



We cordially invite you to attend

## **Bioterrorism: Preparation, Finance and Regional Cooperation**

A Conference for Local Officials

The Meyner Center is a non-partisan academic and public-service unit of Lafayette College. As part of our public service to the community in our region, we are offering this symposium free to all participants. The audience for this event is local officials from Northampton, Lehigh and Berks Counties in Pennsylvania and Warren County in New Jersey. The purpose of the forum is to educate local officials regarding how to prepare for a bioterrorist attack and protect their citizens. We will also discuss how federal, state, and county governments can assist local efforts, how to finance these efforts, and how to work cooperatively with neighboring communities.

In preparation for the symposium we surveyed first responders from the four counties. The results of this survey will form the basis of a report on preparedness that will be distributed to all participants.

Among the panelists will be representatives of Emergency Management at the state and local level, and Public Health officials from both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We will also have knowledgeable people from our first responder community in the audience who will be able to offer their insights.

This is an opportunity to learn from the experts, ask questions, network and become more comfortable with the role local officials play in the preparation for and the handling of, not only a bioterrorist event, but any unforeseen and potentially dangerous situation.

*If you are receiving this invitation as the chair of your governing body, please share it with the other members.*

*Bioterrorism Symposium Schedule  
Meyner Center for the Study of State & Local Government  
Lafayette College  
May 2 - 3, 2003*

**May 2, 2003**

5:00-7:00 Registration & Opening Reception  
7:00-9:00 Dinner  
**Keynote Speaker:** Peter Verga, *Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense*  
*Introduction by Representative Robert Freeman*

**May 3, 2003**

7:45-8:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast  
8:15-8:30 Welcoming Remarks  
8:30-9:30 Liability Issues  
9:30-10:15 Risk Communication  
10:15-10:30 Coffee Break  
10:30-11:30 Funding  
11:30-12:15 Training  
12:30-2:00 Lunch  
**Keynote Speaker:** Keith Martin, *Director, Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security*  
*Introduction by Arthur Rothkopf*  
2:15-2:30 Film depicting bioterrorist scenario  
2:40-4:25 Rotating Breakouts (20 minutes each)  
Participants will attempt to handle scenario with guidance of experts  
Breakout Groups: Liability  
Risk Communication  
Funding  
Training  
4:30-5:15 Wrap-up by Expert Panel / Q&A  
5:30-7:00 Closing Reception