A Brief History of the Health Physics Society Homeland Security Committee/Section

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Objectives

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HPS/ HSS SP Goal and Objectives

- Strategic Plan Goal 5:
  “Ensure the Society’s role as the source of expertise in radiation safety”

- HPS 2020 Strategic Plan Objective 5.2:
  “Provide reliable and useful information about radiation safety to government officials”
HPS/HSS Strategic Objectives

- HPS 2020 Strategic Plan Objective 5.3:
  “Provide reliable and useful information about radiation safety to the media”

- HPS 2020 Strategic Plan Objective 5.4:
  “Provide reliable and useful information about radiation safety to (the) general public”
HS Mission

- To develop and conduct an ongoing Society program to educate and inform HPS members and to achieve a greater degree of homeland security against a terrorist or other attack using radiological or nuclear weapons.
HS Primary Objectives

- To disseminate information related to HS programs in the US and internationally
- To provide a forum for vetting HS issues
- To promote professional development within HS-related programs
- To develop consensus standards of practice for HS programs
- To provide open lines of communication between Section members and other scientific and professional groups
- To promote meetings and other appropriate communications on HS-related programs
HPS HS History

- Founded in December 2001 as an HPS Ad Hoc committee to make HS recommendations
- 2002 became permanent HPS committee
- HS mid-year meetings in 2003 and 2009 in San Antonio
- 2012 HPS BoD formed HS Section
HS Leadership

- 2001-2002        Dr. Allen Brodsky
- 2002-2004        Dr. John Auxier
- 2004-2007        James Barnes
- 2007-2008        Tom O’Connell
- 2008-2012        Dr. John Lanza
- 2012-2013        Debra McBaugh
- 2013-2014        Peter Darnell
- 2014-2015        Dr. Adela Salame-Alfie
Section Officers and Board

“The Executive Board”

- President
- Past-President
- President-elect
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Six Board members
Section Membership

- Open to HPS members and any IRPA-affiliated society members with interest in HS issues
- Must show proof of membership in above; Exec Board reviews apps of non-HPS members
- Pay Section dues
  - Provides funds for activities, speakers, etc.
Committees of the Section

- Nominations—chaired by the Past-President
- Program—chaired by the President-elect
- Admissions—chaired by the Executive Board
HS Work Groups

- First Response
- Medical Response
- Training
- Nuclear Terrorism Preparedness
- Dispersive Devices
- Cleanup
- Interdiction & Security
HS Past Activities (1)

- TEPP emergency responder sheets
- Provided guidance to the BW Chapter efforts to develop an emergency responder interface program
- Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse Program (HDER) participation
HS Past Activities (2)

- Collaborated with HPS Public Information Committee on several projects
- Training for hospital ED staff - 3 PPTs
- MRC recruitment of HPs
- “Training Radiation Professionals to Be Risk Communicators for the MRC”
- “Training Program on Radiation Exposure Devices”
HS Past Activities (3)

- Provided presentations at national, state, local conferences
- Very active and frequently updated main website and for work groups
- Domestic Nuclear Detection Office liaison on Preventive Radiological/ Nuclear Detection program in the states
HS Past Activities (4)

- Collaborated with NASA on risk communications issues for Curiosity Mars Lander launch
- Presentation to DHS on HSC activities
- Nuclear detonation responder and public wallet cards
Past Activities (5)

- Developing Radiation Response Volunteer Corps in each state
- Advocating for radiochemist training
- UPMC Center for Biosecurity Rad Resiliency project
Current Activities

- Idea vetting activities
- Liaison with other organizations including DHS, AAPM, CDC, NARR, NACCHO
- Review of governmental policies/standards prior to publishing
- Development of Homeland Security Special Session at HPS annual meeting
- Medical Response WG: updating 3 modules on hospital and ED response
Future Activities

- Developing all-hazards disaster preparedness presentations for the public
- Continue reviewing/commenting on governmental documents
- Special Sessions at HPS annual meetings
- National organization representatives
- Developing training for public health staff for population monitoring and disease registry

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Summary

- Founded after 9/11
- Provides vetting activities
- Provides document reviews
- Provides public and emergency responder education/training
- Integrating HPs into the disaster response community as SME’s on rad/nuke
- Radiation risk communications training
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