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Jewish Communal Security Professionals Convene for 2022 Homeland Security Summit

Secure Community Network Convenes Security Directors from Jewish Federations Nationwide

Nearly 90 security professionals gathered in New Orleans this week at the 2022 Homeland Security Summit to address the safety and security issues facing the Jewish community. The annual conference is hosted by the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Attendees received briefings on security and law enforcement issues; discussed case studies of previous antisemitic attacks; engaged in facilitated discussions and breakout sessions related to emergent threats and issues facing national, regional and community security initiatives; participated in safety trainings; and discussed best practices and national standards.

“This year’s Summit – the largest ever – reflects not only the rising level of antisemitic threats facing the Jewish community but the increasingly professional and sophisticated response our community has mustered,” said SCN National Director and CEO Michael Masters. “Together with our partners throughout local, state, and federal law enforcement, Jewish security professionals and lay leaders are working to create a security shield over the Jewish community. We are grateful to all those who participated in and supported the Summit, the special guests who shared their time and expertise with us, and the Jewish Federations and national organizations throughout North America who are committed to continuously enhancing their communal security programs.”

Featured guest speakers included U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Director Steven Dettelbach; New Orleans Superintendent of Police Shaun Ferguson; former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer; Jefferson Parish, La., Sheriff Joseph Lopinto III; former Ambassador from Israel to the United States Michael Oren; and Douglas Williams Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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*The **Secure Community Network (SCN)**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 146 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities, and other partners in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, life, and culture can not only exist safely and securely, but flourish. Learn more at securecommunitynetwork.org.*