On Wednesday, October 28, 2009, the Department of Justice, Law & Society at California University of Pennsylvania hosted the Third Annual Conference on Homeland Security. The topic for the 2009 conference was *School Security: Preventing the Disaster* and approximately 150 law enforcement officials, school administrators, school psychologists, facility advisors and students were in attendance.

Speakers included: Colonel Frank Pawlowski, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police; Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Education; Robert French, Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; Steven Toprani and Steven Fisher, Washington County District Attorney’s Office; Trooper Shawn Mell, Pennsylvania State Police; and Dr. Emily Sweitzer and Professor Sam Lonich, California University of Pennsylvania.

Topics addressed ranged from emergency preparedness and being proactive; how to recognize warning signs among youth that may indicate potential school violence; exploring the issues behind adolescent suicides and methods of prevention; case studies of school shootings nationwide; and the policies and procedures relating to school and youth violence used by the Pennsylvania State Department of Education and the Washington County District Attorney’s Office. The diversity of people attending made for excellent sharing of knowledge, concerns, experience, and opportunities to explore the issues from multiple angles.