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Sedgwick County Fire Department Captain Earns Homeland Security Master's Degree

Captain David Matthew, Sedgwick County Fire Department, recently completed a Master of Arts Degree in Homeland Security Studies at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Ca.

All CHDS programs are focused on leadership development to enable the United States to win the war on terrorism. Through graduate and executive level coursework, seminars, and research, homeland security leaders gain the analytic skills and substantive expertise they need to prevent, deter and respond to terrorism.

The Master's Degree program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training. The rigorous program features faculty from around the world and an innovative curriculum developed by experts from a variety of disciplines.

During the eighteen-month online and in-residence program, Matthew collaborated with homeland security officials from across the nation on current policy, strategy, and organizational design challenges. He also completed research papers and wrote a thesis on Homeland Security Teamwork and Leadership.

Matthew is a Captain at the joint services station and the training coordinator for the Wichita/Sedgwick County Hazardous Material Response Team. He is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy and has been credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

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