

Preparedness Networks:
Crossing Sectors, Joining Jurisdictions

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Abstract

This presentation provides an overview of START research, with a special focus on research being conducted by members of START Working Group #3, which focuses on societal dimensions of terrorism. The presentation includes an overview of WG#3 research on local community preparedness networks. This study, which is being carried out by the University of Colorado Natural Hazards Center, involves field work and in-depth interviews in five "typical" UASI sites. This study seeks to better understand the structure and composition of local terrorism preparedness networks; the nature of interactions among organizations participating in preparedness networks; and the impacts of DHS preparedness initiatives on local efforts.