Background:
Nuclear and radiological weapons may be used in terrorist attacks on the United States or other countries. The responsibility of the Homeland Security Section is to provide assistance to professionals and to protect the public against a terrorist attack by weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) containing radiological and/or nuclear material.

The majority of the work of the HSS is performed by the various subspecialty work groups who report to the President of the HSS and the Executive Board. Each work group has a Charter which describes the Mission, Membership, Stakeholders, Timeframe of Activities, Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes of that work group.

The Radiological Dispersive Devices Work Group was developed when the Section was formed to provide a forum for that topic area at the HPS HSS website and to attract individuals with expertise to be able to meet and share experience and knowledge.

**Work Group Mission:** The Health Physics Society Homeland Security Section Radiological Dispersive Devices Work Group’s mission is the protection of person, property, and the environment by following federal, state, regional, tribal, and local agency guidelines to assist in prevention, response, mitigation, and cleanup of a radiological terrorist incident.

**Work Group Members:**
- Abraham Chupp, Chair
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**Stakeholders:**
- Health Physics Society membership
- National emergency management and response organizations
- Federal, state, regional, tribal, and local agencies

**Timeframe:**
August 1 – July 31
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<td>1. To disseminate information related to Homeland Security Programs in the US and internationally.</td>
<td>1. To update the work group website at least quarterly or more often as information becomes available.</td>
<td>1. A work group website that is up-to-date and reflects the current knowledge of this topic area.</td>
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<td>2. To promote professional development within HS-related programs.</td>
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<td>3. To develop consensus standards of practice for Homeland Security programs.</td>
<td>3. To develop at least one Position/Position Statement in the work groups operating timeframe.</td>
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<td>4. To provide open lines of communication between Section members and other scientific and professional groups.</td>
<td>4. To write a paragraph on work group activities for the HP News at least once during the work groups timeframe of operations.</td>
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