



North Texas ACP

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Quote of the Month

"There are risks and costs to a program of action...but they are far less than the long ranging costs of comfortable inaction." John F Kennedy



President's Comments...

Each year, the North Texas ACP chapter recognizes one member as the chapter's MVP--Most Valuable Player. Traditionally, this award is announced and presented during the December luncheon--and this year will be no different.

To insure that we select our chapter's Most Valuable Player, it is critical we receive input from you.

The selection criteria for the North Texas ACP MVP are listed below:

- . The recipient is verified by the Chapter Board as an ACP member in good standing (which means that the person's ACP dues are paid).
- . The recipient provides outstanding service and value to the North Texas Chapter (for the year 2011 and can include prior years).
- . There is one recipient per chapter.

To nominate the 2011 North Texas ACP Most Valuable Player, please email any ACP Board Member.

Our MVP will receive:

- 1) An engraved plaque (which is provided as part of our association with the ACP organization)
- 2) Recognition in a 2012 ACP newsletter (picture, name, and summary of contributions)
- 3) A great professional accomplishment to note on LinkedIn and the resume.

Think about who has been a key contributor in North Texas ACP for 2011 and then send your nomination no later than Friday, September 30.

--Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Date: September 13th, 2011

Subject: Tour of the Office of Emergency Management

Speaker: Juan M. Ortiz and Amanda Everly

Affiliation:

Juan - City of Fort Worth Office of Emergency Management

Amanda - North Central Texas Council of Governments

Location: We will be touring the new emergency management facility which is located at

275 W 13th Street, Fort Worth TX. **See more details and parking map included in "September Meeting information"

Time: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM CST

Agenda:

- MVP Award
- Upcoming Survey
- Upcoming Chapter elections
- 30 min tour, 30 min presentation, 1 hour ACP meeting

NOTE: Participants need to eat lunch before hand, as the tour will start promptly at 12:00 noon

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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2011

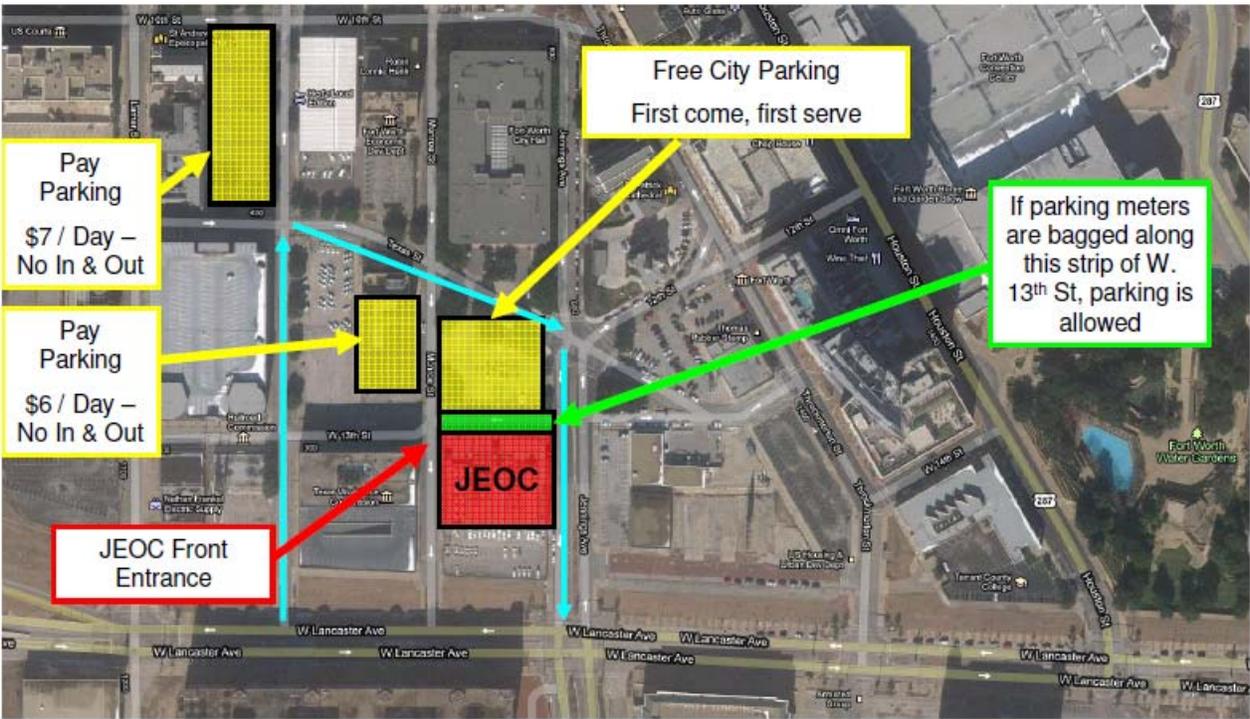
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 13th	Tour Office of Emergency Management – Ft Worth
October 4th	H5 Colo
November 1st	Boy Scouts of America
December 6th	TBD (Holiday Luncheon)

September Meeting Information

In keeping aligned with September being National Preparedness month, our North Texas Chapter has the wonderful opportunity to tour the Office of Emergency Management in Fort Worth. Our Speakers will be Juan Ortiz and Amanda Everly. To assist you with parking – please see the map below.

Plan on meeting at 12:00 noon, they will have people at the door waiting for us, if you arrive late there is a phone located you can press 3 and someone will come to get you. The tour will last about 30 minutes (giving us time to ask questions if needed) then we will go into a conference room for the presentation which should last no more than 30 minutes.

JEOC Parking Map – Fort Worth Actual Address: 275 W 13th Street, Fort Worth TX.



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**It's Re-Election time!!!
Come and join the action!**

We invite you to become part of your local ACP North Texas chapter committee to help coordinate upcoming events, speakers and activities. Be sure to join us for the August meeting to hear more details. We are publishing the timeline below to enable everyone the opportunity to stand for possible election. All positions are open.

September 13 th	Announce Nominating Committee (appointed by President) Pass out nomination forms for officer elections (all positions are open)
September 30 th	Nominations close
October 4 th	Nominating Committee presents candidates to Chapter
October 7 th	All Candidates provide profile to Mark Weidner (mark.weidner@vertexgroup.com) for posting on chapter website
October 10 th – 21 st	Voting Period
November 1 st	Presentation of 2012 Officers

New ACP Board Member position – Director of Public Relations

Help the North Texas Chapter of ACP thrive by running for our new Board member position "Director of Public Relations". Our organization is often called upon for our advice and experience. The Director of Public Relations will be:

1. Responsible for organization and representation of Chapter at seminars, conventions, and public presentations.
2. The Chapter ambassador to all professional organizations requesting information about the chapter
3. Responsible for issuing Chapter media statements.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help our Chapter and support our North Texas community. If you are interested in this position, you can nominate yourself by sending your name to Mark Weidner@ mark.weidner@vertexgroup.com).

Is your Company a prospective Internship Host?

ACP has received this information from Amy Holt regarding prospective internship hosts for the **University of North Texas undergraduate** program.....

“As the host site, we expect employers to provide our students with a mentoring relationship while the students are working in the organization. We want our students to be exposed to all four phases of emergency management (mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery) to the extent possible. We also would need a job description/task list in order to be familiar with what the student would be doing. Finally, the supervisor needs to do 2 evaluations of the students work during the 240 hour internship and sign off on activity logs filled out by the student (similar to time sheets). I have also linked the website for the internship information from the program’s home page”.

<http://pacs.unt.edu/public-administration/content/internships>

If an employer would like to advertise an internship opportunity then I need the following information...

1. Employer/Organization Name
2. Physical Address of Organization
3. Supervisor, Supervisor's Title
4. Supervisor's e-mail
5. Supervisor's phone number
6. Beginning and end date of the internship (if there is one)
7. Hours per week you would like a student to work (how many hours per week)
8. Pay rate
9. Job Description
10. The procedure you would like the students to follow in order to apply for the internship

Our undergraduate students do not have to be paid for their internship, but about half of the time they are paid. When a student is paid the average pay was \$11.21/hour last year. I place about 70 – 80 students in internship each year.

Here is information I provide to prospective internship hosts for our **graduate** program....

“As the host site, we require that supervisors act as mentors and take time to help students develop their skills as a professional in the field. We ask that our students be tasked with several projects that will give them experience in the public or non-profit sector and, when appropriate, be able to take ownership over a task or part of a task. The supervisor needs to do 2 evaluations (I provide the form) of the student’s work during the 440 hour internship and sign off on activity logs filled out by the student (similar to time sheets). The Department also requires that our students be paid for their internship at the graduate level. Most students make about \$10 - \$14 per hour. I have also linked the website for the internship information from the program’s home page”.

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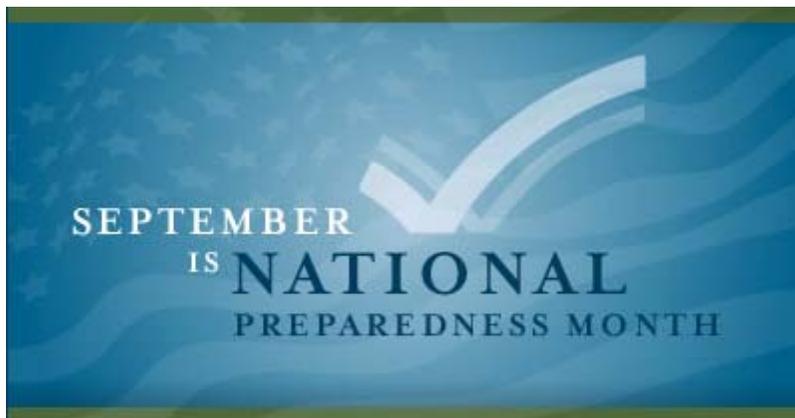
About 50 students are placed in internships every year at the graduate level. For more information, contact

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Would you like to learn more about the business continuity events around the world? Go to www.continuitycentral.com.

To read about Lessons learned from the recent English public disorder incidents – press “ctrl click” to access the interesting article below

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0904.html>



National Preparedness Month - SEPTEMBER, a nationwide effort designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, workplace and communities. For more information on FREE Preparedness webinars throughout the month, copy and paste the website into your browser.

<http://www2.agilityrecovery.com/npm>

Do you have an article to share regarding Business Continuity for inclusion in our next Newsletter?

We'd love to hear from you!

Please send your article for submission to dianne.stephens@vertexgroup.com