



Spring 2011 Update

■ THE 9/11 TENTH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT: REMEMBRANCE, RENEWAL, RESILIENCE



The *Center for National Policy* and the *VOICES of September 11th*, with support from *The Rockefeller Foundation*, are hosting the **9/11 Tenth Anniversary**

Summit on September 8, 2011 in Washington, DC. This will be the main commemoration event in the nation's capitol at which those so tragically lost will be remembered and the extraordinary stories of unity, selflessness, and resilience surrounding the events of that day will be highlighted.

The Summit will begin on the morning of Thursday, September 8th, at the Newseum. Presented in partnership with Participant Media, the Newseum, the Community and Regional Resilience Institute and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the program will premiere a series of short-form documentaries showcasing poignant stories of remembrance, renewal and resilience arising from both the tragic events of 9/11 as well as significant disasters. Each documentary will be followed by panel interviews conducted by major media personalities and a Q&A from the attendees. The documentaries and interviews will be simulcast on the

web and provided to all major media outlets. The films will relay untold stories of the selfless response by everyday citizens on 9/11, the bravery and sacrifice of America's military men and women since that tragic day, an example of extraordinary community resilience in the face of recent disasters along the Gulf Coast, and the rebirth of the World Trade Center site in New York City.

The Summit will conclude on the evening of September 8th with a formal Dinner to which President Obama has been invited to keynote. The evening will focus on remembrance of the people who lost their lives in the attacks, the resilience of their survivors, and the heroic work of those who responded and carried on to rebuild America's resilience. In addition, an award will be presented to the members of the 9/11 Commission including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, former Governor Thomas Kean and former Congressman Lee Hamilton.

The Summit will also serve as the formal launch of a National Resilience Campaign. The Campaign

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will be led by the Center for National Policy and the Community and Regional Resilience Institute with support from Participant Media. The goal is to inform and guide a call to action for individuals, communities, and companies to participate in furthering societal resilience as a national and global imperative.

■ INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE PROJECT: ENERGY SECTOR TASK FORCE MEETING

The initial meeting of the Center for National Policy's Energy Sector Task Force was held in New York City, and co-hosted by New York University's Center for Global Affairs, on March 24-25th. A subsequent meeting, organized in conjunction with the University of Southern California's National Homeland Security Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE), was held in Los Angeles on April 26th. These two sessions are part of a national project that will include upcoming meetings in Houston, and Washington, DC.

The objective of the Energy Sector Task Force is to produce recommendations on how the United States can develop a resilient domestic energy infrastructure. Task Force participants include senior members of industry, academia, and non-governmental organizations. In defining policy prescriptions, the



New York University's Center for Global Affairs

Task Force is examining critical issues across the industry in three key areas: capacity, sustainability and security. The project will culminate in a Final Task Force Report that will be presented on Capitol Hill to members of Congress and pertinent agencies and departments.



University of Southern California

■ TASK FORCE FOR A RESILIENT AMERICA: INAUGURAL MEETING



Daya Wolterstorff, Participant Media

The inaugural meeting of CNP's Task Force for a Resilient America, was held in Beverly Hills on April 25th. The meeting was co-hosted by Participant Media (*Waiting for Superman*). The Task Force meeting gathered experts in the fields of advertising, public relations, public opinion polling,

market research firms, the entertainment industry and social networking, to discuss how best to reach the public with messages supporting the building of cultural resilience in America.

The Task Force is scheduled to meet again in New York and Washington, DC, in the Spring and Summer of 2011 and will produce a report of its findings and recommendations, the release of which will correspond with the 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Summit.

■ DR. FLYNN AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING CONFERENCE



On March 3rd, Dr. Stephen Flynn and Dave Tweedy (Chief of Capital Planning, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey) participated in a panel discussion, "Taking the Philosophy of Resilience Into Practice," as part of Engineering News-Record's *Mitigating Disaster through Design & Construction Conference*. This collaboration is part of the Center for National Policy's continued effort to assist the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in introducing its Applied Center of Excellence for Infrastructure Resilience (ACEIR) to the broader security and resilience community.

The panel was moderated by Tom Sawyer (Senior Editor, Information Technology, Engineering News-Record). Other members of the panel

included: Najib Abboud (PE, Weidlinger Associates Inc.); and King W. Gee (U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration).

■ THE CENTER FOR NATIONAL POLICY TOURS REGIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTERS

On December 6, 2010, the Center for National Policy toured the air traffic management facilities at Reagan National Airport and the Herndon Air Traffic Control System Command Center. With the FAA preparing to launch its next generation air traffic programs, the trip was a



Herndon Command Center



Reagan National Airport

timely means for the Center for National Policy to examine the intricacies of the air traffic system. The Herndon Command Center is responsible for coordinating the system capacity of the National Airspace System with air traffic demand. The group witnessed two perspectives of the system in operation: the wider national network managed at Herndon and the local system comprised of runways and taxiways at Reagan National. These visits served to help highlight the need for air traffic management modernization as part of an effort to increase national resilience.

■ 2011 NATIONAL RESILIENCE POLICY FORUM

The Center for National Policy held the kick-off meeting for the 2011 National Resilience Policy Forum on April 28th. The National Resilience Policy Forum is an ongoing national dialogue, co-sponsored with the Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI), to help inform public and private sector decision makers concerned with domestic resilience issues.



This Forum, which was inaugurated last year, is comprised of experts actively involved in issues associated with resilience. The participants include individuals from state and local government, large and small businesses, research and academic institutions, and non-governmental and community organizations.

At the April 28th meeting, Mary Fetchet, founder and president of the VOICES of September 11th, briefed the forum on their current initiatives. VOICES of September 11th provides support services to 9/11 families, rescue workers, and survivors, along with their efforts to promote public policy reform in the areas of disaster prevention, preparedness, and response. Currently, VOICES is developing a curriculum to help inform service providers of the best practices to be employed in post-disaster communities.

The forum was also provided with an update from Warren Edwards, the director of CARRI, on the upcoming rollout of CARRI's community resilience system initiative. CARRI is working to release a common framework to provide communities and regions with concrete tools to enhance economic and social resilience. Edwards illustrated to the forum the benefits of CARRI's web-based program that can offer a variety of communities tangible and

streamlined action-items to help strengthen their collective capacity to be resilient.

■ CNP'S STANDING ROOM ONLY EVENTS

A Perspective from the Department

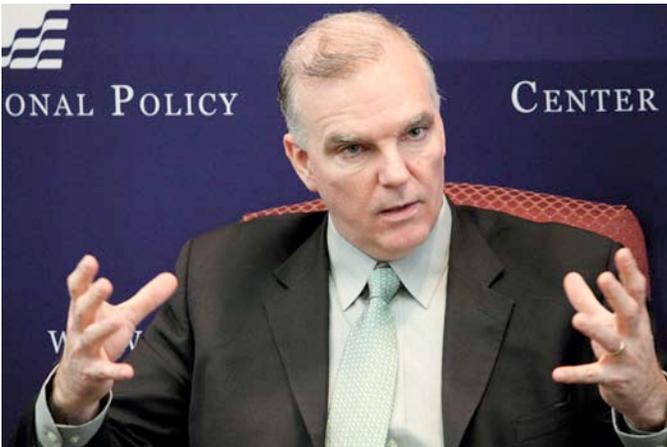


Assistant Secretary Todd M. Keil

On April 28th the Center for National Policy, with sponsorship from IBM, hosted a discussion on the state of our critical infrastructure security. The Department of Homeland Security's Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, Todd M. Keil, was the featured speaker. Assistant Secretary Keil outlined the Department's multi-level approach to infrastructure resilience, as well as the myriad of programs aimed at supporting their mission of critical infrastructure protection. Keil also discussed the Department's efforts to engage a variety of public and private stakeholders in hopes of ensuring a more comprehensive perspective on the challenges and opportunities presented within our critical infrastructure networks.

Prospects for Democracy in the Middle East: Egypt and Beyond

On February 10th, amidst the recent unrest in the Arab world, the Center for National Policy hosted



Les Campbell

the discussion, “Prospects for Democracy in the Middle East: Egypt and Beyond.” Speakers included Professor Gregory Aftandilian, former U.S. State Department Egypt analyst; Lara Friedman, Director of Policy and Government Relations at Americans for Peace Now; and Les Campbell, Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa for the National Democratic Institute. The participants outlined the popular reform movement’s short and long term chances for success and how they might affect the interests of the United States and our allies.

The Rise of China’s Military: Consequences for the U.S. and Our Allies



Abraham Denmark

In concert with the Center for National Policy’s Asia Security Program, the Center for National Policy hosted an event on February 9th, entitled “The

Rise of China’s military: Consequences for the U.S. and Our Allies.” The panel participants included: Andrew Erickson, Associate Professor at the U.S. Naval War College, Abraham Denmark, Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, and Roger Cliff, Political Scientist at the Rand Corporation. They discussed the PRC’s naval and air capabilities and how their development impacts the security interests of the United States and its regional allies.

Perspectives on Infrastructure Resilience



Dan Prieto

On January 12th, the Center for National Policy, with sponsorship from IBM, held an event entitled “Perspectives on Infrastructure Resilience,” featuring: Brandon Wales, Director of the Threat and Risk Analysis Center, Department of Homeland Security; Dr. Najib Abboud, Principal at Weidinger Associates; and Dan Prieto, Vice President of Public Sector Strategy and Change, IBM Global Business Services. The speakers discussed the opportunity of, and challenges to, building sustainable infrastructure resilience.



“Dan Prieto, who was one of the panelists at Wednesday’s event, said the firm is currently working to create resilience benchmarks for 100 U.S. cities, ranking their performance based on the amount

of money they spend in relation to their population in areas such as city services and law enforcement.”

Congressional Quarterly [1/12/11]

Dr. Bruce Parker and the Power of the Sea



Dr. Bruce Parker

On December 14, 2010, The Center for National Policy held an event on the challenges of adapting to a changing climate. The event speaker was Dr. Bruce Parker, the former Chief Scientist for the National Ocean Service and author of The Power of the Sea: Tsunamis, Storm Surges, Rogue Waves, and Our Quest to Predict Disasters. In his remarks, Dr. Parker traced the history of predictive tools used to anticipate disastrous maritime events. After establishing a relevant timeline that spanned millennia, Dr. Parker stressed the importance of renovating our methods of disaster prediction.

■ CNP BOARD DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ARSHT NAMED TOP PHILANTHROPIST

Adrienne Arsht has been selected to receive the 2011 Award for Outstanding Philanthropist, given by the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ as the organization’s top philanthropy honor. The award honors an individual with a proven record of

exceptional generosity who, “through direct financial support, demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a community, national and international level.”



Adrienne Arsht

“The examples set by my parents and their lifelong tradition of philanthropy taught me an unforgettable lesson about the importance of giving, whether of one’s time or financial support. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to help others,” said Arsht in a prepared statement.

■ THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY PARTNERSHIP (TISP) AWARD

On February 11th Dr. Stephen Flynn was presented with the TISP Annual Award for Distinguished Leadership in Critical Infrastructure Resilience, 2010 Private Industry Award Recipient.



■ CNP IN THE NEWS

Foreign Affairs Article

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/>

Dr. Stephen Flynn’s essay “Recalibrating Homeland Security: Mobilizing American Society to Prepare for Disaster” will be featured in the May/June 2011 Issue of Foreign Affairs. In the essay, Dr. Flynn argues that despite the decade that has passed since the attacks of September 11th, Washington still lacks a coherent strategy for harnessing the nation’s best assets for managing risks to the homeland—civil society and the private sector. Indeed, the U.S. government has been inadvertently placing obstacles in the way of Americans becoming active in preparing for and responding to disasters. He outlines a way forward and calls on President Obama to seize on the 9/11 tenth anniversary to recalibrate the nation’s approach to homeland security.

Tufts Fletcher School Resilience Journal

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/resilience/default.shtml>

Dr. Stephen Flynn’s short piece “A National Security Perspective on Resilience” is featured as the preface for *Resilience: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Science and Humanitarianism*, which is Volume Two of the Fletcher School at Tufts University on-line journal. The Fletcher School’s journal aims to provide emerging interdisciplinary researchers, innovative thinkers, and inter-sectoral practitioners engaged in collaborative projects to understand, build, promote, and maintain resilience of individuals, families, communities, institutions and the natural environment, the ecosystem, a forum for disseminating their work.

Visit CNP’s website for key event materials including:



- Video
- Photos
- Audio
- Transcripts
- Summaries

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