHHS also sponsors a series of scholarly programs on important homeland security issues, including those specifically addressing policies for dealing with the health consequences of potential terrorist attacks.

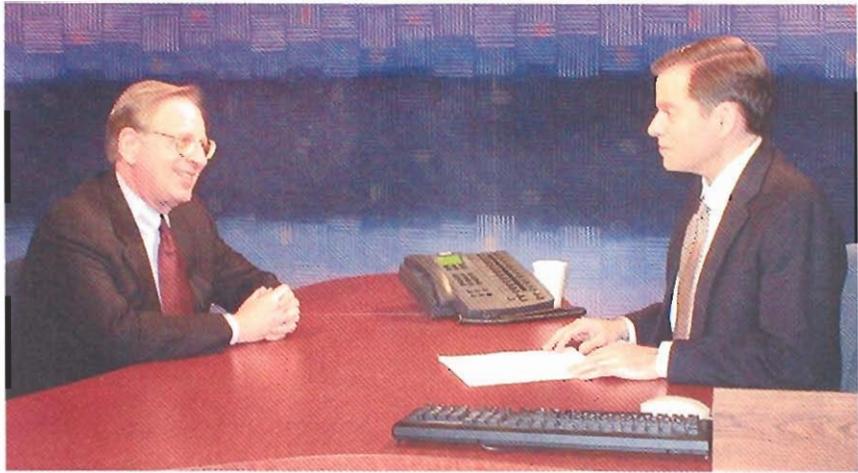
CHHS is the face of the University on issues of homeland security. Consequently, CHHS provides commentary to the national and local media on a broad range of novel and complex scientific, legal, and policy issues related to counter-terrorism strategies.

Spotlight on Michael Greenberger, Director

Michael Greenberger, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law, is the CHHS Director. Professor Greenberger is a recognized expert on developing strategies for preventing and responding to terrorist attacks.

In 1999, Professor Greenberger began service as Counselor to the United States Attorney General, and then became the Justice Department's Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General. One of his primary areas of expertise was counter-terrorism. Moreover, Professor Greenberger was one of the principal planners of the TOPOFF I nationwide field exercise in May 2000.

He is frequently invited to speak at academic gatherings and appears regularly on the evening news programs of the three major television networks, National Public Radio, CNN, The Jim Lehrer



Professor Greenberger (left) is interviewed on Maryland Public Television.

News Hour, and C-Span to discuss issues pertaining to homeland security. He has also recently authored several journal articles, ranging from pre-event vaccination programs to the validity of counter-terrorism practices.

Before entering government service, Professor Greenberger was a partner for more than 20 years in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Shea & Gardner, where he served as lead counsel before

courts of law nationwide, including the United States Supreme Court. His *pro bono* service includes working with community groups serving inner-city residents in the Washington, D.C. area.

Professor Greenberger is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lafayette College and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Editor-In-Chief of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.



From the Director

Since its creation in the fall of 2001, the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security has dedicated itself to addressing the latest issues pertaining to homeland security. In an effort to expand upon that initiative, CHHS has written and published its first newsletter. In this first issue, we introduce the individuals responsible for the Center's work, describe the current projects on which CHHS is working, and summarize the recent events in which CHHS has participated. This issue also provides a description of our Web site, which we update on a daily basis. Join us as we celebrate the many achievements of CHHS in our first newsletter.

Michael Greenberger, JD
CHHS Director

Spotlight on the CHHS Staff

Ms. Jeanne Stringer is the CHHS Coordinator. Ms. Stringer has worked on the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus since 1988. After beginning her career in the office for institutional advancement, she moved to the Dean's Office in the School of Medicine where she worked on special projects. Ms. Stringer has worked at CHHS as the Center's Coordinator since 2002. Currently, she facilitates the day-to-day activities and events of the Center.

Additionally, CHHS employs seven law school graduates as Fellows. Ms. Heather Balsley is a graduate of Gettysburg College (2001) and

the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, she served as Executive Editor for the *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy*. In December of 2004, she was admitted to practice law in Maryland. She has worked at CHHS as a Law Fellow since August of 2004. Currently, Ms. Balsley is working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in an effort to train and supervise each of Maryland's State agencies in developing Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans. She recently began working with local jurisdictions to develop COOP plans for Maryland counties as well.

Mr. Michael Beland is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin (2001) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). Additionally, he attended the London School of Economics and Political Science (1999-2000). While in law school, Mr. Beland served as Associate Editor for the *Journal on Race, Religion, Gender and Class*. He has worked at CHHS as a Law Fellow since January of 2005 and is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire. Currently, Mr. Beland is working with MEMA to identify and protect the critical infrastructure for the State of Maryland as well as the National Capital Region.

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*Back Row (from left to right): Jeff Gilberg, Michael Greenberger, Jeanne Stringer, Jodi Stern, Heather Balsley
Front Row (from left to right): Alyssa Johnson, Mike Beland, Matt Gallagher, Rob Burriesci*

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Mr. Robert Burriesci is a graduate of Vassar College (1998) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, he served as Historian for the Paca Inn (University of Maryland School of Law) of Phi Delta Phi. He graduated law school with Order of the Coif. Mr. Burriesci has worked at CHHS as a Law Fellow since August of 2004 and is admitted to practice law in New York. Currently, Mr. Burriesci is working with the Maryland Attorney General's Office and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to produce a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Legal Handbook.

Mr. Matt Gallagher is a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park (2000) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, he participated in the immigration clinic at Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services. In December of 2004, he was admitted to practice law in Maryland. He has worked at CHHS as a Research Fellow since September of 2004. Currently, Mr. Gallagher is also working with the State of Maryland to develop COOP plans for State agencies.

Mr. Jeffrey Gilberg is a graduate of Bowdoin College

(2000) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, he served as Articles Editor for the *Maryland Law Review*, Legal Research and Writing Chair for the Moot Court Board, and Writing Fellow in the Writing Center. In December of 2004, he was admitted to practice law in Massachusetts. He has worked at CHHS as a Law Fellow since August of 2004. Currently, Mr. Gilberg is involved with Baltimore City emergency preparedness as a regular participant on both MedChi's Disaster Preparedness Task Force and the University of Maryland Medical Center's Emergency Preparedness Coordination Group. Additionally, Mr. Gilberg will participate in the planning of the upcoming Airport, Academia, Industry, Military & State (AAIMS) Consortium emergency exercise.

Ms. Alyssa Johnson is a graduate of Indiana University (2001) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, she was a member of the Moot Court Board. In December of



CHHS Coordinator Jeanne Stringer works in her office.

2004, she was admitted to practice law in Maryland. She has worked at CHHS as a Research Fellow since September of 2004. Currently, Ms. Johnson is also working with the State of Maryland to develop COOP plans for State agencies

Ms. Jodi Stern is a graduate of Barnard College (2001) and the University of Maryland School of Law (2004). While in law school, she was the recipient of the 2003 Michael A. Cardin Fellowship to provide direct service in public interest. In December of 2004, she was admitted to practice law in Maryland. She has worked at CHHS as a Research Fellow since September of 2004. Currently, Ms. Stern is also working with the State of Maryland to develop COOP plans for State agencies.

Conferences, Symposia, and Other Events

CHHS hosts, coordinates, plans, and/or participates in various conferences, symposia, and other events relating to homeland security. Examples of these events are as follows.

1. "Eliminating Legal, Regulatory, and Economic Barriers to Biodefense Vaccine Development"

On June 9, 2004, CHHS sponsored a symposium entitled, "Eliminating Legal, Regulatory, and Economic Barriers to Biodefense Vaccine Development." The symposium brought together approximately 100 experts from government, industry, and academia, who are leaders in the field of biodefense vaccine research, development, and distribution. Ten of the invited experts presented scholarly papers that were the focus of commentary by the other invited expert attendees. The papers presented at the symposium will be published in the forthcoming winter issue of the University of Maryland School of Law's *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy*. One of the papers, was authored by CHHS Director Michael Greenberger. In his article, Professor Greenberger

analyzes past and current vaccine liability and injury compensation schemes as a basis for suggesting changes that the federal government must put in place for future pre-event vaccination programs to be successful.

Other speakers included Lance Gordon, President of VaxGen, Inc.; Ernest Takafuji, Assistant Director for Biodefense Research, National Institute and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); and Margaret Glavin, Assistant Commissioner for Counter-Terrorism, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. All of the symposium presentations are viewable on the CHHS Web site, <http://www.umaryland.edu/healthsecurity/>.

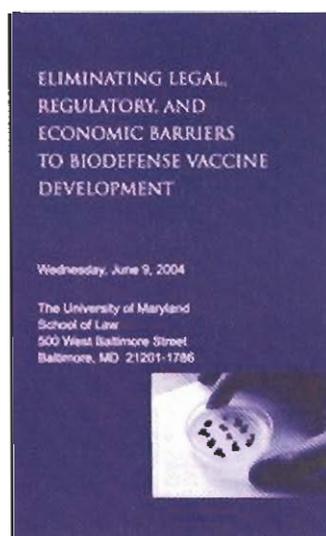
2. "Terrorism and Trauma: A Transatlantic Perspective"

From September 20-22, 2004, the Royal Society of Medicine and the University of Maryland, Baltimore presented a conference entitled "Terrorism and Trauma: A

Transatlantic Perspective." This conference explored terrorism and trauma management-related issues focusing upon terrorism preparedness, trauma care, and rehabilitation from traumatic injury. CHHS participated in this event by coordinating and moderating the first session on Monday, September 20, consisting of two panel discussions.

The first panel, entitled "Protect the Homeland and Protect Privacy: Compatible or

Conflicting Policies," was directed at discussing the delicate balance between effective protection of the public safety and infringement upon individual's rights during investigations intended to root out a terrorist threat. This panel, moderated by CHHS Director Michael Greenberger, included Colonel Robert Kadlec, M.D., Director of Biodefense, National Security Council; Kate Martin, J.D.,



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Director of the Center for National Security Studies; Joseph Whitley, J.D., General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security; and Peter Clarke, C.V.O., Q.P.M., L.L.B., Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

The second panel, entitled "Health Security: Governmental Responses," focused upon the use of governmental force to protect the public and react to a terrorist attack or threat. The panel members included Lawrence O. Gostin, J.D., Professor at the Georgetown and Johns Hopkins Universities and Director of the Center for Law and the Public's Health; Karen Rothenberg, J.D., M.P.A., Dean and Marjorie Cook Professor of Law at the



Thomas Wilner addresses the audience while Professor Greenberger, Frank Dunham, and Dean Rothenberg listen.

University of Maryland School of Law; Jerome M. Hauer, M.P.H., Director, Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute and Former Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness in the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and Penelope Bevan, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.H., F.F.P.H.M., Head of Emergency Preparedness Department of Health, United Kingdom. This panel was also moderated by CHHS Director Michael Greenberger.

3. "2004 Supreme Court Advocate's Program"

On September 22, 2004, CHHS sponsored the 2004 Supreme Court Advocate's Program, which was held at the University of Maryland School of Law. The program featured Thomas Wilner and Frank W. Dunham, Jr., advocates in the major terrorism cases recently decided by the United States Supreme Court. While Mr. Wilner was the lead Supreme Court Counsel in *Al Odah v. United States*, Mr. Dunham argued *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*. Each discussed his recent high profile victory in the enemy combatant terrorism cases. The program, which has become an annual event, attracted a large audience comprised of law school students, faculty, and staff.



Thomas Wilner, Dean Karen Rothenberg, and Frank Dunham

4. "2004 9/11 Teach-In"

On September 29, 2004, CHHS sponsored the 2004 9/11 Teach-In, which featured the Honorable Jamie S. Gorelick, Commissioner, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. During her presentation, she discussed the many challenges, successes, and obstacles that the Commission encountered. Held at the University of Maryland School of Law, the program was widely attended by law school students, faculty, and staff as well as local and national media. This is the fourth year that a Teach-In has been held by UMB recognizing the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



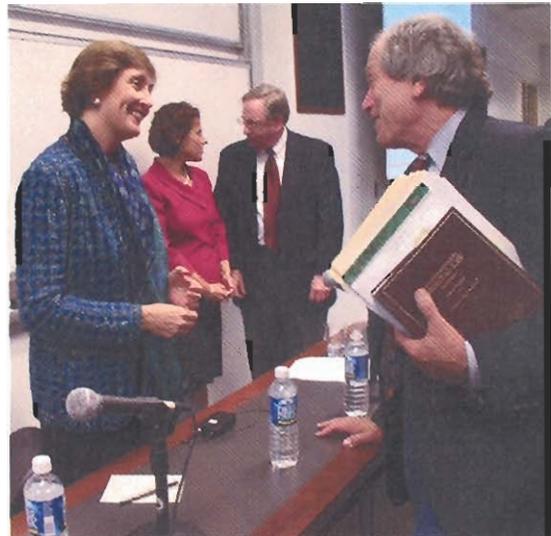
Students, faculty, and staff attend the 2004 9/11 Teach-In, which featured 9/11 Commissioner Jamie Gorelick.

5. "Tracking Terrorism in the 21st Century: A National Symposium on the Roles of Science and Law in Detecting, Investigating and Adjudicating Political Violence"

On October 23, 2004, CHHS Director Michael Greenberger presented his article entitled "Indefinite Material Witness Detention Without Probable Cause: Thinking Outside the Fourth Amendment" at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The presentation

was a part of a conference entitled "Tracking Terrorism in the 21st Century: A National Symposium on the Roles of Science and Law in Detecting, Investigating and Adjudicating Political Violence." The national symposium was hosted by The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law and Duquesne University School of Law.

In his article, Professor Greenberger provides a historical survey of the federal material witness statute, as well as relevant Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, legislative history, and case law. Furthermore, Professor



Jamie Gorelick shares a laugh with Doug Colbert, a Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law.

Greenberger suggests a legislative remedy that accommodates the government's need to secure important grand jury testimony while avoiding what amounts to unjustifiable, coercive, and indefinite material witness detentions pending grand jury investigations.

CHHS and MEMA Engage in Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning

On January 12, 2003, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich wrote a letter to his twenty cabinet agencies requiring each agency to develop a Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan by December 31, 2004. Each agency was encouraged to work with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to complete its plan. The purpose of each plan is to prepare for any kind of emergency – man-made or natural, large or small – and to ensure the continuation of each agency’s essential functions during an emergency.

CHHS began working with MEMA in June of 2003 to devise a manual for the Maryland State agencies to use for guidance in creating their COOP Plans. Specifically, CHHS has been led by Teresa Chapman, State COOP-COG Manager, who leads the Maryland COOP planning initiative. The one of a kind manual is very user-friendly and includes worksheets to help the agencies identify the key elements of a COOP plan. Since the manual has been made available on CHHS’ and MEMA’s Web sites, numerous other states, as well as federal agencies, have commented on its quality and have even asked



(Clockwise from top) Matt Gallagher, Alyssa Johnson, Teresa Chapman, Heather Balsley, and Jodi Stern discuss Coop planning.

to use the manual themselves.

The COOP manual breaks COOP planning down into four components: essential functions and key personnel; vital records, systems, and equipment; communications; and, alternate facilities. Throughout the planning process, the State agencies are asked to keep a two-week time frame in mind. In other words, the COOP plan should contemplate all essential functions that must be performed and sustained through the first two weeks after an emergency occurs. The plans should also be operational within 12 hours of the emergency. After essential functions are identified, the agencies must identify the key personnel; vital records,

systems, and equipment; and, alternate facilities to support the essential functions. Ideally, the COOP plan identifies everything needed to support essential functions so that when an emergency occurs, the agency has to do very little research or planning.

CHHS continues to play an active role in working with MEMA and the Maryland State Agencies throughout the planning process. CHHS COOP team members and MEMA train the COOP teams of several of the major State agencies on the entire planning process. CHHS also assists MEMA in reviewing worksheets of many of the agencies and gives individual feedback to members of each agency’s COOP team. CHHS

is also responsible for reviewing every rough draft submitted by the agencies, as well as providing a formal review of the strengths and weaknesses of the plans. Additionally, MEMA and CHHS host tabletop exercises for each of the agencies so they can identify any additional weaknesses in their plans. The exercises allow the agencies to walk through an emergency using scenarios designed by MEMA. CHHS is currently assisting MEMA review the final copies of the agencies' COOP plans. Together, CHHS and MEMA prepared the final reviews to determine whether the ongoing COOP plans should be certified.

Although the COOP process for the Maryland State agencies is in its final stages, CHHS is still working hard on COOP planning. CHHS is now working with MEMA to extend COOP planning to local

jurisdictions throughout Maryland. For example, CHHS has begun working with Howard County and with the Baltimore City Health Department on their COOP plans. CHHS hopes that these two organizations will lead the way for other local jurisdictions to engage in COOP planning.

CHHS has also been working with the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland Medical Center on their COOP Plans. These plans will hopefully set an example for other universities and hospitals throughout the State and country.

Finally, CHHS is working with MEMA to organize a COOP planning conference for emergency management representatives from federal, state, and local jurisdictions throughout the country. The conference will take place this year in



Heather Balsley has taken the lead at CHHS in COOP Planning.

Baltimore City and will be co-hosted by MEMA and CHHS. It is the hope that this conference will open the door to the rest of the country to follow Maryland's lead.

CHHS Works with MEMA to Identify and Protect the Critical Infrastructure

CHHS is also working with MEMA on a program involving the identification and protection of critical infrastructure and key assets in the State of Maryland and the National Capital Region. Among the many duties included are consulting with State agency heads across State government and assisting with the identification of legal issues on such matters as the Public Information Act. In addition to providing legal advice, CHHS is engaged in communication between MEMA and the United States Department of Homeland Security on this important issue.



Matthew Gallagher and Teresa Chapman conduct a seminar on COOP planning with local jurisdictions in Maryland.

CHHS Participates in Emergency Planning Work Groups

CHHS regularly participates in various emergency planning groups that meet in Baltimore City. Depending on the group, the extent of CHHS' participation varies.

1. Emergency Management Team

Members of CHHS attend all meetings of the University of Maryland Emergency Management Team. This team is comprised of members of the UMB community who are committed to preparing for emergencies through careful and diligent planning. This team is chaired by the University's Assistant Vice President for Facilities Maintenance, Robert Rowan.

2. Hospital Emergency Management Task Force

The University of Maryland Medical Center has implemented an emergency management task force to deal with all aspects of emergency management relating to the hospital. CHHS is currently working with the University of Maryland Medical Center to develop its Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan in order to remain compliant with

the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) requirements. The University of Maryland Medical Center will be setting the example for the rest of the hospitals in the University system as well as many other hospitals in the region.

3. MedChi Disaster Preparedness Task Force

Members of CHHS attend all meetings of the Disaster Preparedness Task Force, which was established in February of 2002 to study the role of MedChi in disaster preparedness for the state of Maryland. Specifically, the task force develops proposals for preparing Maryland physicians and other practitioners for public health disasters, both natural and man-made. Other attendees include representatives from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the University of Maryland Medical Center. CHHS will make a presentation at the next MedChi meeting (3/8/05).

4. Campus COOP Team

CHHS is working with the UMB Campus COOP team to draft the University's COOP Plan. The COOP team is using the manual co-authored by CHHS and MEMA to identify all components of the COOP Plan, including essential functions, alternate facilities, communications, and vital documents. The University will have a plan for each of the schools on the UMB campus, as well as a

plan for the main campus administration. UMB hopes to lead the way for other universities in the region.



Jeff Gilberg represents CHHS at many of these meetings.

5. Hospital Collaboration

Representatives from each of the Baltimore City hospitals are currently writing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that the hospitals would rely upon in the event of a public health emergency. CHHS has begun looking at some of the legal issues involved with this undertaking.

CHHS Plays A Role in Emergency Preparedness Exercises

CHHS has participated in various emergency preparedness exercises in Baltimore City and surrounding localities. More specifically, CHHS has recently participated in each of the following emergency drills.

1. Harbor BASE (Biological Attack Simulated Exercise)

In 2003 and 2004, CHHS assisted the City of Baltimore, its surrounding counties, and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in planning and conducting emergency preparedness drills ("Harbor BASE"). In both exercises, CHHS served on the Harbor

BASE Executive Committee. In the 2003 exercise, which revolved around a bioterrorist attack using smallpox and botulism agents, CHHS also served on the Scenario Design Committee. In the 2004 drill, which stemmed from the aerosol release of anthrax in the Camden Yards area of Baltimore City, CHHS served on the Healthcare Subcommittee. In an effort to improve the emergency response, both exercises involved hospitals, local health departments, emergency



Professor Greenberger discusses Harbor BASE as Mayor Martin O'Malley (far right) looks on.

medical services, law enforcement, and other state and local governmental agencies. Another Harbor BASE exercise is planned for 2005 and CHHS will again serve on the Executive Committee and the Healthcare Subcommittee.

2. Free State Response 2004

On November 6, 2004, CHHS staff participated as observers in the Free State Response 2004 Disaster Training Exercise. The drill was held in conjunction with the Baltimore Orioles Stadium evacuation exercise. It focused on a hypothetical terrorist attack at or near Orioles Park at Camden Yards. In particular, the scenario involved a



Police officers and firefighters prepare to play the role of first responders at the 2004 Free State Response.

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combined chemical and explosive attack during an event at Camden Yards. The purpose of the exercise was to gain organizational awareness of the many challenges associated with a terrorism event and to improve upon the emergency response to such an event.

3. Opening Pitch

On February 16, 2005, CHHS participated in a tabletop exercise, entitled "Opening Pitch," which was managed by The Uriah Group. The exercise, which was also held at Camden Yards, was based on a hypothetical terrorist attack occurring on the

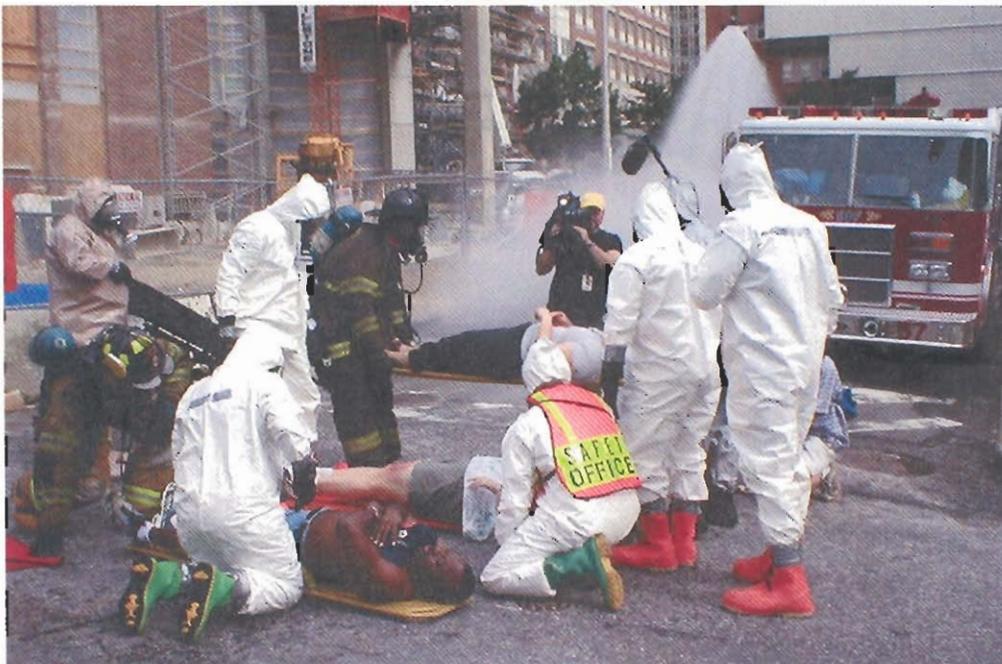
opening day of the baseball season. With nearly 100 participants and/or observers from various local, state, and federal entities, the exercise focused on the interaction of public and private organizations as they leverage their combined capabilities in the management of, and response to, a terrorist attack. More specifically, the participants included representatives from the Baltimore Orioles, the Mayor's Office, the Baltimore City hospitals, and various Baltimore City Departments (Public Works, Transportation, Fire, Police, Health, Housing, Emergency Management). This was the fourth time that the Baltimore Orioles, the Baltimore City Emergency Management Team, and the Maryland Emergency

Management Agency (MEMA) have collaborated in an emergency exercise.

4. Airport, Academia, Industry, Military & State (AAIMS) Consortium Exercise

In July of 2005, the AAIMS Consortium will conduct a tabletop exercise addressing how the necessary personnel and resources would reach the scene of a mass casualty event at the Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI). The drill will plan for an emergency response to traffic gridlock caused by the collapse of the BWI Airport departure highway onto the arrivals exit highway below. Following the exercise, there

will be a demonstration to evaluate how rapidly BWI could be converted into an on-site field hospital, providing triage, transportation preparedness, evacuation of casualties, and surge capacity access. CHHS will be actively involved in this project. The planning process



Volunteers play the role of victims during an emergency exercise last summer. began in February of 2005.

Professor Greenberger Takes Homeland Security into the Classroom

As a part of achieving CHHS' mission to "coordinate and expand upon the extensive scientific research, health programs, policy development, training, legal analysis," Michael Greenberger has designed and teaches two scholarly courses at the University of Maryland School of Law. The first course, entitled "Homeland Security and the Law of Counterterrorism," is only offered to advanced law students. The second course, entitled "Homeland Security – The Interdisciplinary Study of Crisis and Health Consequence Management Policy in the Era of Counterterrorism," is open to, and encourages enrollment by, students from all of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) professional schools. Although each class covers similar material, the methods used for imparting the information are vastly different.

"Homeland Security and the Law of Counterterrorism" is a law based course, which seeks to introduce students to three major areas of homeland security law. First, the course



Professor Greenberger discusses homeland security law with his students.

leads students through a risk analysis focusing upon the actual terrorist threat to homeland security. Second, Professor Greenberger guides students through the current cases concerning military tribunals and detentions of terrorist suspects. Third, the class discusses crisis management (i.e., the law and tools available to combat the ongoing terrorist crisis that the United States faces). Finally, the course addresses consequence management (i.e., the law and strategy behind responding to a terrorist attack). Students are introduced to concepts and legal principles through a mixture of cases and articles, which are constantly

updated. Furthermore, students are confronted with hypothetical situations and scenarios designed to help them hone their understanding of the law, accurately apply the current solutions to potential terrorist attacks, and spot the gaps in national, state, and local preparation for crisis.

"Homeland Security – The Interdisciplinary Study of Crisis and Health Consequence Management Policy in the Era of Counterterrorism," due to its interdisciplinary nature, shies away from the use of traditional law school materials to educate students on the fundamentals of

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homeland security. This course, which is offered to all students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, focuses on the public health implications of potential terrorist attacks and the strategies developed to counter public health crises associated

with these kinds of attacks. Professor Greenberger assembles expert guest speakers from each of the disciplines covered in order to provide a unique and engaging way for students of diverse educational backgrounds to gain insight into homeland security.

In the end, these two classes offer students a rare



Professor Greenberger teaches the interdisciplinary homeland security course.

opportunity to probe deeply into the ever changing field of homeland security.

CHHS Coordinates University Funding Efforts

Since its inception, the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) has made substantial efforts to keep track of governmental funding opportunities for the University's professional schools in the area of biodefense and homeland security research. Recognizing that government funders are increasingly looking for interdisciplinary and cross-campus funding approaches to solving biodefense and homeland security problems, CHHS has recently begun to focus its efforts on creating multi-disciplinary and multi-campus funding partnerships.

CHHS held a luncheon meeting on Friday, February 18, 2005 at the law school's Krongard Board Room to discuss these issues in a broader context. The meeting was attended by 45 faculty members and campus administrators, representing each of UMB's professional schools, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, and the University's Office of Research and Development and Office of External Affairs, as well as faculty representatives or officials from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Towson University, the United States Army Aberdeen Proving

Ground, and the University of Maryland Medical System.

The group discussed existing funding opportunities and strategies for expeditiously recognizing and communicating future opportunities. Dennis Schrader, the Director of Governor Ehrlich's Office of Homeland Security, also addressed the group both to encourage collaborative efforts in seeking funding from the State and to highlight the kinds of research and policy development the State will be looking for in its future funding efforts.

The group will continue to meet on a regular basis and a

web site will be developed to assist faculty researchers in these funding efforts.



The luncheon was attended by representatives from various campus departments including shock trauma, hospital preparedness, and each of the six University professional schools.

CHHS Prepares Maryland Public Health Emergency Preparedness Legal Handbook

CHHS is currently preparing a legal guide for the Maryland Office of the Attorney General of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene entitled, "Maryland Public Health Emergency Preparedness Legal Handbook." This document, when completed, will represent a compilation of all of the relevant law, which may be called upon to contend with a public health emergency in Maryland.

The handbook has been structured with the needs of the Office of the Attorney General in mind, presenting the statutes in an easy to follow manner under headings that define the powers that may be needed in case of a public health emergency. For example, the handbook contains sections devoted to takings of property, licensure of health care personnel, quarantine and isolation, communicable

disease reporting, and immunity and liability of the State and emergency health care providers. Although the handbook strives to be absolutely complete, in order to reduce the handbook to a manageable length and structure, it has been focused on State statutes, caselaw, and attorney general opinions. While there is no doubt that a significant amount of federal law will play a part in the overall response to a health emergency in Maryland, only select federal statutes have been included in the handbook. The remaining applicable federal law has been left to federally produced manuals such as the National Response Plan (available at http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml) to discuss in depth.

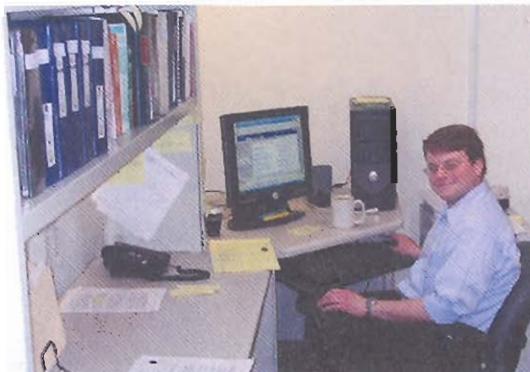
As a part of the continued effort to improve Maryland's preparedness and response to a public health emergency, and to assure that the handbook is a useful tool, CHHS will conduct training on April 8, 2005 to familiarize attorneys and judges from

across Maryland with the structure, purpose, and use of the handbook.

On June 10, 2005 the project will culminate with a tabletop exercise held at the School of Law. The exercise is to assess the effectiveness of the handbook as a guide for attorneys and judges as well as the general application of Maryland law during a public health emergency.

CHHS To Work with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security

In February 2005, CHHS began working directly with Governor Ehrlich's Office of Homeland Security to assist the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council's Grants subcommittee in collecting and analyzing data on the homeland security capabilities of Maryland's State and local agencies. More specifically, CHHS will assist in the identification of the capabilities of Maryland fire departments, police departments, hazardous material crews, and health facilities. It is the hope that this information will facilitate the application of risk management methodologies in determining future investments of homeland security.



Robert Burriesci has taken the lead at CHHS in preparing the legal handbook.

Visit the CHHS Web Site for the Latest Information Pertaining to Homeland Security

<http://www.umaryland.edu/healthsecurity/>

The CHHS Web site features news articles, government documents, caselaw, and links to other useful information relating to homeland security. The Web site also includes recent CHHS media coverage, CHHS presentations and events, and articles authored by CHHS. In an effort to provide the public with sufficiently updated information pertaining to homeland security, CHHS maintains the Web site on a daily basis.

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