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## Announcements

# Crisis Management Conference

From the tragedies that befell Malaysia Airlines and Amtrak, to the Sony Pictures cyber-attack and various offshore related incidents, the past year has seen the responses of organizations and their leadership scrutinized by the public, the media, government and other stakeholders more than ever before. Leadership matters perhaps more than anything else in a crisis, and as the critical skill in strategic response, effective leadership, in both preparation and execution, is essential in ensuring successful crisis management and post-crisis recovery.

Following the success of the Crisis Management Conference London, now in its third year, the inaugural Crisis Management Conference Houston will bring together top-level speakers at the forefront of crisis preparedness and response to share their valuable insights and experience of how their leaders and teams prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises.

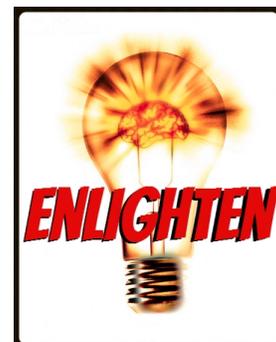
The conference is recommended for those who want to be part of the development and discussion of the latest strategic crisis management thinking.

**When:** October 13th, 2015 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Where:**  
Hotel Derek

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"Out of intense complexities intense simplicities emerge."

- Winston Churchill



Let's get back at teasing that brain of yours!!!

2525 West Loop South Freeway  
Houston, TX 77027

How: Click [here](#) to register.

## Save the date...

On October 13th, join ACP South Texas Chapter's very own Robert Martinez, fellow members and guests to tour:



### CenterPoint's Energy Insight Center!

Seat is limited, [RSVP](#) for a spot today!

CenterPoint's technology center provides a tactile experience to show the value the Smart Grid offers in customer information and self-service with consumer-oriented videos, portals, energy management systems, smart appliances, a demonstration of the self-healing grid and more. The center serves three main purposes:

1. Testing the interactive performance characteristics of diverse Smart Grid components
2. Evaluating the security and performance of Home Area Network (HAN) - controlled devices and smart appliances
3. Educating consumers, public officials, vendors, the media and the industry about the use and benefits of Smart Grid technology

The tour will cover 2 key areas of the Energy Insight Center (EIC) and and Technical Center (Tech Center). Adjustments maybe made depending on the audience and their interest.

1. Smart Energy Home - Current and Future
2. CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Smart Grid

Refreshment will be provided, and feel free to bring your own lunch!

**When:** Tuesday October 13th, 2015

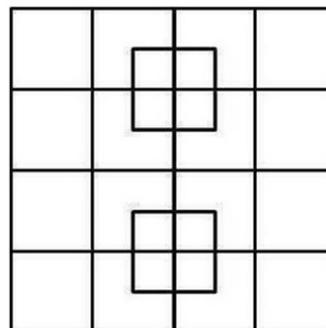
**Where:** CenterPoint's Energy Insigth Center  
4700 South Shaver Street  
South Houston Complex Building I

Divide 30 by 1/2, and add 10.

What is the answer?

Shoot me your answers [here!](#)

### Last Month's Teaser:



How many squares do you count in the image above?

**There are no wrong answers, but the most squares in the image are:  
\*\* 40 \*\***

Click [here](#) to see answer.

**Thank you  
Andy Howard  
Robert Martinez  
Kelly Hollamon**



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It's repeated, I know, but I had technical difficulties uploading the new image, so here's this one again.

Shoot me your answers [here!](#)

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### Last Month's Phrase

Houston, TX 77034

**How:** Click [here](#) to register.



Interested in becoming a member of our board of directors?

We are on the look out for an enthusiastic volunteer to join our great team of board of directors. If you want to make a great contribution to this chapter and other professionals in this field, make sure we here your voice.

Click [here](#) to communicate with our Chapter President and to obtain further details.

Thank you!

## Industry News

**Check out our national ACP chapter news [here](#).**

**Floods, wildfires, droughts, tropical storms and severe winter events** are on the rise, but the business community isn't prepared to manage the new climate normal. Across the USA, the majority of small businesses do not have a disaster preparedness plan in place. Between 40 to 60% of small businesses never reopen after a disaster. Ream more [here](#).



**\*\*Breakfast\*\***

**Congratulations  
Andy Howard  
Kelly Hollamon**

### Resource Links

Career Opportunities

Conferences/Training

Certifications/Degrees



Stay connected and keep in touch with us!



### Sponsorship

ACP Sponsor opportunities offer direct access to dedicated professionals in the Greater Houston area. Become a Sponsor and

# Chapter Activities

## Next Meeting

### Business Impact Analysis Roundtable



Fellow Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, and Incident/Risk Management Professionals we are pleased to bring to you an opportunity to participate in a "Business Impact Analysis Roundtable - a Dialogue on Business Continuity Data Collection and Analysis!"

We will use this time to discuss issues and challenges, as well as, explore new and improved resources that are available to business continuity professionals.

Feel free to bring your own lunch and bring in others that may benefit or bring value to this discussion.

Forward all questions that you would like to see addressed to [angela.mestre@directenergy.com](mailto:angela.mestre@directenergy.com)

**When:** Tuesday, September 8th 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Where:** [50 Waugh Dr.](#) (United Way)

**How:** Registration Required  
[Register Here](#)

## Previous Meeting

utilize this venue to spotlight your organization.

Here are a few sponsorship benefits:

- Increase brand recognition
- Targeted audience and decision makers
- Actively support and influence the profession

If you would like more information about the sponsorship contact our **Program Director** or sign up **here!**

## Chapter Reports

### Treasury

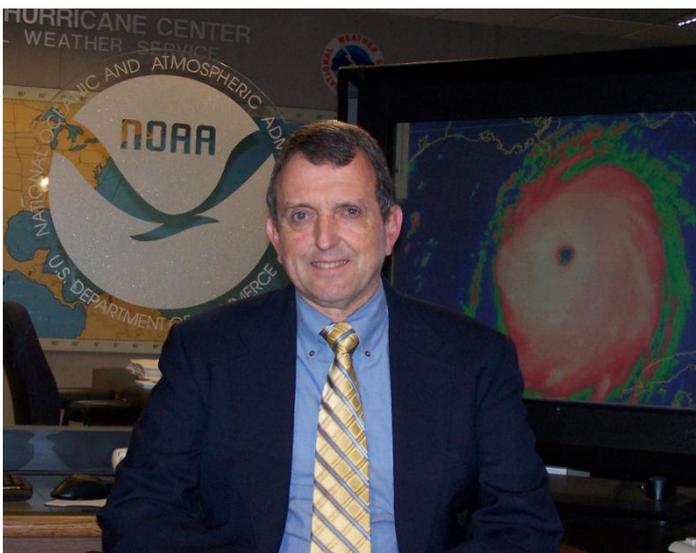
Starting Balance	<b>\$ 6,649.56</b>
Membership Revenue	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Meeting Expenses	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Equipment Expenses	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Insurance	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Balance	<b>\$ 6,649.56</b>

### Membership

This chapter's active members: **68**

Special welcome to:  
**Dennis Bruington**

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Thank you all who attended our previous ACP meeting. A special thank you to our speaker Bill Read who hosted an interesting meeting over "Challenges in Achieving Hurricane Resiliency."

## Industry Events

**Be sure to stay up to date on the Industry Events on our local Chapter ACP website.**

Click [here](#) for more info

Stay safe & alert, and until next time.

**Sincerely,**

ACP South Texas Chapter Board

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