

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council Newsletter April 2024

An update on WRHSAC projects, trainings, funding opportunities and more

Extreme Ownership Leadership Training Friday, May 10, 2024

The Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council and Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association are proud to present **Extreme Ownership Leadership Training** by ©Echelon Front, LLC. An intensive leadership training program designed to equip you with the tools and mindset to lead effectively in any situation.

Why Extreme Ownership?

All your problems are leadership problems, and Extreme Ownership (©Echelon Front, LLC) is the solution. Learn how to take ownership of your actions, decisions, and outcomes to lead and win in both business and life.

This training is free and will be held in Hadley, MA on Friday, May 10, 2024, 8am to 2pm

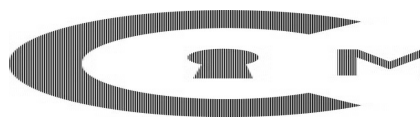
[Click here to learn more about Extreme Ownership and Register](#)

Call for Candidates

WRHSAC K-12 Open Seat

The K-12 representative seat on WRHSAC is currently vacant. WRHSAC is now welcoming letters of interest and resumes for this position. Suitable candidates should be a K-12 superintendent, principal or hold a leadership role closely linked to safety and security within their institution.

Letters of interest will be received through Friday, May 3, 2024, submitted to Raine Brown, Homeland Security Program Manager, raine@frcog.org. Contact Raine if you have any questions.



Municipal Cybersecurity Summit

Join in at the Fourth Annual Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Summit at the DCU Center in Worcester.

- Learn how to build a robust cybersecurity program using the Municipal Cybersecurity Roadmap.
- Engage with experts on emerging cyber threats and vulnerabilities facing Massachusetts municipalities.
- Participate in an interactive workshop to practice cyber incident response action and get hands-on experience for facilitating cybersecurity tabletop exercises with your own organization.
- And more!

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MassCyberCenter

<https://masscybercenter.org/>

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

8:00am to 3:00pm

This conference is free.

[Click here to learn more and register for the Muni Cybersecurity Summit](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, May 13, 2024

The Minds, Lives and Motivations of Mass Attackers

Registration will open soon for this exciting conference!

Following a school shooting or ideological attack, we often wonder if there were warning signs that we missed. We think we know what a “typical” shooter looks like, but do we really? Is there even such a thing as a “typical” shooter? Who are these people, and what are the psychological dynamics driving their behavior? What is going on behind the scenes prior to an attack? What factors mitigate risks, and when do they deserve a closer look? What are the psychological barriers to reporting or investigating suspicious behaviors?

Join **Dr. Peter Langman**, a leading expert on this topic, on Monday, May 13 at UMass Amherst to learn more about perpetrators of mass attacks: who they are, what drives them, and what warning signs to look for.

In this full-day conference, Dr. Langman will use real case studies to illustrate pathways to violence, protective factors, and reasons that suspicious behaviors are often overlooked.

The conference is free of charge and open to the public and is particularly geared to those working in law enforcement, first responders, K-12 schools, higher education, hospitals,

Registration and additional information will be announced soon.



FY25 Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program

Applications due April 29, 2024

The Executive Office of Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research is making state funds available to help local law enforcement departments establish, implement and expand body-worn camera (BWC) programs. Funding is not available for the replacement of equipment used by police departments with existing BWC programs.

Eligibility:

Only a police department from a Massachusetts municipality (local unit of government) is eligible to apply. Municipal police departments with less than 50 sworn officers may collaborate in order to submit a joint application for funding under this grant.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by April 29, 2024, at 4 p.m. Visit the [Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program page](#) on our website for more information and application materials.

For more information about these projects and the work of WRHSAC, please contact Raine Brown, Homeland Security Program Manager. raine@frcog.org. 413.774.3167 x138

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