

## **Benjamin Nieves**

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Benjamin Nieves is an internationally known homeland security and emergency management consultant , court expert , university professor , planner , risk analyst and academic for over 24 years. Mr. Nieves has a Master's Degree in Emergency Management and Homeland security from Arizona State University with the distinction of Summa Cum Laude . Nieves has the most recognized professional certifications and recognitions of the industry , including ; Master Exercise Practitioner from the National Emergency Management Institute ( FEMA), Certified Homeland Protection Professional from the Global Society of Homeland and National Security Professionals - National Sheriff Association , Certified Emergency Manager from the International Association of Emergency Managers , Certified Protection Professional from the American Society for Industrial Security and Certified in Homeland Security Level V by the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security. He is the President and CEO of ISP, Inc. an organization specialized on training, consulting and equipment , and Executive Director of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Institute . Nieves is an Emergency Management , Homeland Security and Criminal Justice professor for American University of Puerto Rico . He is an expert in the fields of Emergency and Security Management , Asset Protection , Planning , Exercises , Anti-Terrorism , Public Health, Crime Prevention and Critical Infrastructure Protection . He specializes in the anticipation , recognition , and prevention of incidents in most public and private safety fields . Nieves is a certified court expert in the fields of security and emergency management . Also , Nieves is a Certified Security Trainer by the Academy of Educators and Trainers in Virginia , Certified First Responder , Personal Protection Specialist by the Executive Protection Institute and member of the International Bodyguard Association.

Mr . Nieves is a current member of the Board of Governors of the Global Society of Homeland and National Security Professionals, a division of the National Sheriff Association. In 2005, Nieves was awarded the Distinguished Member of the Year Achievement Award and special recognition for his significant development of the Certified in Homeland Security (CHS ) preparation and response teams in Puerto Rico by the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security during the National Homeland Security Conference in San Diego , California. Mr. Nieves was selected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Citizens Academy of San Juan District from 2011 to 2013. Also, was selected by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) to be part of the HSI Citizens Academy in 2015.

Benjamin Nieves was appointed to evaluate and document the Puerto Rico 's government disaster response and recovery efforts for the catastrophic Hurricane Maria on 2017 . Nieves was part of the authoring team that developed the All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan , Public Information Plan and Medical Countermeasures Plan for the Washington District of Columbia (DC) Department of Health in conjunction with the Center for Naval Analysis (CNA). Nieves developed the first software application that included complex algorithms to develop municipal Emergency Operation Plans for the 78 municipalities in Puerto Rico , the same as used during the Washington DC project in full compliance of FEMA 's Comprehensive Preparedness Guidelines . He is the author and developer of a complete educational program for Certification in Security Management for Columbia Central University . Also, he developed the Mayaguez 2010 Central American Games Emergency Operations Plan for all local and state agencies in Puerto Rico . He has developed many emergency operational plans for Critical Infrastructures and governmental entities , for example the first Dam Safety Emergency Operational Program in the Caribbean. Most of his presentations as keynotes speaker had been in the field of Homeland Security, Emergency Management, and Crime Prevention. He had trained more than 30,000 public safety and emergency management officials in the fields of Security and Emergency Planning . Nieves has designed and conducted over 250 USDHS All Hazard Exercises in compliance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program ( HSEEP ) in the Caribbean . In other words , Benjamin Nieves is a professional that has dedicated his life to develop innovative programs to enhance the resilience and preparation of homeland security and emergency management professionals.

For many years the world has recognized a need for competent professionals who can effectively manage complex security issues that threaten people and the assets of corporations, governments, public and private institutions. Throughout the world, the Certified Protection Professional (CPP), the Certified Homeland Protection Professional (CHPP), the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and the Certified in Homeland Security Level 5 (CHS-V) designations are recognized as the public safety and emergency management profession's highest recognition of practitioners. The CPP, CHPP, CEM, and CHS-V are awarded based upon experience, education, and approval of an examination that provides an objective measure of an individual's broad-based knowledge and competency in security and emergency management. Ongoing professional development is required in order to maintain these credentials.