Galloway Township, NJ- On April 17, 2010, thirteen continuing professional education students completed the first cohort of the Certificate in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness program offered by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Program participants represented law enforcement, emergency medical services, school administration, gaming, emergency management and public health.

The 130-hour executive format program utilized classroom-based and online instruction. The group met on campus every eight weeks in addition to participating in coursework and group discussion activities online. The certificate program is comprised of four courses: Terrorism; Infrastructure Security; Sectorized Security; and Psychology in Homeland Security.

“The ability to offer an executive format, hybrid program provided much needed flexibility for working professionals,” explained Cynthia Sosnowski, executive director of Stockton College Continuing Studies for Health Sciences and Human Services.

The Certificate in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness is offered in collaboration with the Stockton College School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The non-credit certificate program is modeled after the graduate Homeland Security track that is offered through the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ) program. The non-credit offering is an alternative for professionals who are working in a related field but are not seeking a graduate degree. The primary faculty member was Lt. Col. Dr. Mark Anarumo, visiting associate professor of criminal justice. Alice Guy, M.A. of T.E.A.M. Dynamics also served as faculty for the program.

A second cohort of the program is planned for fall 2010. Information about the program is available at [www.stockton.edu/hshs](http://www.stockton.edu/hshs) under “Certificate Programs.”

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