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The DHS Bulletin provides up to date information on the Department of Homeland Security initiatives on which the news media is focused. The Bulletin draws from press releases, statements, op-eds, testimony, blog posts and other public documents to provide an overview of the most newsworthy topics.

ISSUES IN THE HEADLINES

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[HIGHLIGHTING NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH, SECRETARY NAPOLITANO RINGS THE NASDAQ OPENING BELL](#)

Secretary Napolitano today traveled to New York City to visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in Times Square and ring the Opening Bell alongside private sector partners. She then joined U.S. Secret Service Assistant Director for Investigations A. T. Smith and National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) Acting Deputy Under Secretary Greg Schaffer for a roundtable discussion with cybersecurity partners from law enforcement and the private sector to discuss efforts to combat cyber crime, as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

- “DHS is proud to work closely with the banking and financial services sector to share information and expertise, identify potential vulnerabilities, reduce risk, and improve our resiliency to potential disruptions.” (quote by Secretary Napolitano – [DHS press release](#))

[View photos from the Secretary’s visit to the NASDAQ MarketSite](#)

[Read about DHS’s efforts to create a safe, secure, and resilient cyber environment](#)

[ICE ANNOUNCES YEAR-END REMOVAL NUMBERS](#)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton today announced the agency's fiscal year 2011 year-end removal numbers, highlighting trends that underscore the administration's focus on removing individuals from the country that fall into priority areas for enforcement. These priorities include the identification and removal of those that have broken criminal laws, threats to national security, recent border crossers, repeat violators of immigration law and immigration court fugitives.

- “Smart and effective immigration enforcement relies on setting priorities for removal and executing on those priorities. These year-end totals indicate that we are making progress, with more convicted criminals, recent border crossers, egregious immigration law violators and immigration fugitives being removed from the country than ever before. Though we still have work to do, this progress is a testament to the hard work and dedication of thousands of ICE agents, officers and attorneys around the country.” (quote by ICE Director Morton – [ICE press release](#))

In FY 2011: ICE removed 396,906 individuals — the largest number in the agency's history. Of these, nearly 55 percent or 216,698 of the people removed were convicted of felonies or misdemeanors — an 89 percent increase in the removal of criminals since FY 2008. [Read more.](#)

TUNE IN ON THURSDAY AT 5:30 p.m. EST: SECRETARY NAPOLITANO TO SPEAK AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

As part of her campus lecture series, Secretary Napolitano will participate in the [Terry Sanford Distinguished Lecture series at Duke University](#) to discuss the Department’s homeland security missions and highlight the missions of the next generation of homeland security professionals.

Tune in on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. EST: The event will be streamed live [here](#).

[EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CYBER PROFESSIONALS](#)

As part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, Nicole Dean, Director of the Department’s National Cyber Security Division, highlighted the importance of educating and engaging the next generation of cyber professionals to protect against evolving threats, on the DHS Blog.

- “At DHS, we are committed to building and sustaining a world-class cybersecurity team by hiring a diverse group of cyber professionals and offering them opportunities to acquire new skills and grow as professionals.” (quote by DHS National Cyber Security Division Director Nicole Dean – [The Blog @ Homeland Security](#))

DID YOU KNOW: *Through the National Initiative for Cyber Security Education, DHS works with schools and universities to attract top talent through competitive scholarships, fellowships, internship programs, and other student opportunities. [Read more on the DHS Blog.](#)*

[DHS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE WINS TWO AWARDS FOR PROGRESS IN CYBER](#)

“The DHS Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) is leading efforts to develop and deploy more secure internet protocols that protect consumers and industry internet users,” wrote Doug Maughan, Director of S&T’s Cyber Security Division, on the DHS Blog. Last week, the Department’s Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) received two awards for work in making the Internet safer and more secure:

- The National Cybersecurity Innovation Award at the Sans Institute’s Second Annual National Cybersecurity Innovation Conference, for S&T’s [Domain Name System](#)

[Security Extensions \(DNSSEC\) project](#), designed to protect the public from malicious imposter websites

- The Open Source for America 2011 Government Deployment Open Source Award for S&T's [Homeland Open Security Technology \(HOST\) project](#), which brings together technology leaders from across government to address security gaps

FEMA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DISASTER RECOVERY IN NEW ENGLAND

FEMA continues to work closely with our state and local partners that are still recovering from the tornadoes that swept through the Connecticut River Valley and the aftermath of tropical storm Irene.

- “As New Englanders work to recover from the impact of the recent storms, FEMA continues to offer assistance and support to local and state partners across the region. We are proud partners in this recovery effort and remain committed to offer support and assistance for the remainder of the recovery effort.” (quote by FEMA Region I Administrator Don Boyce – [FEMA Blog](#))

[Watch the video on FEMA's efforts to support disaster recovery in New England](#)

HOMELAND SECURITY ON THE HILL

Senior leaders from across the Department – including Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs Dr. Alexander Garza, Under Secretary for Science and Technology Dr. Tara O’Toole, and FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Russell – have testified this week before Congress.

- [Testimony of Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs Dr. Alexander Garza](#) and [Under Secretary for Science and Technology Dr. Tara O’Toole](#) before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on DHS’s progress in preventing and responding to an anthrax attack
 - “In the decade since the Amerithrax incident there have been significant gains in the country’s ability to detect, respond to and recover from a deliberate bioattack or a natural epidemic of infectious disease.” (Testimony of S&T Under Secretary Dr. Tara O’Toole)
- [Testimony of FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Russell](#) before the House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Management Subcommittee, on FEMA’s response to recent fires in Texas and the disaster declaration process
 - “This year, FEMA has approved a record 55 Fire Assistance Management Grants for Texas and the President has issued two major disaster declarations...FEMA is here to support the State of Texas and the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the wildfire response and recovery efforts.” (Testimony of FEMA Region VI Administrator Tony Russell)

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Secretary Napolitano rings the Opening Bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite today in Times Square alongside private sector partners as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of NASDAQ OMX.



[READ ABOUT THE PROGRESS DHS HAS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

Learn more about the Department's progress in:

- [Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security](#)
- [Strengthening the Homeland Security Enterprise](#)
- [Enforcing and Administering our Immigration Laws](#)
- [Securing and Managing our Borders](#)
- [Strengthening Resilience to Disasters](#)
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