

Protect New York: Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Remarks from outgoing PNY President.
- Information on the new President of PNY.
- Terrorism.
- Man-made disaster management.
- Homeland security, fire prevention and HAZMAT.

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Remarks from John Kostanoski: Outgoing President of Protect New York

I have been asked to make a few comments as your outgoing president. Let's hope as president that I have learned something about brevity. First, let me welcome Steven Dubovsky as Protect New York's new president. I am honored to pass the scepter to him as he is an exceptionally accomplished and dynamic individual. I believe that much will be achieved under his capable stewardship. With reference to past achievements, I was able to start the Newsletter which is under the editorship of Marie-Helen Maras and Philip George Hancock. Also, I was fortunate to have worked with Ernest Sternberg (our founding president) on two proposals ("Advancing Security-Control Technologies in New York" and "Center of Excellence in Building and Infrastructure Security") that furthered the interest of Protect New York (the latter was submitted to the New York State Office of Homeland Security). In closing, I plan to continue to work with colleagues across disciplines as well as campuses to harness our great strength to pursue and achieve a distinct type of excellence in protection research.

Steven Dubovsky: New President of Protect New York

Dr. Dubovsky is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University at Buffalo and Adjoint Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine at the University of Colorado. His research is in the areas of disaster response, intracellular signaling in mood disorders, the pathophysiology of psychiatric illness, development of new treatments, and interactions between medical and psychiatric illnesses. He has published over 200 journal articles, chapters and books and he has lectured internationally on a variety of topics. His most recent book (with Amelia N. Dubovsky) is *Prescriber's*

Survival Guide: Ethical Prescribing in the Era of Big Pharma, published by W.W. Norton.

Dr. Dubovsky maintains an active clinical practice devoted to mood disorders, complex and difficult clinical problems, and consultation to psychiatrists, other physicians and other mental health professionals. He receives referrals from around the world on refractory psychiatric illnesses. He teaches students, residents and practitioners in all specialties and regularly conducts educational programs for patient and advocacy groups.

Dr. Dubovsky is active as an interior firefighter and EMT with the Eggertsville Hose Company.

Monthly Update on Security Issues

Times Square bomb: Will Congress finally fix homeland security oversight?

The Times Square bomb is just the latest of more than 30 terrorist plots against the US since 9/11. Yet Congress still operates the way it did on Sept. 10, 2001. Read more at: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2010/0505/Times-Square-bomb-Will-Congress-finally-fix-homeland-security-oversight>

US closes no-fly loophole exposed by Faisal Shahzad

Airlines must recheck passenger lists within two hours of being notified of a 'special circumstances' name on the no-fly list. The rule comes after the arrest of Faisal Shahzad at a New York airport. Read more at: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2010/0505/US-closes-no-fly-loophole-exposed-by-Faisal-Shahzad>

Lieberman wants to strip citizenship of Americans who join foreign terror orgs

The proposal would amend current law that bars American citizens from fighting for foreign armies at the price of losing their citizenship. Read more at:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/95967-lieberman-wants-to-strip-citizenship-of-americans-who-join-foreign-terror-orgs>

U.S. exempted BP's Gulf of Mexico drilling from environmental impact study

Environmentalists and some key senators are calling for a reassessment of safety requirements for off-shore drilling. Read more at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/04/AR2010050404118.html?hpid=topnews>

Greece Fuels Fears of Contagion in U.S.

Crisis would likely spread in Europe before crossing Atlantic, economists say; wary investors monitor credit markets. Read more at:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703322204575226610969485910.html?>

General Interests Sites

The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security/ Homeland Security Digital Library. Provides open access to over 40,900 U.S. Federal Government documents and academic theses. Read more at: <http://hsdl.org/>

New York City Fire Department. Their main website is: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/home2.shtml>

The Virtual Report. HazMat/WMD Training and Situational Awareness information may be found here; you are required to register: <http://www.hazmatiq.com/?cat=12>

Protect New York's goal is to safeguard New York State and the Metropolitan New York area from terrorism and disaster through research, education, and public service.

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About Protect New York

The catastrophic risks that New York State faces from terrorism and other disasters will challenge us for generations. To create and disseminate knowledge on ever better ways of protecting ourselves, New York must foster excellence in research, education, and public service. Founded at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 24, 2006, **Protect New York** is dedicated to helping New York State and New York City meet this challenge.

Readers Section

We at Protect New York rely on our readership to scan the environment and send in articles of interest so that we may spread the word. To this end, if you have web links or articles that you consider may be of interest then please e-mail your suggestions to phancock@buffalo.edu for consideration by the editors.

About the Editors

Dr. Marie-Helen Maras is an international editor for the *Journal of Applied Security Research*. She is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Farmingdale State College (SUNY). She was awarded her PhD in Law from the Center for Criminology, University of Oxford, UK in 2008. She also has graduate degrees in Criminology and Criminal Justice (University of Oxford, UK) and Industrial and Organizational Psychology (University of New Haven) and undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Computer and Information Science (University of Maryland University College). Marie gained extensive law enforcement and security experience from her posts in the military as a Navy Law Enforcement Specialist and Command Investigator. Her main research interests are security, surveillance, terrorism and counter terrorism.

Dr. Philip George Hancock is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University at Buffalo (SUNY). Dr. Hancock's experience includes fourteen years in management in the Scottish Prison Service and three years part-time in the British Army. His main interest is operations research and his publications include articles appearing in *The Prison Journal*, *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, *International Journal of Service Sciences* and the *Journal of Applied Security Research*.