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Department of Homeland Security

Agency description:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is tasked with protecting the nation from the threat of terr

Website:

www.dhs.gov

Enabling Statute:

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Key issues:

Border security; deportation; travel security; chemical security; secure identification; disaster response

Sub-agencies:

Computer Emergency Readiness Team; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Federal Law Enfor

DHS sub-agencies

Computer Emergency Readiness Team

Agency description:

The Computer Emergency Readiness Team provides defense against cyber attacks on government (.g

Website:

www.us-cert.gov

Key issues:

Phishing; software updates; spyware; Trojan horse or virus recovery.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency description:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports citizens and first responders in the eve

Website:

www.fema.gov

Key issues:

Emergency preparedness; natural disasters; terrorism; disaster recovery.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

Agency description:

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) provides training for law enforcement officers t

Website:

www.fletc.gov

Key issues:

Human trafficking; counterterrorism; rural policing; driver and firearms training.

Transportation Security Administration

Agency description:

The Transportation Security Administration oversees security operations in the nation's airports.

Website:

www.tsa.gov

Key issues:

Passenger screening; baggage screening; air cargo screening; civil liberties.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency description:

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regulates and enforces lawful immigration procedures.

Website:

www.uscis.gov

Key issues:

Citizenship and naturalization; deportation; asylum; international adoptions; visas for employees, family

U.S. Coast Guard

Agency description:

The U.S. Coast Guard protects the maritime borders and security.

Website:

www.uscg.mil

Key issues:

Search and rescue; port and dock safety; credentialing merchant mariners; commercial inspections of U

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agency description:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection strives to prevent terrorist and weapons from entering the country

Website:

www.cbp.gov

Key issues:

Border patrol; border fence; human trafficking; cargo security; airport security.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Agency description:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is an investigative agency charged with criminal and

Website:

www.ice.gov

Key issues:

Human smuggling and trafficking; identify fraud; worksite enforcement; narcotics enforcement; firearms

U.S. Secret Service

Agency description:

The Secret Service protects that nation's leaders as well as the financial infrastructure of the country.

Website:

www.secretservice.gov

Key issues:

Counterfeiting; most wanted fugitives; Presidential security.