

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

El Paso, Texas

Forensic Epidemiology: Joint Training for U.S. and Mexico Law Enforcement and Public Health Officials on Investigative Responses to Bioterrorism

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The events of fall 2001, the anthrax attacks and the thousands of biologic threats and hoaxes, required law enforcement and public health agencies to work together in ways without precedent. The concurrent responses to such threats affirmed the many similarities in the goals and investigative methods used by both law enforcement and public health officials but also highlighted their unique individual approaches.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas, the Texas Department of Health, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, El Paso City/County Health Environmental District and the U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission are sponsoring a one day training conference and workshop on Forensic Epidemiology.

The primary goal of this training is to enhance the coordinated effectiveness of law enforcement and public health when both agencies conduct concurrent investigations in response to a threat or attack involving possible biological weapons. This training brings law enforcement and public health officials together in working through fact-based case scenarios involving biological weapons or threats.

We have selected the Hotel Camino Real, 101 S. El Paso Street, located in downtown El Paso as a training location. Agencies located in the county covered by the El Paso Division of the Western District of Texas will be given priority for attendance, others will be selected based on space availability:

Seating is limited, please fax your registration form to **210-384-7474** before **July 16, 2004**.

If you have questions, contact AUSA/Anti-Terrorism Coordinator Don Calvert at (210) 384-7177, LECC Manager Richard Urbanek (210) 384-7436, or AUSA Greg McDonald (915) 534-6884.