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START Invites DHS Director of First Responder Programs to Speak at Seminar


START, the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, is hosting Dr. Robert Griffin, DHS's Science and Technology Directorate's Director of First Responder Programs, at the upcoming START Seminar at the University of Maryland, College Park campus. As part of START's ongoing educational seminar series, Griffin will relay his expertise on the topic: The Role of Academia in Homeland Security.

Event Details:

- What: "The Role of Academia in Homeland Security"
- Time: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.
- Date: Sept. 16, 2010
- Place: Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Kogod Theater
- RSVP: infostart@start.umd.edu

With 20 years of experience in local government as a senior leader and first responder, Griffin joined the DHS in August 2010 and is a member of the Federal Senior Executive Service. He was involved in a diverse portfolio of core governmental functions, including a nationally recognized energy and environmental sustainability program, when he served as Director of Environmental Services for Arlington County Virginia. In Griffin's preceding job as the first Director of the Arlington County Office of Emergency Management, he developed of a cross-functional department consisting of emergency management, law enforcement, fire/rescue, public health and emergency communications personnel.

For more information on START's upcoming seminar with Dr. Griffin visit the announcements section at <http://www.start.umd.edu>.



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