



## Center of Excellence HSEM

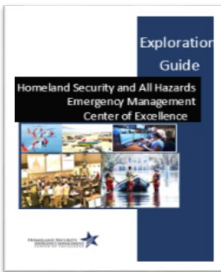
# 17 REASONS WHY WE'RE PROUD OF

# 2017

**We** are a team of dedicated Board Members, staff, volunteers and Senior Fellows who support our state's community and technical colleges (SBCTC), and business and industry partners to train and educate a skilled workforce that helps maintain our safety and security and builds emergency and disaster resilience in our communities. We value and respect each other and our partners and build relationships that reflect the highest standard of integrity. We advance a culture of creativity, innovation, teamwork and transparency.

## 1 Exploration Guide

Published a comprehensive Guide that provides information about the Center's history, career pathways and snapshots of our accomplishments from 2015 to 2017. Available on our Center's website in the "Our Services" section. [www.hsemcoe.com](http://www.hsemcoe.com).



## 3 Commendations from State Board

On March 29, the State Board Review Team of Workforce Council (WEC), Instruction Commission (IC) and State Board staff met with the Center for its biennial Site Review. The Review Team said "your focus on enhancing and expanding work experience opportunities through internships builds capacity at our local campuses." The Team also commended the Center for its regional staffing model

which reflects the Center dedication to maintaining a strong state system-wide approach. Additional information about the Center's activities and accomplishments can be found on our website [www.coehsem.com](http://www.coehsem.com).

## 4 Helped establish a Criminal Justice Programs working group.

This group met throughout the year and **developed recommendations for a common core curriculum and course numbering** that can be utilized by all of the community college's 20 CJ Programs. This is the first time in CTC's history that our CJ Programs have collaboratively addressed both common core curriculum and numbering. They will meet Feb. 26-27, in Spokane in conjunction with the state's new CJ educator and practitioner association to refine recommendations and begin implementation planning to improve program curriculum and delivery statewide.

**Criminal Justice** Washington Career Pathway

## 2 Launched the Homeland Security Emergency Management Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Celebrated with Pierce College the launch of the new BAS degree program in January. The Center played a significant role in establishing the degree which is the only online public all-hazard emergency management program of its kind in our Pacific NW Region. Over fifteen students will begin classes winter quarter 2018 in the program for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

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## Leadership Circles

Débuted our new online mentoring program called "Leadership Circles" at the Women's Leadership Forum. This free service offers a place for secure conversations with real-time chats and stand-alone-modules for mentoring and even assists in the mentoring match. "It is important for women to be able to build strong and dynamic relationships and collaborations with other women in a secure environment that helps women to share their thoughts, feelings and ambitions," said Kellie Hale the Leadership Circles Administrator. The Leadership Circles Program allows that to happen and serves as a unique networking tool. Women interested and who would like to sign up can contact Kellie Hale, at [khale@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:khale@pierce.ctc.edu).

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Secured FEMA training funds to deliver two Emergency Management Preparedness and Planning three day courses. Yakima Valley College hosted 60 Allied Health professionals and Cascadia College hosted over 50 CTC college executives and their staff.



**14** Food safety is everybody's business, not just the end user, the retailer or the wholesaler. Over 100 people attended the 3rd annual "Securing the Supply Chain" forum to hear experts on food defense and safety.



**15** Partnered with the Emergency Management Group – WA to recruit students to assist in a variety of public events such as Seafair.



**16** Successfully completed the transition of the Center's website to a new platform which allows us to expand our social media and video activities such as podcasts. [www.coehsem.com](http://www.coehsem.com)



**17** For our HSEM pathways we designed a "Roadmap" visual that charts classes that are in common among the six career degrees and certificates so potential students see that their first steps into the HSEM career field courses establish a solid knowledge base for them to choose between pathways into all of the six career fields that are offered in our SBCTC programs across the state.



**7** **Establishing Apprenticeships** Our Center, Pierce College, members of the RAISE Grant Team, Labor & Industries, State Board, and State Labor held a series of meetings with organizations and businesses interested in apprenticeships. Meetings were held with Belfor a national mitigation company, Corrections State Programs, and the Insurance Industries. On December 18, the **Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of WA** agreed to pursue a registered apprenticeship program. Danny Marshal, Administrator with Workforce, praised the work done by the Center to organize these efforts.

**8** **Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack** Asked to assist King County Emergency Management by involving students and our Senior Fellows and staff in the implementation of their DHS grant to build regional collaborative integrated planning, training, public education, and response program.

**9 Welcomes New Board Members**

- Claudia Coles, Dept. of Agriculture
- Ed Colson, Ready NW
- L. Churchill, Cowlitz EM
- Dr. Ryann Leonard, Big Bend College
- Jim Malty, Lynden Transport
- Gabriel Marcus, Costco
- Curry Mayer, City of Bellevue EM



**10** In April, the Center, Pierce and Edmonds Colleges staff and volunteers met with participants at our booth at the conference to help us share the multitude of education and training opportunities available at our 34 Community and Technical Colleges in all-hazard emergency management careers and other related fields. Well over 150 people visited us.

**11** Announcing a New Publication "Find Your Career"



**12** Successfully completed all of the 2016-17 Work Plan objectives and our 2017-18 Plan was approved by the State Board. The 2018 Plan continues our focus on students' career success which means completing degrees and gaining employment in their chosen fields.

**13** *Women in Technology: Raising the Bar and Building Relationships*

Third annual Women's Leadership Forum drew over 95 participants from across the state. Participants discussed the importance of understanding technology for women entering management and leadership positions. "The Leadership Forums are about sharing knowledges, growing skills and establishing strong relationships with other women to help them in their careers," said Kellie Hale the Forums organizer. The Forum was supported by sponsors including CyberWatch West, Bellevue Emergency Management, WA Department of Agriculture and Pierce, Highline and Whatcom Colleges. A video of the entire event is available on the Center's website [www.coehsem.com](http://www.coehsem.com).