



North Texas ACP

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Quote of the Month

“We live in the midst of alarms, anxiety beclouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read.” *Abraham Lincoln*



President's Comments...

It is nearing the end of September and several deadlines are approaching:

- 1) North Texas ACP MVP (Most Valuable Player) nominations are due on September 30.
- 2) Nominations for the 2012 North Texas ACP officers are also due on September 30.

We currently have 3 chapter members that are unemployed. If you know of any open positions, please let any officer know so we can post the information to our LinkedIn group. We have had an increase in job postings this year on our website and in LinkedIn, but it is important to keep posting the new positions, too.

North Texas ACP is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. That's an impressive accomplishment and calls for celebration. Plans are underway to appropriately recognize this event before 2011 comes to a close.

The year has gone by quickly and it is easy for each of us to focus on our lists of to-do items and goals that have not been started. But, don't forget to keep your networking going, too. What better way than to attend the October and November meetings? The December meeting is always well-attended since the food is free for members! And, while you block those meeting dates out on your calendar, why not plan to invite someone to attend with you?

See you on Tuesday, October 4, at our next chapter meeting.

--Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

**COME AND JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING
BRING A COWORKER!!**

Date: October 4th, 2011

Subject: Tour of H5 Colo, plus year end ACP announcements

Speaker: Walt Chambers

Affiliation: President of H5 Colo

Location: 12712 Park Central, Dallas, Texas 75251
**See more details and map included in "October Meeting information"

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

Agenda:

- Upcoming Chapter elections
- Upcoming Survey
- Holiday Luncheon
- Tour

NOTE: There is a cafeteria available for members to buy lunch at the H5 colo building

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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 4th	H5 Colo
November 1st	Boy Scouts of America
December 6th	TBD (Holiday Luncheon)

Click here> [ACP website](#)

October Meeting Information

Our Speaker will be Walt Chambers, who is the President of H5 Colo.

H5 COLO: 12712 Park Central, Dallas, Texas 75251

- Park in the visitor parking provided.
- As you face north towards the buildings you want to enter into 4PC (3 story building on the left)
- Take the Elevator to the Ground Floor (Basement) and you have arrived.

Click Here for Google Map

Should you have any questions, Please call (972) GET-COLO or (972) 438-2656

September Meeting Recap

We would like to thank our September speakers from the Ft Worth emergency operations Center. Eric Carter and Amanda Everly shared with us about the exciting opportunity for North Texas to possibly host a pilot CASA weather monitoring system.

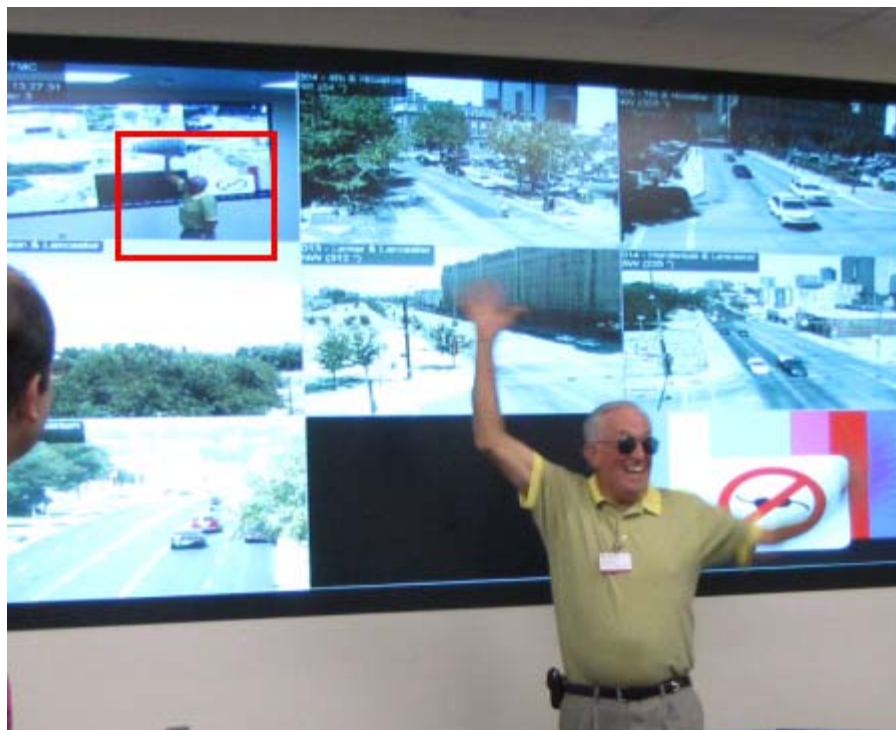
We were then given the grand tour of their modern Joint Emergency Operations Center, where much of the behind the scenes security coordination for Superbowl 2011 took place. It was good to see some Ft Worth based members attend. *(Look for upcoming Survey to poll members about preferred locations)*



ACP members listen while Eric (Left red inset) and Amanda (right red inset) present the inner workings and vision for Ft Worth emergency response



A glimpse inside the high-tech Joint EOC, which as members commented, have come a long way since IR team members stood around the table straining to listen to the one and only portable phone



With true ACP enthusiasm, John Bowling tests the surveillance camera mounted in the room actually worked (he is captured in the red box insert)

**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.

August 2nd	Publish 2012 election timeline and announce at Chapter Meeting
September 13th	Announce Nominating Committee (appointed by Pres) Pass out nomination forms for officer elections (all positions are open)
September 30th	Nominations close
October 4th	Nominating Committee presents candidates to Chapter
October 7th	All Candidates provide profile to Susan Guinn (susan.guinn@citi.com) for posting on chapter website
October 10th – 21st	Voting Period
November 1st	Present 2012 Officers

*****Ho Ho Ho December Luncheon – Need Prizes Ho Ho Ho*****

We are looking for super duper prizes to hand out during our annual Holiday lunch. Please check with your company if they have any funds/giveaways left in the year end budget – they may be eager to donate to our worthy cause and spread a little holiday cheer. Large or small – we'd be happy to receive your goodies. Contact dianne.stephens@vertexgroup.com with details if you are in a position to donate!

US POWER OUTAGE ILLUSTRATES WIDER CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE THREATS

EXCELLENT article about one employee's error and the impact to data infrastructure and surrounding community **A must read –click below!!**

[HTTP://WWW.CONTINUITYCENTRAL.COM/FEATURE0914.HTML](http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0914.html)

North Texas ACP Members

Just as a reminder, if changes to your ACP member profile are required you may review current information and post updates by logging into www.acp-international.com and clicking on the “**Members**” tab, then choosing “**Profile Update**” from the list of options at the top of the page. *Chapter officers do not have access to post changes to your personal information, any updates must be posted by the member.*

Upcoming Survey – Your chance to win Prizes!!

2011 North Texas Chapter Member Survey

The strength and benefits of our chapter come from the participation of our members. In November, you'll have the opportunity to provide our Chapter with feedback. A brief '2 part' survey will be distributed to solicit your input.

To thank you for your participation we are offering TWO prizes:

- For completing part 1, your name will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 gift card**
- For the second part of the survey, the board will select the winner of a **\$100 gift card** based on “best suggestions” for chapter improvement

So put on your thinking cap, and let us hear from you!!

Info / Rules for Survey:

- The survey will be sent out by e-mail after November Chapter Meeting
 - Member must be present at December luncheon to win
 - Winners to be announced at luncheon
 - Board members are not eligible for either prize

Looking for a specific topic of interest? How about a venue of interest to DR/ BC?

We are always looking for speakers and places of interest to tour for our group. If you have suggestions or comments, please call or drop Phyllis a note at 469.365.7127 phyllis.brown@absq.com