

From the Editor-In-Chief

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Welcome to the second issue of the JHSE. I sincerely hope you find the articles in our second issue interesting and relevant. In this issue you will find a guest commentary by Steve Recca concerning the state of homeland security education, along with several important articles. The first article, by Linda Kiltz, argues that higher education homeland security and emergency management programs should be collaborative, integrated and should involve multiple disciplines. Kiltz highlights the benefits and challenges of an interdisciplinary approach to EM–HS education. The second article, by Lita Megan Grace, examines physical fitness requirements for first responder agencies within California and for the Federal government.

Contained in this issue are reviews of two new textbooks: *Introduction to Homeland Security* by Logan and Ramsay, and *Business Continuity and Homeland Security* by McIntyre and Hancock.

In late August homeland security educators across North America attended a five-day faculty development workshop at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, CA. Some topics discussed included homeland security and homeland security intelligence, homeland security technology, US–Mexico issues, homeland security and comparative homeland security, and themes and topics for future issues of the JHSE. Kudos to Steve Recca, Director of Partnership Programs at NPS, for facilitating an outstanding educational opportunity.

The JHSE continues striving to provide articles that are timely, helpful, relevant, and thought-provoking. We welcome your input and suggestions for improvement. Please note that additional articles will be added to this online issue until October 31, 2012. Authors interested in submitting manuscripts for the December 2012 issue should do so by November 1, 2012.