



# Liberty Valley Chapter

## 1st Quarter 2016 Newsletter

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**Chapter Meeting Review**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
**Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA**

**Immaculata University, Emergency Planning & Management,  
Bachelor of Science Degree**

George Schwartz, Chair of the Professional Studies Program at Immaculata University provided an overview of the Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Planning & Management offered by the school.

Immaculata University's Emergency Planning and Management bachelor's degree-completion program offers the only major in EPM in this region and is recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Designed primarily for the working adult, the accelerated delivery format allows students to design customized schedules that involve both classroom and online courses. Courses are taught in a blended format and are completed in seven- or eight-week terms.

Please click [here](#) for George's presentation.

For more information, visit: <http://www.immaculata.edu/academics/emergency-planning-management>

### **The Emergency Management Team**

The Chapter was delighted to have Major General (Ret.) Robert French speak to the group regarding the Emergency Management Team structure within Pennsylvania. Major General French was the former Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and served in the PA Army National Guard from 1972-2009. His first question to the group was "Are you ready?" He encouraged everyone to have a Family Disaster Plan as individual planning is critical. As professionals, many ACP members are responsible for their company's Disaster Plans, but preparing your family for a Disaster is just as important.

Major General French outlined the various levels of agencies and groups within the state that provide support in a crisis – State, County, and Regional. All support begins at the Local level with elected officials and emergency management coordinators, utilizing resources such as Fire, Police and EMS. County support also includes the County Commissioner and a County

emergency management coordinator. At the State level, the Governor and the PEMA Director work with State Agencies during the emergency. Nine Regional Task Forces have also been established throughout the state to assist in planning, mitigation response and recovery services during disasters.

### **Emergency Management in Higher Education**

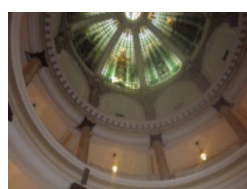
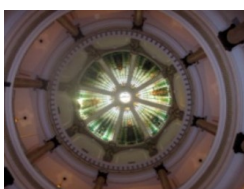
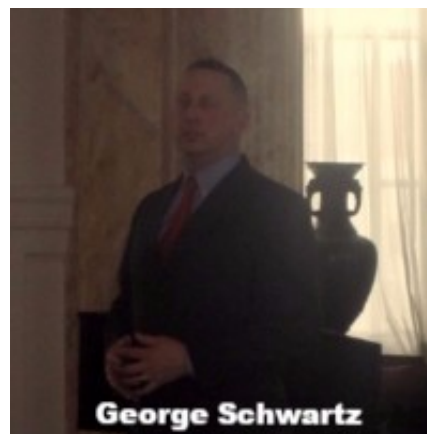
Dennis Dougherty, Director of the Department of Safety and Protection at Immaculata University, provided an overview of the emergency management and safety program at the University. Dennis manages the daily operations of campus safety and directs security at large scale campus events. He is also responsible for the institution's emergency management and planning efforts. Dennis served with the Pennsylvania State Police for twenty six years and was also employed by the Southeastern PA Regional Task Force prior to his current role.

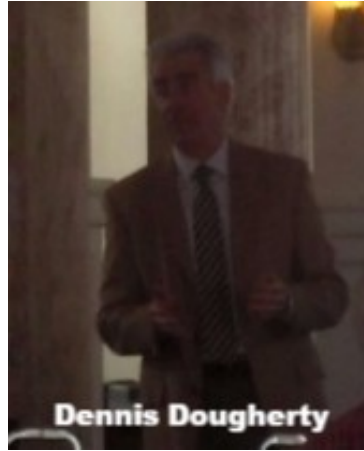
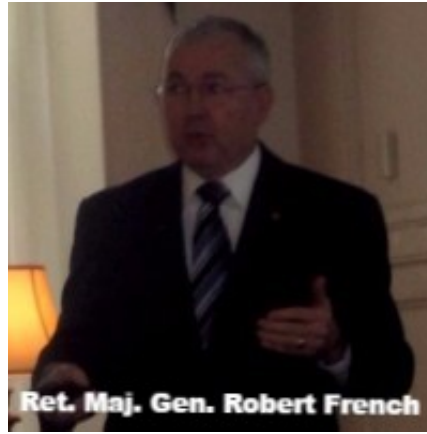
Campuses, like Immaculata University, that have an open campus and "small town" feel have very specific requirements to consider when handling emergency management. Under the Clery Act, universities are obligated to produce an annual security report and annual fire safety report, which details statistics of events on campus. Timely warnings of campus situations, such as emergencies or criminal activities are also sent to students and faculty so that they can protect themselves. The University has emergency response and evacuation procedures that are tested in an annual drill / tabletop exercise. With various threats on campus, preparation and publicizing the plan is vital to keeping campus safe.

Please click [here](#) for Dennis' presentation.

**The Liberty Valley ACP Chapter would also like to thank Immaculata University for hosting and sponsoring the meeting.**

**A big CONGRATULATIONS to Barb Shaw on receiving the Chapter's MVP Award for 2015. Barb serves the Chapter as President and also sits on the National ACP Board. One of her main goals is to continue to provide value to the members.**





**Pictured above – The ACP Liberty Valley Chapter Board and the Presenters**  
**Front row – Amy Lane, Robert French, Barb Shaw**  
**Back row – Dennis Dougherty, George Schwartz, Millard Jackson, Donna Arobone**



**Upcoming Liberty Valley ACP meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
11:30am - 3:30pm  
TierPoint, 1000 Adams Avenue, Norristown, PA**

**\*\*Lunch will be provided by Vital Records.**

**Agenda:**

- **A TierPoint Solutions Overview**
- **Member Breakout sessions:**
  - **IT/Disaster Recovery**
  - **Pandemic/Infectious Diseases**
  - **BCP Program Best Practices**
- **Facility tour**

**RSVP by Thursday, April 7th using the link below. We hope to see you there!**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FN789VT>

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**Member Spotlight**

**Ed Wurster, PPL Services Corporation**

**What's your current role and how long have you been in this role?**

I am the **Director of Protective Services for PPL Services Corporation** in Allentown, PA. In this role I am responsible for Corporate Security, Executive Services/Protection, Corporate Business Continuity, and Corporate Emergency Management. I provide consultation on business continuity, all-hazards planning, physical protection strategy, crisis management, and organizational resilience. I have been with PPL since 2012. I am currently studying for my Certified Protection Professional designation through ASIS International.



I have the following professional certifications: Certified Business Continuity Professional; Member Business Continuity Institute; Certified Emergency Manager; Master Exercise Practitioner; Chief Fire Officer; Certified Healthcare Safety Professional.

**What path did you follow to get where you are today?**

I started out thirty years ago as a volunteer fire fighter and have had the opportunity to work in Healthcare and Education, both as an educator and practitioner in security, safety, crisis management, and emergency management. I have had the privilege along the way to be mentored by some of the very best in these fields and have been fortunate to give back through teaching at Saint Joe's and Penn State on these very

topics.

**How long have you been a member of the Liberty Valley Chapter of ACP?**

I have been a member of the Liberty Valley Chapter of ACP since 2012; although my role as Training and Exercise Section Chief with the Southeast PA Task Force put me in contact with some of the members (Brian Mackay, Barbara Shaw, Tracy Gkonos) since 2010.

**What is your favorite part about your membership in the ACP?**

My favorite part of membership is the information (newsletters, emails, etc) that is available for the value of the membership. This includes the opportunities for professional development at the meetings.

**What are some of your hobbies/interests outside of work?**

I am an avid ice hockey and NASCAR fan. I attend a number of professional and amateur hockey games throughout the year and have been a regular at the Daytona 500 since 2002. I also enjoy developing emergency plans for non-profit organizations, teaching, and serving my community.

Favorite quote or saying?

***If it's predictable, it's preventable!***



**Welcome to the newest members of the Liberty Valley Chapter!**

- Carmine D'Uva
- Christopher Eckerd
- Andrea Engle
- Anne Facchinei
- Joyce Fagerland
- Tracey Forbes Rice
- Rebecca Harding
- Sean McCausland
- Gary McCusker
- Thomas Moore
- Stacey Mowrer
- Shawn Oberoi
- David Sabin
- Susan Stein

**Do you know someone who would like to become a member of the ACP? Encourage them to join the Liberty Valley Chapter! Direct them to the**

[National ACP site](#) to become a member!

## 2016 Conferences and Events



[RIMS Annual Conference](#)

April 10-13, San Diego, CA



[Continuity Insights Management Conference](#)

April 18-20, Nashville, TN

ACP \$100 Discount, Code: ACP



[SecureWorld - Philadelphia Cybersecurity Conference](#)

April 20-21, King of Prussia, PA



[DRI Collegiate Conference Series](#)

April 23, Houston, TX

September 12, Queens, NY

September 15, St. Louis, MO



[DRJ Fall World](#)

September 18-21, Phoenix, AZ

New location!

ACP 10% Discount



[7X24 Exchange Conferences](#)

June 5-8, Boca Raton, FL

October 23-26, Phoenix, AZ



[Business Continuity Awareness Week](#)

May 16-20

*Theme: Return on Investment*



[MIT "Crisis Management & Business Continuity"](#)

[Professional Education Course](#)

August 1-5, Cambridge, MA



[September - National Preparedness Month](#)

September 30 - National PrepareAthon Day



[October - National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#)



Mark Lee attended the DRJ Spring World Conference in March. The ACP Florida Chapters hosted a post-conference meeting for all ACP members.

Thanks for representing the Liberty Valley Chapter, Mark!



Do you have news to share for the next Newsletter? Brag about yourself! We'd love to hear from you!

E-mail contributions / ideas to [publicrelations@libertyvalley.acp-international.com](mailto:publicrelations@libertyvalley.acp-international.com).



As a reminder, the [Liberty Valley Chapter website](#) is updated with chapter and industry events.



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