



17TH ANNUAL
**HOMELAND
SECURITY WEEK**

**POST SHOW
REPORT
2024**

HOMELAND POST SHOW INTRODUCTION

The continually evolving landscape of homeland security has proven to bring unique challenges. In order to overcome these obstacles, the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) has annually brought together the top minds in the homeland defense and security spheres at our Homeland Security Week event, and this January proved to be one of the best iterations of the event yet.

For two days experts from across the Federal Government, Law Enforcement, Industry and Academia shared insights on a wide range of topics including border security, cybersecurity, counter UAS, intelligence sharing, infrastructure protection and resilience, identity technology, agency collaboration, budget planning and much more.



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MEET THE CHAIRPERSON



NELSON BALIDO **CHAIRMAN** **BORDER COMMERCE AND SECURITY COUNCIL**

Nelson Balido drives results in diverse government, politics, private industry, and non-profit arenas. As one of the leading authorities on the U.S. border for trade, travel, energy and security issues, he leads Balido and Associates, a strategic management consultancy, and is the founder of the Border Commerce and Security Council and the Energy Council of the Americas. Before assuming his current role, he was the President of the Border Trade Alliance. He was a presidential pick to lead the private sector division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and also served on the Homeland Security Advisory Council, where he was awarded the department's highest civilian award – the Outstanding Public Service Medal.

He has extensive experience in public and private sectors at the local, state and federal levels. For years, Nelson has worked closely with the governments of U.S., Canada, and Mexico at every level by advocating on behalf of policy initiatives designed to improve cross-border affairs, trade and security relations, energy reform and cultural understanding. He is a professional speaker for Energy, Trade and Border Security conferences, the ASPEN Institute, the US Department of Commerce, and various U.S. and Mexico news media outlets such as FOX NEWS, THE HILL, HOMELAND SECURITY TODAY and many others.

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DAILY SUMMARIES

DAY 1:

Day one of Homeland Security Week focused on law enforcement and border patrol and saw speakers from US Customs and Border Protection (CPB), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and local law enforcement agencies such as the DC Metropolitan Police Department

To kick off Homeland Security Week Dimitri Kusnezov, Under Secretary for Science and Technology at the Department of Homeland Security, delivered a thought-provoking presentation on his divisions efforts to keep the department prepared in era of rapid change.

During the presentation Kusnezov identified two major fronts of change: the immediate challenges posed by extreme weather events and conflicts and the broader influence of emerging technologies. The Under Secretary stressed the need for innovative solutions, recognizing that the Department's challenges require more than transactional approaches. He advocated for deep partnerships and the exploration of diverse options to enhance preparedness and response capabilities. ▶



DAILY SUMMARIES

DAY 1 CONTINUED:

Following Kusnezov, Homeland Security Week welcomed a string of speakers from the CPB to discuss the agency's goals for 2024 and strategies for bolstering U.S. Border Security. This includes a presentation from Joel Martinez, Deputy Chief of U.S. Border Patrol. During his session Martinez lead a lively discussion on the collaboration and technology development that is required to protect the border. One of the biggest technological issues Martinez said the CPB is facing is a lack of interoperability between systems that leaves the CPB's technological capabilities a step behind.



One of the more unique sessions on day one was a panel discussion on CUAS capabilities in homeland defense. This panel discussion welcomed speakers such as Brent Cotton, Counter-UAS Program Management Office at the Department of Homeland Security to discuss the uphill battle CUAS specialists face in educating agencies on the risks of UAS and providing local law enforcement agencies with the tools and training to deploy CUAS efforts on their own.

FULL PANEL



Brent Cotton,
Counter-UAS Program Management Office,
Department of Homeland Security



Lori Sims,
Director of Resource Integration, Office for
State and Local Law Enforcement,
Department of Homeland Security



Wren Ray,
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Department of Justice



Scott Parker,
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DAILY SUMMARIES

DAY 2:

The second day of Homeland Security Week took a closer look at the current state of biometrics, cybersecurity and IT as it relates to homeland security.

One of the more notable presentations on day 2 came from Eric Hysen, Chief Information Officer for the Department of Homeland Security. The focus of Hysen's lecture was on the future of AI at DHS, and during his time Hysen explained how the DHS was planning to use AI to increase workforce productivity, improve the customer experience and secure IT systems and department data.

Beyond analyzing the impact of advancements of technologies such as generative AI, the second day of Homeland Security Week also saw a knowledgeable panel discuss the future of biometrics. One recurring challenge mentioned by the panelists who represented both the DHS and private industry, was the lack of end-to-end solutions in the biometrics space. By working with end-to-end solutions, those who work in biometrics can ensure they are continuously keeping representatives from other law enforcement agencies in the loop.



FULL PANEL



Brian Broderick,

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Another thought-provoking session from day 2 of the summit was provided by Bridget Bean, Assistant Director for Integrated Operations at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on cyber and infrastructure goals and requirements in 2024. During her presentation Assistant Director Bean shared how CISA is leveraging the latest AI solutions to protect elections, create resilient response plans and secure cyber systems for all DHS employees.

By the end of day 2, Homeland Security Week had covered every relevant topic in the homeland security landscape in 2024. From border security, to the future of biometrics, every aspect of the DHS mission was discussed. In 2025, look for conversations on these topics to continue as well as discourse relating to any new obstacles in the homeland security space.

ATTENDEE TESTIMONIALS

"Homeland Security Week has given me the opportunity to both reunite with old colleagues and connect with new ones."

- **Bill Pratt, Reli Group**

"This year's panels were put together very well and led to some engaging conversations"

- **Tim Meyerhoff, Iris**

"The breadth, or scope, of the agenda has been really impressive."

- **Nate Mobasser, GSA**

"Homeland Security Week has provided us with a great knowledge-gaining opportunity."

- **Amelia Koby, GAO**

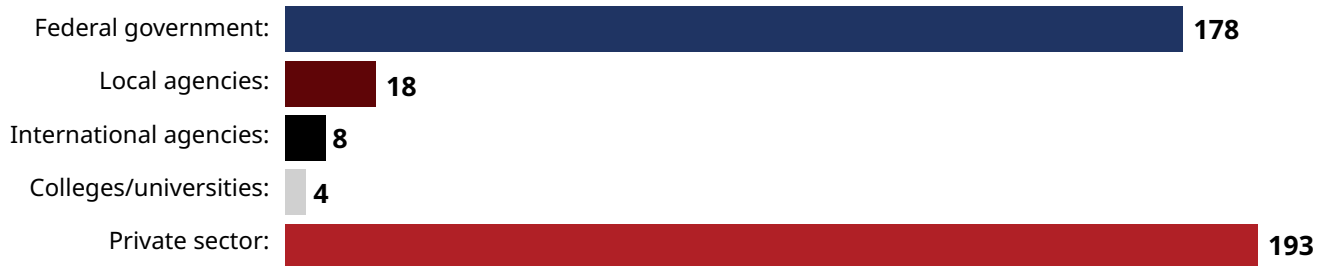
"I've been able to understand the pain points in DHS and where Decision Lens can make an impact."

- **Ben Fernandez,
Decision Lens**

(Pictured)



ATTENDEE BREAKDOWN



ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN

FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Department of Homeland Security
- Homeland Security and Justice Team
- Government Accountability Office
- DHS C-UAS PMO
- DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- U.S. Marine Corps
- Federal Aviation Administration
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- DHR Office of Inspector General
- DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking
- U.S. Coast Guard
- DHS OBIM
- DHS Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- FBI
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
- US Army
- Dhs Science & Technology
- Department of State
- Army Threat Integration Center



- Government Publishing Office (GPO)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- US General Services Administration
- NORAD & USNORTHCOM Washington Operations
- Air National Guard
- White House
- Department of State
- National Guard Bureau
- Department of Commerce
- Directorate of Intelligence (Joint Staff J2)
- NASA
- Administrative Office of the United States Courts
- Department of the Army CID
- Army Materiel Command

ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN

STATE/LOCAL AGENCIES:

- New York Police Department
- DC Metropolitan Police
- Baltimore Police
- Northampton County Sheriff's Dept.
- Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
- Pasco Sheriff's Office
- Montgomery County Police department
- Alameda County
- District 1
- Office of Supervisor Haubert
- Durham Police
- Durham County Government
- San Francisco Police Department
- Metro Washington Airports Authority Police Department
- Alameda County

INTERNATIONAL:

National Police

- Spain
- French Embassy
- German Federal Police
- New Zealand Customs Service
- German Embassy Washington D.C.

UNIVERSITIES:

- The George Washington University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Capella University

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ManTech
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Aware Inc.
Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency
LMI
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IBM
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Anacapa Micro Products, Inc.
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Panasonic Toughbooks
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Skydio
CapGemini
Echodyne Corp
Vicinity
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