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PRESIDENT'S PEN



Here is another new year and this is my first edition of the President's Pen. My thanks to each of you for the opportunity to serve the South Texas Chapter. I think I speak for everyone when I say that there is great potential in the New Year.

First, I would like to thank our 2011 chapter officers for a year of great service and introduce some new. Mike Thomson provided stalwart leadership and stewardship over the past 4 years. As our President, he established an environment that allowed the other officers a chance to grow and shine. The departing officers include Philip Moore as Treasurer, Toby Sledge as Membership Director and Fred Ebers as Program Director (and didn't we have some great programs last year?!). Returning officers include Stephen Kastensmidt as Public Relations Director, Angela Mestre as Education Director, Jon Mason who fulfilled Toby's seat as Membership Director, and our Most Valuable Player for 2011- Heather Nece who masterfully took on the duties of Information and Program. The new blood in the group includes Alicia Henderson as your new chapter Secretary, Howard Namkin as your new Treasurer and Rich Bruklis as your new Program Director.

As a chapter, we have the usual goals and objectives- increased membership, great programs, and fruitful peer networking. We intend to succeed in each of these areas, of course, but I'd also like to challenge all of us to one more goal. It will take time and resiliency, but I believe we are ready for that effort. That goal is to elevate the stature of our profession.

Let's examine what that would look like. How many of you have trouble explaining to your family and friends what you do for a living? An elevated stature of our profession would change that look of confusion to a look of appreciation. When a newsworthy incident occurs, do the local media reach out to us for commentary? An elevated stature of our profession would mean that our Public Relations Director would be an even busier man. Each of you can think of your own examples. I believe that ultimately, an elevated stature of our profession would mean that preparedness is thoroughly ingrained in the day to day affairs of our community.

How do we get there? Not sure, but I have some ideas. The most important one is that we have to talk about it. Not just at our monthly meetings, but any chance we get. A personal challenge for every member is to mention ACP to 5 colleagues and bring one guest to each meeting. Most people probably do not know what they are missing and the price is right. Each of your chapter officers want to hear from you.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. In the coming year, I hope to see each of you at our monthly meetings and special events, to get to know you better and to discuss ways that we can elevate the stature of our profession. If nothing else comes of these discussions, at least we'll have had a good conversation about what it means to be a member of the Association of Contingency Planners.

-Ed Schlichtenmyer

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“One person can make a difference and every person should try.”

- JFK

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS



New National ACP site is available – check it out!

Our newly updated national ACP website is now up and running, so be sure to take a look at the new redesign at www.acp-international.com. Along with the simplicity of the site features, a few benefits available will be the ability to sort on our membership information such as member certifications and also feedback such as “how did you hear about ACP?” This provides an opportunity to better understand our membership so that we can position ourselves in those areas to attract new members.

The South Texas Chapter website will also soon be updated with a new look and feel similar to the National site. Please note in conjunction with the national site's change, the South Texas Chapter url is now: www.southtx.acp-international.com.



Training Opportunities for Houston

Take advantage of some new training opportunities available right here in Houston which offer valuable certifications such as CBCP by DRI and CBCI by BCI. This is a great chance to gain become certified or increase your business continuity education. Refer to the Industrial Events and Career Opportunities below for more information.



Connect with ACP South Texas

We wanted to make everyone aware of the various ways you can get connected with the South Texas ACP chapter so that you can keep apprised of the latest news and events.



LinkedIn (Search Association of Contingency Planners – South Texas or group number 2477789)

A business networking web site where the South Texas ACP has a group area for discussions and news



Twitter (Search ACPSouthTexas)

A social site where groups and individuals post pertinent news, opinions, and information with a 140 character limit



Daily News (Search ACPSouthTexas or paper number 1323969788 at paper.li)

A daily news paper dedicated to business continuity, emergency management, and disaster recovery



Web (Search Association of Contingency Planners South Texas Chapter)

A web site containing chapter information, membership, and meeting information

Here is a sample of the ACPSouthTexas Daily News from Twitter:

The South Texas ACP Daily

Published by ACP South Texas – 17 news spotters today

Next update in about 21 hours

See all articles

HEADLINES ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION WORLD BUSINESS SCIENCE HEALTH #HOUNEWS #RESOLVETOBEREADY



Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

ready.gov - While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans, regardless of where they live, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather at some point in their liv...

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Yes, Gamification Can Help Your Business Internally

blogs.forrester.com - Happy New Year, everyone. As I customarily do, I'm looking back on 2011 with

Citizen Corps : Get Involved

citizencorps.gov - Citizen Corps Partner Programs and Affiliate Organizations offer local opportunities for individuals to get

DOD Seeks Safe Hormuz Passage for All, Official Says

defense.gov - DOD Seeks Safe Hormuz Passage for All, Official Says By Cheryl PellerinAmerican Forces Press Service WASHINGTON, Jan. 3, 2012 Closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, which Iran h...

USNavy

Small plane makes emergency landing in downtown Conroe | Newswatch

blog.chron.com - A single-engine airplane made an emergency landing about 9:50 p.m. Tuesday on Davis at 6th Street in downtown Conroe, police tell KTRK-TV in a report on its

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OTHER HEADLINES OF INTEREST

Previous Meeting Recap



Our annual member appreciation luncheon took place this year at the Post Oak Grill. Nearly 30 members attended and had an enjoyable time as we shared good food, reflected on the past year, and welcomed the new officers. Mike Thomson, President of South Texas ACP for 2008-2011 formally handed off the Presidency to Ed Schlichtenmyer. Mike was awarded a plaque in honor of his tremendous leadership and service to our chapter the past 4 years.

Most Valuable Player Award



A new chapter member, Heather Nece provided extraordinary support to the South TX Chapter during 2011. When the Chapter's Information Director had to step aside in the late spring due to a new work assignment out of the area, Heather stepped forward and volunteered to assume those duties as well as managing the chapter website and publishing the chapter's monthly newsletter. Then in later summer when another board member



relocated out of the area, Heather also took on the role of Program Director and completed the last 6 months of outside speakers, two joint peer group meetings, the annual holiday luncheon and securing a new meeting site when the old one was lost. Heather has distinguished herself by her above and beyond efforts in 2011 and is deserving of being named as our South TX MVP this year.

International Disaster Conference & Expo – ACP booth will be available!

If you are attending the upcoming International Disaster Conference & Expo, be sure to stop by the ACP exhibition booth. The booth will be available from 12:00pm to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday and should offer good exposure for attracting interest in the association.

When: January 17-19, 2012

Where:

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
900 Convention Center Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130



Hosts:

- Governors Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, New Orleans
- Stephenson Disaster Management Institute/Louisiana State University
- New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
- Imago Trade Shows

Features:

- Keynote addresses from appointed and elected officials and internationally recognized industry leaders from numerous countries.
- Over 50 sessions conducted by leading experts in the field of disaster and emergency management and homeland security focusing on the cycle of preparation, response, mitigation and recovery.
- An exposition of over 200 companies and organizations featuring the latest equipment, technology and programs in the field of disaster and emergency management and homeland security.

Website: www.internationaldisasterconference.com

CHAPTER MEETINGS

This Tuesday's January monthly meeting – note location update

Location: *Houston Emergency Center, 5320 N. Shepherd Houston, TX 77091*

When: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Speaker: Dennis Storemski, City of Houston OEM

Subject: Emergency Response Planning: Preparing for an Active Shooter in the Workplace

Notes: Bring your own lunch, cookies/waters will be provided

Biography:

Dennis Storemski is the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the City of Houston. His responsibilities include homeland security, the Office of Emergency Management, the Houston Emergency Center, and other public safety related activities.

He serves as the Homeland Security Advisor for the City of Houston and coordinates multi-disciplinary homeland security efforts across all City departments and with other jurisdictions. He manages Houston's participation in all homeland security related grant programs.

Prior to accepting his current position, he served 38 years with the Houston Police Department (HPD), achieving the rank Executive Assistant Chief. His assignments within the police department included patrol, investigations, tactical operations and support. During his service with the department, he coordinated security operations for numerous major events, including the Republic National Convention, the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrial Nations (G-8), the World Energy Congress and Super Bowl XXXVIII.

He is a life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and serves on its Committee on Terrorism. He holds a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston, and is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Upcoming Meeting

Looking ahead to our February meeting, we'll have an opportunity to hear from one of our own South Texas ACP members, Roswitha Firth! Roswitha's presentation on How to Plan for the Unpredictable, the Impossible, and the Unimaginable will examine a planning strategy that starts with possible impacts and leads the attendee through creating a decision-making process to address each type of impact. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, 11:30am-1:00pm at Amegy Bank, 4400 Post Oak Parkway, Houston, TX 77027 on the 2nd Floor.

INDUSTRIAL EVENTS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2012 Conferences

	1/13 – 1/15	Tampa, FL	ACP National Leadership Conference http://www.regonline.com/ACP2012NLC_Registration
	1/17 – 1/19	New Orleans, LA	The International Disaster Conference & Expo http://www.internationaldisasterconference.com/conference.html
	3/25 – 3/28	Orlando, FL	DRJ's Spring World 2012 http://www.drj.com/springworld2012/conference/index.html
	4/2 – 4/4	Washington DC	Contingency Planning and Management Conference and Expo http://contingencyplanning.com/events/cpm-2012/
	4/16 – 4/18	Scottsdale, AZ	2012 Continuity Insights Management Conference http://www.continuityinsights.com/
	5/20 – 5/23	New Orleans, LA	DRI 2012: The Certified Professionals Conference https://www.showreg.net/DRI1205S/default.asp

2012 Exercises, Training And Seminars

	Multiple dates	Houston, TX	CPR/AED/First Aid Classes with Houston Red Cross http://www.houstonredcross.org/en/cev/mon/index.asp?cecalendareventypeid=1&usergoupid=0&regionid=0&Submit.x=26&Submit.y=7
	Self-paced	Online	FEMA ICS and NIMS training courses National Preparedness Month Practitioner's Program Testimonial Mission Essential Functions at State Level Compare/Contrast of Federal and State Continuity Planning Guardian Accord/National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) http://www.training.fema.gov/is/ Free!
	1/23- 1/27	Houston, TX	BCLE 2000 DRI Business Continuity Planning training and CBCP Certification Exam https://www.drii.org/search/coursedesc.php?courseeventid=627&courseid=64
	2/8 - 2/9	San Antonio, TX	2012 SAME/IFMA Facilities Management Workshop http://www.same.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=525&Itemid=246
	4/30 – 5/4	Houston, TX	Business Continuity Training - The BCI licensed training course http://www.b-c-training.com/bct-courses/Houston
	4/30 – 5/4	Houston, TX	BCLE 2000 DRI Business Continuity Planning training and CBCP Certification Exam https://www.drii.org/search/coursedesc.php?courseeventid=693&courseid=64

6/25- 6/29

Houston, TX

BCLE 2000 DRI Business Continuity Planning training and CBCP Certification Exam



<https://www.drii.org/search/coursedescribe.php?courseeventid=721&courseid=64>

Please share additional training and conference events with Angela at awmestre@yahoo.com