



## FIRE DEPARTMENT • CITY OF NEW YORK

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#### 2.1.1 FDNY/UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY COUNTERTERRORISM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The FDNY/USMA Counterterrorism Leadership Program was created to assist the Department in preparing the next generation of FDNY leaders to respond to the dynamic and asymmetric threat of terrorism. To that end, the *FDNY Center for Disaster and Terrorism Preparedness* and the *Combating Terrorism Center* at West Point will develop and present an updated curriculum to address the growing need for this educational mission within the Department. The events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and the ensuing decade highlight the need for continued preparedness. Given these events and the continuing conflict, it is imperative that present and future leaders be armed with the tools to make sense of these new threats so that they may successfully develop efficacious policies to deal with this very complex and increasingly hostile world.

The Department will begin processing the next round of applicants for the Counterterrorism Leadership Program. Applications will be accepted from Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Supervising Fire Marshals, EMS Deputy Chiefs, EMS Captains and select Lieutenants (only Lts. with work experience at CTDP or its equivalent), who are interested in becoming part of the team that will continue to lead the FDNY in terrorism preparedness and counter-terrorism. This joint initiative will place the FDNY at the spearhead of counterterrorism preparedness.

The program consists of **10 sessions from January 23, 2012 to April 16, 2012** (allowing for bye weeks), held on Mondays from 1800-2130 hours at the FDNY Bureau of Training in Building 11, Randall's Island. Please note that one or two class days may change depending on availability of guest speakers. In addition to the seminars, participants will be expected to complete required reading assignments and short papers. Army Lieutenant Colonel Reid Sawyer will again chair the seminars. LTC Sawyer is the Director of the *Combating Terrorism Center* at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

#### Course topics include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defining terrorism and the threat environment</li><li>• Motivation and root causes for terrorism</li><li>• Radicalization, recruitment and organization</li><li>• Al Qa'ida and the Salafi Jihad</li><li>• The strategic importance of Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Global Jihad</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Al Qa'ida today</li><li>• The emerging terrorism threat</li><li>• Suicide terrorism &amp; Improvised Explosive Devices</li><li>• Chemical &amp; biological terrorism</li><li>• Radiological &amp; nuclear terrorism</li><li>• Leadership and FDNY counterterrorism initiatives</li></ul> |
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**All classes require mandatory attendance.** The Department will offer compensatory time, mutual variations and overtime to members for the completion of the course work. Applicants should have records of achievement and motivation, and be committed to moving the Department toward its goal of being prepared to meet the threats presented by terrorism. If accepted, students are expected to keep Monday evenings free through April 16.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this important program, forward a completed application (WPCTC-1) and a statement of interest, double-spaced, limited to a maximum of 250 words on a separate sheet of paper. The statement should be stapled to the back of the application form WPCTC-1 and must be submitted as part of the application process to **your Borough Commander by December 21, 2011**. Each Borough Commander will prioritize his selection of applicants and forward in one package to Assistant Chief *Joseph Pfeifer* at the Bureau of Operations, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 9 Metro Tech Center by the close of business January 3, 2012.

A selection committee will determine successful candidates.

By Order of: **Salvatore J. Cassano**, *Fire Commissioner*  
**Edward S. Kilduff**, *Chief of Department*