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DIRECTOR MASTERS SPEAKS AT INTERNATIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) Executive Director Michael Masters was part of a delegation of U.S. officials participating in Israel's third International Conference for Homeland Security (Israel HLS 2014) this week.

The conference is drawing police chiefs and homeland security officials from around the world and is focusing on the four leading concerns of homeland security: cybersecurity, intelligence and counterterrorism, protection of critical infrastructures and crisis management.

Director Masters spoke as part of a panel titled Cyber Crime: Enforcement in the Cyber Arena. The panel was moderated by Zori Kor, vice president of Asero Worldwide in Israel. Other speakers included: Meir Hayoun, who heads up the National Cyber Crime Unit for the Israeli Police; Seong Ju Kang, director general for IT strategy for the Bureau of the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning in Korea; Esti Pedhin, director of cyber programs at Israeli Aerospace Industries; and Arne Schonbohm, chief executive officer at BSS BuCET Shared Services in Germany.

The discussion focused on the threats cyber crime poses. The participants shared best practices their agencies and companies are implementing.

Police chiefs and homeland security officials from around the world are on hand for Israel HLS 2014, the third International Conference for Homeland

Many of Israel's leading law enforcement and security officials are participating in the conference, including the country's Minister of Public Security, police commissioner and several former Shin Bet/Israel Security Agency commanders.

The Homeland Security conference was sponsored by several Israeli governmental agencies as well as Israeli and foreign companies.

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The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management integrates first responders, their departments and resources from 134 Cook County municipalities, and serves as the central agency in Cook County for coordinating efforts to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all incidents, whether man-made or natural. For more information, visit our website at www.cookcountyhomelandsecurity.org.