

Department of Homeland Security
Weekly Chief of Staff Report
Office of Partnership and Engagement
February 15, 2016 – March 4, 2016

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings

- On **February 6 – 9**, Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) Assistant Secretary Heather Fong participated in the National Sheriffs' Association 2016 Winter Conference in Washington, DC. Portions Open and Closed Press.
- On **February 7**, OSLLE Assistant Secretary Fong participated in the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) executive board meeting in Washington D.C. IADLEST is an international organization of training managers and executives dedicated to the improvement of public safety personnel. Closed Press.
- On **February 9**, OSLLE Assistant Secretary Fong joined Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas at Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA) Executive Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C. Closed Press.
- On **February 9**, Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant Secretary Phil McNamara, in partnership with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Customs and Border Protection, hosted a call at the request of the states to discuss refugee security and vetting ahead of the Winter National Governors Association meeting. Closed Press.
- On **February 9**, Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Alaina Clark joined the Office of Academic Engagement on a joint teleconference meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council's Subcommittees on Academic Research and Faculty Exchange and Homeland Security Academic Programs. Closed Press.
- On **February 10**, Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark joined the Office of Academic Engagement on a teleconference meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council's Subcommittee on Student and Recent Graduate Recruitment. The meeting featured a presentation from a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement representative on law enforcement recruitment efforts for students and recent graduates. Closed Press.
- On **February 10 – 11**, OSLLE Assistant Secretary Heather Fong will participate in the Major County Sheriffs' Association Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. On February 10, Secretary Johnson participated in the meeting, delivered remarks and participated in a Q&A session. Closed Press.
- On **February 11**, Private Sector Office (PSO) Acting Assistant Secretary Jim Dinneen will meet with the Financial Integrity Network President Juan Zarate to next steps in addressing illicit finance. Closed Press.

- On **February 11**, Director Sarah Morgenthau and the Aspen Institute’s Homeland Security Group will meet with Secretary Johnson following his annual State of Homeland Security address at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Closed Press.
- On **February 15 – 17**, OSLE Assistant Secretary Fong will participate in the North Carolina-South Carolina Counterterrorism Conference in Charleston, SC. Hosted by the Major County Sheriffs’ Association, National Sheriffs’ Association, and the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office, the conference will bring together law enforcement professionals from small and medium sized agencies in the Carolina region. Closed Press.
- On **February 16**, Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant Secretary McNamara and Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Brian Kamoie will make “courtesy calls” to select state and local partners in advance of the public release of the Fiscal Year (FY) 16 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FEMA’s preparedness grants. Closed Press.
- On **February 16**, PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen and will participate in an interagency cyber table top exercise at Johns Hopkins in Laurel, MD. Closed Press.
- On **February 16**, Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark will join the Office of Academic Engagement on a joint teleconference meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council’s Subcommittees on Campus Resilience and Cybersecurity. The meeting will highlight DHS’s “If You See Something, Say Something TM” public awareness Campaign and provide a briefing on the October 2015 National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education. Closed Press.
- On **February 17**, Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant Secretary McNamara will host two stakeholder conference calls for State and local partners, the national associations that represent them and private sector partners to discuss the release of the FY16 Notice of Funding Opportunity for FEMA’s preparedness grants. Assistant Administrator Kamoie will also participate. Closed Press.
- On **February 17**, Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark will join the Office of Academic Engagement on a teleconference meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council’s Subcommittee on International Students. The meeting will feature an update from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the Student Exchange Visitor Program’s Optional Practical Training case. The subcommittee is chaired by Ms. Marlene Johnson, Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Closed Press.
- On **February 18**, HSAC Director Sarah Morenthau will hold a bi-weekly preparatory call for members. Peter Verga, the Defense Advisor to the Secretary and the Coordinator for the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan, will provide an update on the Southwest Border. Closed Press.

- On **February 19**, Director Sarah Morgenthau and the HSAC's Countering Violent Extremism Subcommittee will meet in person with various subject matter experts to discuss emerging trends and issues related to areas focused on countering violent extremism. Closed Press.
- On **February 19**, Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant Secretary McNamara will attend the Council of Governors (COG) meeting along with DHS leadership to include Secretary Jeh Johnson, FEMA Administrator Fugate, USCG Admiral Midgette, as well as leadership from the Department of Defense and Governors from the ten COG states. Topics will include cybersecurity, the Defense budget, and other pressing homeland defense and security issues. Closed Press.
- On **February 20 – 21**, IGA Assistant Secretary McNamara will participate in the National Governors Association Winter meeting, to include a closed door session on refugee vetting and security with Deputy Secretary Mayorkas, the Governors, and members of the White House. Portions Open and Closed Press.
- On **February 22**, Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant Secretary McNamara will join Secretary Johnson for a public event at the Newseum with five Governors to discuss their leadership during a time of crisis. Joining the Secretary for the event are Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy, former Massachusetts Deval Patrick, former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, and *tentatively* Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant. Open Press.
- On **February 29 - March 4**, PSO Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen and other leadership from DHS components will participate in the annual RSA conference in San Francisco, CA. Open and Closed Press.
- On **March 7**, Private Sector Office Acting Assistant Secretary Dinneen, along with ICE-HSI Cyber Crimes Center representatives, will meet with UPS technology officials from New Jersey and Atlanta to discuss the formation of a pilot program centered on dark web illicit trade. Closed Press.