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Hello Distinguished North Texas ACP Members.

Pardon the delay in sending you the August chapter newsbites. I do have a good reason....I've been working hurricane Harvey and now Irma as both are in the path of many of my supported sites. Lots of good preparations and recovery. I bet many of you have been focused on hurricane preparations too.

We have some exciting meetings planned for the last 4 months of 2017. Read the newsbites below for more information on our happenings for September through December.

Regards, Wendy
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Welcome to News Bites for the North Texas Association of Contingency Planners	<small>ACP MISSION Everything we do professionally and as an organization is dedicated to saving lives, protecting businesses and fostering community resiliency.</small>



President's Comments

President's Comments – August 2017
 Happy August / September to all my North Texas cohorts. My comments have been pretty sparse these past few months. I'm making up for all that brevity this time around but still guarantee a worthwhile read!

We have some new and interesting meetings lined up through the rest of the year, starting with a virtual meeting in September! Yes, our next meeting will NOT be at a physical location. We have partnered with the Bay Area Chapter to deliver a presentation on managing supply chain risk titled "Complexity of Supply Chain Operations". North Texas covers a large geographic area and we hope to make ourselves more accessible to members who may have difficulty getting to our meeting locations. Just go to our web site for the link to register for this event. Remember that the September meeting will be the week AFTER the Labor Day holiday, on September 12th. It will also be a little later in the day (3:00 – 4:30 pm).

October promises to be interesting as Joel Navarro with Mary Kay will be hosting at their headquarters in Addison. He will be providing a tour and also presenting on the innovations Mary Kay has undertaken to implement their enterprise program. I can tell you that I am a fan already and this one should spark some interest and maybe encourage some new thinking on how organizational preparedness can be approached. And if THAT wasn't enough, ACP will be sponsoring an event in Plano on Thursday, October 19th. This will be a combination information session and social / networking event. It will run from 3pm until 7pm at nThrive's campus on Legacy Blvd in Plano. We're currently lining up speakers, but I promise this will be a fun and exciting event for everyone who attends. Be on the lookout for more details!

November will be another great venue and topic. We'll be at BNSF Railway in Fort Worth. For those of you not familiar, BNSF is the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, which manages one of the largest freight railroad networks in North America. Given their importance to transportation and infrastructure, understanding BNSF's preparedness program is sure to be of interest. It feels WAY too early in the year (and far too warm) to be saying this, but we're only FOUR meetings away from our Annual Holiday Luncheon! Texas de Brazil has served us well over the years (literally!) and I'm hard pressed to find a reason to change. That said, we do have time to reserve our spot so I encourage you to reach out to me (mark.armour@brinksinc.com) or a member of the board if you have any feedback or input to share.

But there's more! Yes, believe it or not, elections are coming up. I know, it seems like we just had them, but they are upon us yet again. While we work on assembling our election committee, I encourage all our members to participate in this process. Please let us know if you are interested in serving your fellow members by running for a board position or wish to nominate someone to do so. The current board is doing an excellent job but there are sure to be some changes and I'd like to get people involved who have not traditionally participated a great deal. So come on and join us! This is YOUR association and chapter and only through YOUR contributions can we make it work better for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continuing support and participation!

Here is a quick overview of what is happening in your ACP Chapter over the next three months.

Date	Location	Agenda
September 12	Virtual Meeting. Register at: https://fb.me/acpsept2017 ; https://www.eventbrite.com/sfba-acp-acp-2017 ; https://www.eventbrite.com	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities
October 3	Mary Kay 16251 Dallas Parkway Addison, TX 75001	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities
November 7	BNSF Railway 2650 Lou Menk Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76131	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities

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