**Module 1 - Case**

**SELECTING A TOPIC/CONSTRUCTING AN OUTLINE/CHOOSING REFERENCES**

**Case Assignment**

**Select a topic of interest in homeland security for your Capstone Project.**

1. ~~For students with no concentration, you are free to choose your field of interest (e.g., homeland security, disaster management, cybersecurity, etc.).~~
2. For students with a concentration in EDM~~-LOG~~, select a topic of interest in Emergency and Disaster Management ~~and Logistics~~.
* CALIFORNIA (WIDE FIRES and BRUSH FIRES) THESE ARE CURRENT EVENTS THAT IS A BIG ISSUE IN CALIFORNIA.
1. ~~For students with a concentration in Cybersecurity, select a topic of interest in Cybersecurity.~~
2. ~~For students with a concentration in Leadership, select a topic of interest in Leadership.~~

**Narrowing Your Capstone Topic**

Once you have a good idea of a topic area, proceed to the following steps:

1. What specific geographic region such as a) city, b) county, or c) state will I choose?
* CITY: SAN FRANSISCO AREA (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA)
1. How do I state the Capstone topic clearly and succinctly?
2. What do I consider the most interesting and relevant portions of the topic?
3. In what order do I want to present the various aspects?
4. How do my ideas relate to each other?
5. Is my topic of current interest and importance?

**Note: The Professor must approve your topic before you proceed to Module 2.**

**Assignment Expectations**

**Length:** This Case Assignment should be 4-6 pages not counting the title page and references.

**References:** At least two references should be included from academic sources (e.g., peer-reviewed journal articles). Required readings are acceptable. Quoted material should not exceed 10% of the total paper (since the focus of these assignments is critical thinking). Use your own words and build on the ideas of others. When material is copied verbatim from external sources, it MUST be enclosed in quotes. The references should be cited within the text and listed at the end of the assignment in the Reference section (preferably in APA format).

**Organization:** Subheadings should be used to organize your paper according to question.

**Grammar and Spelling:** While no points are deducted for minor errors, assignments are expected to adhere to standard guidelines of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence syntax. Points may be deducted if grammar and spelling impact clarity.