

## School of Public Affairs



### THE CENTER FOR HOMELAND SECURITY WELCOMES BACK STEVE RECCA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"May you live in interesting times..." For better or worse, we certainly do live in a remarkably *interesting* era where uncertainty is rife and security often seems elusive. We just observed the 13-year anniversary of the terrible attacks of September 11, 2001. Yet events in Ukraine, Syria, and Iraq; West Africa's ebola emergency; and closer to home, the situation along the US southwest border and the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings demonstrate the breadth of the challenge that remains. We are charged with having to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the diverse threats to our security.



Executive Director **Steve Recca** re-joined the Center for Homeland Security (CHS) in August. Steve says, "I look forward to working with a remarkably talented, accomplished, and versatile faculty, staff, and students to address this challenge head-on. Through a networked approach to graduate and undergraduate education, faculty research and community engagement, the Center is positioned to make our times a bit *less* interesting. That's something we all can look forward to!"

Steve concurrently serves as the Co-Director of the University and Agency Partnership Initiative for the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security and as the Humanitarian Assistance Program Advisor with the Pacific Disaster Center.

Steve's previous positions include security policy assignments with the Central Intelligence Agency, State Department, Department of Defense, and in academia. From 1995-1998, he served as Special Assistant and Speechwriter for the Secretary of the Navy and the Director of Central Intelligence. Following assignment to the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Steve held the Inman Intelligence Chair at NPS, and returned to Europe in 2003 to serve as the Defense Department's Chief Liaison to the German Federal Intelligence Service. From 2006 until April 2009, Steve directed the Center for Homeland Security at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

Steve serves on the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross, on advisory boards for the University of California – Los Angeles and Marian University, and on the editorial review boards for three peer-reviewed journals: *Homeland Security Affairs and Risk*, *Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, and *Journal of Homeland Security Education*.

The **Center for Homeland Security**, formerly under the umbrella of the National Institute of Science, Space and Security Centers (NISSSC), has been operating as part of the School of Public Affairs for the past year. CHS exists to provide research capabilities, education, and training to meet specific community needs in the areas of homeland security and emergency response. The Center works in collaboration with military, industry, government, and academia.