



Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness

What Participants are Saying...

"The information learned from the Summit will be used to connect the private and nonprofit sectors to the government and to rid the everyday silos that we work in."

– Maryland government participant

"I was captivated from the presentation and knowledge of how people think in crisis. After 20 years as a first responder and continuity professional, I learned techniques and initiated new friendships in my community."

– Dallas business participant

"I really liked learning the principles of meta-leadership. I think that they are useful in everyday life, not just when talking about preparedness."

– National Capital Region nonprofit participant

"I thought the theme and the materials were spot on. The follow up exercise in the afternoon on Thursday was perfect."

– Illinois business participant

"The meta-leadership program has broadened my view of what can be accomplished if we all join together and identify what we can offer and provide."

– Boston business participant

"The information shared at the Summit caused me to evaluate my leadership style and think outside the box. I enjoyed the team training approach, which held my attention."

– Lexington nonprofit participant

"I am confident that this Summit will create meaningful change for North Carolina preparedness and resilience."

– North Carolina business participant

"There was an outstanding cross-section of leaders and decision-makers throughout the community."

– Minneapolis nonprofit participant

For more information:

www.meta-leadershipsummit.org



How Can Meta-Leadership Change a Community?

In Georgia...

Meta-leaders reconnected following a homicide at a local hospital to protect their community. Summit participants from the hospital, law enforcement, the mayor's office and the Department of Homeland Security came back together at the scene of the crisis to keep the hospital up and running.

In Illinois...

Leaders who participated in the Illinois Meta-Leadership activities are participating in a fellowship offered by the Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute. The fellows, representing business, government and non-profit sectors, have been selected to work on specific preparedness projects, one of which will focus on meta-leadership. Mentored by CDC, fellows are tackling gaps in community preparedness identified through the Meta-Leadership Initiative.

In Massachusetts...

Following the Boston Summit, Mayor Thomas M. Menino held a Boston Influenza Preparedness Summit. The event brought together planning partners across sectors – including businesses, hospitals, schools, health-care institutions, and religious and community organizations – to hear the latest situational update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza, review lessons learned from the spring novel H1N1 outbreak and exchange ideas to prevent and control influenza.

In Colorado...

In Denver, the Summit brought together agencies and organizations involved in addressing public health and safety issues related to the August 2008 Democratic National Convention. One of the tangible products that emerged from the Summit and post-Summit activity was a convention planning guidance letter from Mayor John Hickenlooper for businesses, nonprofit organizations and local, state, and regional government agencies.



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What Hosts and Sponsors are Saying...

"The Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness was worth every penny we invested." – *Cathy Hill, Vice President, Coastal Region, Georgia Power*

"Target has a long-standing commitment to providing support for disaster preparedness, relief and recovery efforts. We are happy to sponsor the Meta-Leadership Summit, which is a great example of how business, government and nonprofit leaders can work together to strengthen our communities' resiliency." – *Mike Rackley, Senior Group Manager, Global Security Services, Target Corporation*

"In all my years of doing advisory and consulting work for government and nonprofit organizations, I have never seen a better way of getting networked into a community than the Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness." – *Josh Berlin, Director, KPMG*

"AT&T is very aware of how important cross-sector connectivity is for our company's preparedness. Being able to serve a sponsor and put our resources toward this event was a great opportunity to invest in community readiness. Hosting the Summit was also the ideal way to personally become involved and ensure that the right people were in the room." – *Camille Russo, Regional Manager, AT&T*

"Sponsoring the Meta-Leadership Summit was an easy decision for us. We knew that as a business community we needed to be prepared for any event that could happen here. The sponsorship was essentially an investment for getting up to speed very quickly." – *Sarah Harris, Chief Operating Officer, Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District*

"The Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness is a catalyst for creating a stronger culture of preparedness in metro Atlanta." – *David Ratcliffe, President and CEO, Southern Company*



"Based on our experience, you will be a welcome and needed partner – we plan to continue efforts to gather the three sectors together to better connect and prepare our community." – *Betsy Nelson, Executive Director, Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers*

"Expert emergency planning and coordination are essential in metropolitan Washington because we are at the center of the storm. The Meta-Leadership Summit can help officials at the highest levels to better focus their efforts in preparing for a major disaster." – *David Robertson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments*

"The reality is that leaders from business, government and the nonprofit sector can do much more working together, than they can individually, during a crisis." – *Dr. Jeffrey Engel, State Health Director, North Carolina Division of Public Health*

"The preparation that this Summit promotes will be key to responding to future emergencies of any size." – *The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston*

"As a company and as citizens, we have a responsibility to participate in creating an environment that produces the best response to a public health or crisis situation." – *Richard Anthony, Chairman and CEO, Synovus*

"As a result of this collaboration, we will all be better prepared when the next emergency occurs." – *Cheryl Sutterfield-Jones, President & CEO, American Red Cross-Dallas Area Chapter*

"An effective and appropriate response in a time of emergency is dependent on all sectors of our community – business, government, healthcare and nonprofits – working together. This Summit was an opportunity for the County of Cook to foster and strengthen those vital relationships." – *Dr. Stephen Martin, Chief Operating Officer, Cook County Department of Public Health, Oak Park, Illinois*

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