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**President's Comments**



***“Building Resiliency through engagement in North Texas”***

Over the past few months, I have been working with the City of Frisco Police, Frisco Emergency Management Office (under the direction of the Fire Department), and Dallas FBI to partner and develop a “Protecting Our Houses of Worship” free seminar in Frisco. The invitation in part stated “The Association of Continuity Professionals (ACP) – North Texas Chapter invites faith leaders and their safety, security and preparedness staff across all denominations to participate in this valuable event to enhance the safety and security of their congregations.” I am happy to report the event was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and had about 60 attendees during the 4-hour seminar. The attendees were represented by a diverse set of faiths within the Frisco and nearby communities.

Thinking back over my career in Resiliency, there are times that I felt very alone in what I was doing. I may have been the only person in my company focused on the resiliency disciplines and driving all the discussions. When I joined the ACP North Texas, I realized I was not the only person experiencing this situation. I was able to network with many of you about your challenges, situations and processes.

Upon talking with some of the attendees at the House of Worship event, I realized that like me, they felt alone with the weight of their worship center safety and security on their shoulders. Through this event they were able to network with other local worship centers about their challenges and their plans. Attendees also realized they were not alone and there was a wealth of information available in their community and expertise by their public sector partners, all they had to do was ask and engage.

This event was outside my comfort zone, but our careers in business give us the unique perspective and depth of knowledge in planning and response. I suggest we should share that knowledge not just with those that pay us, but with those who can benefit from our knowledge.

In closing, our 2022 Chapter theme is “*Building Resiliency through Engagement in North Texas*”. In my eyes this event not only delivers toward that mission, but also helps those in the communities we serve and in support of all our different faiths.

**Chet Bojarski – ACP North Texas President**

## **Program Updates by Scott Williams, CBCP, MBCI**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the North Texas ACP Chapter welcomed the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to our monthly meeting. Speakers Kelly Ransdell, Regional Director, South Central Region and Bob Sullivan, Regional Director, Southwest Region co-presented the topic “Resiliency Risks to Going Greener”. Kelly first spoke to us on the “Fire Ecosystem” and how the NFPA views each cog in this system as critical. Bob then discussed Energy Storage Systems (ESS) detailing a typical ESS units design and their efficiencies, but also some of the hazards associated with them. Bob provided examples of how electrical fires within these systems are handled and the common reasons for why they start. This discussion led into some of the ecological challenges that these types of systems pose including the need for using larger quantities of water to put out fires within these systems. Both speakers also provided several links to NFPA resources for our members during the meeting as well. We appreciate both Kelly and Bob for providing their expertise and time to lead our March chapter meeting discussion.

### **Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – Virtual ZOOM Call**

Our next monthly chapter meeting will once again be held “Virtual Only” on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**. We are excited to welcome **Peter Steinfeld**, Senior Vice President of Safety Solutions at **AlertMedia** where he will be presenting the topic “**Threat Monitoring & Crisis Communication – How to Communicate with Precision during Critical Events**”. Peter has been in the emergency communications industry for more than 20 years. He works closely with a wide range of organizations to support their employee safety, business continuity, and emergency preparedness initiatives. He also hosts ***The Employee Safety Podcast***, for which he interviews a different safety leader each week. Peter previously held leadership roles at Symantec and Dell, among several other enterprise software companies. During this presentation, Peter will talk about key new findings in employee safety and shifts in employee expectations related to emergency communications – where they start, stop, and sometimes fall short and how to fix this. He’ll also present on the lifecycle of threat with an analysis of a real-life examples. Don’t forget to register for this event and we look forward to seeing you on the Zoom call on April 5<sup>th</sup>!

### **NT ACP Chapter Meeting Location Request!**

As a reminder, we are looking for locations in the North Texas area willing to host our monthly chapter meetings in 2022. If your organization would be willing to host any of our “In-Person” chapter meetings this year, please reach out to me directly to coordinate. Looking forward to a continued partnership with our members to get us back to in-person meetings. Thanks for your consideration!

-Scott

# North Texas ACP Chapter Meetings Info

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from Noon to 1:30 pm. The location varies, so check the Chapter Newsletter or [Website](#) for meeting information. If you have a topic you would like discussed or presented, please contact any of our board members (to the right on this page).

## Next Meeting:

**Date** April 5, 2022  
**Time** Noon—1:30 pm

**Location** *Virtual via ZOOM*

**Topic** “Threat Monitoring & Crisis Communication—How to Communicate with Precision during Critical Events”

**Presenter** **Peter Steinfeld**, SVP of Safety Solutions at AlertMedia, Host of The Employee SafetyPodcast

**QR Code for Survey:**



## BC/DR Job Postings

Looking for a new position, Cheyene Marling at BC Management suggests subscribing to their BCM Career Alerts (orange button) on their [website](#). The system quickly notifies professionals once a new job is posted that might be a potential match to your search preferences.

### Position posted for NT ACP Chapter Members:

Senior Organizational Resilience Advisor  
Texas Children’s Hospital  
Houston, TX  
[https://www.texaschildrenspeople.org/career/?job\\_id=27720](https://www.texaschildrenspeople.org/career/?job_id=27720)

### Posted LinkedIn positions:

Manager, Business Continuity  
Molina Healthcare  
United States (Remote)

Business Resilience and Continuity Senior Consultant  
Deloitte  
Dallas, TX

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# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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## US Passes “Game-Changing” Cyber Incident Reporting Legislation

US critical infrastructure companies will be obliged to report cyber incidents within 72 hours to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) under “game-changing” legislation signed into law by President Joe Biden this week.

Covered entities will also be obliged to report any ransomware payments to CISA within 24 hours under the [Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act of 2022](#). This legislation forms part of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022](#), a \$1.5tn omnibus spending package.

The legislation [was drafted](#) amid surging [ransomware attacks](#) and other cyber-threats facing [critical infrastructure organizations](#), exacerbated by the current Russia-Ukraine conflict.

In addition to deterring organizations from making ransomware payments, the measures are designed to provide more intelligence into cyber-attacks and threat actor plans. This, in turn, will assist information sharing between federal agencies like the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the FBI, helping ensure there is a standardized approach to dealing with critical infrastructure cyber-attacks.

The new reporting requirements will apply to organizations that fall within the 16 US [critical infrastructure sectors](#), as defined by CISA.

To read the entire article from Infosecurity click [here](#).



## 2022 Volunteer Committee's for North Texas ACP

We have had a number of chapter volunteers step-up to get the 2022 Committee's started, but we need a few more volunteers to join in. To add your name, please send an email to day to [NorthTexas@acp-chapters.com](mailto:NorthTexas@acp-chapters.com). At the end of 2022, what will you say you contributed to North Texas? Please consider continuing the legacy of our founders.

Headline	Proposed Objective
Chapter Historian <b>(Started)</b>	<i>As Chapter Historian, generate a history of the ACP NT continuing our efforts in 2021. Identify, document and interview (as appropriate) past (board) members &amp; identify chapter accomplishments and milestones. Deliverable considerations should include physically documenting our history as appropriate, consideration of an article in 2022 to be included in our Chapter Newsletter and coordinated within our social media platforms (under separate committee).</i>
Chapter By-Laws review <b>(Started)</b>	<i>Review and update the current North Texas Chapter By-Laws to ensure alignment with the National By-Laws and our Chapter. Present to the Board of Directors and then Chapter Members for review.</i>
2022 Year-End Holiday Event Committee	<i>Develop, coordinate, and host (President can host event) the December 2021 North Texas Chapter Year-end review within the budget as approved by the 2021 ACP NT Board of Director.</i>
Community Service Opportunities	<i>Identify &amp; propose Community Charity opportunities that Chapter individuals or the entire Chapter can volunteer for as a team. Objective is to be a more active Chapter member in the communities we serve.</i>
2022 Fall Summit Meeting	<i>Identify the need, recommendation, and if approved the coordination of an ACP North Texas Summit in later 2021. Objective is to benefit the members, and community and region we serve as it relates to our Chapters discipline. Summit could also be in partnership with other ACP Chapters as appropriate.</i>
2023 Board Nomination Committee (2-3)	<i>Committee shall insure a Chapter Board is in place for 2022 in alignment with the Chapter By-Laws. Committee to coordinate acceptance of all nominations, present candidates to membership, facilitate the membership voting process, and deliver the results to the Board of Directors, which will then be announced by the Board to the Members.</i>
Mentorship Program	<i>As point of contact for the Mentorship Program, review existing program, recommend any enhancements, and facilitate the matching of Mentors/Mentees for the calendar year.</i>
Young Professional Resiliency Group <b>(Started)</b>	<i>This committee would generate a proposal to the board for the engagement activities needed to supporting the unique needs of new/young professionals entering any of the Resiliency Disciplines. It would be an extension of the ACP NT Chapter. Young professionals* is a place holder and committee would provide suggestions on naming of the group, and other consideration and the definition of success of this group.</i>
<b>C COMPLETE</b> 2021 Audit Committee	<i>The Audit Committee will examine all 2020 Chapter financial records and make a report of their findings. Present output to the Board of Directors for review. Once approved and complete, Treasurer to provide certification to National ACP by end of March for previous year.</i>
Regional Booth Opportunities <b>(Started)</b>	<i>This committee would evaluate and provide recommendations for the use of resources and targeted conferences in the region to host a booth to expand awareness of the ACPNT. Committee would recommend preferred opportunities and marketing materials needed for booth support and engagement. ACPNT has already identified 4+ conferences for 2022 where this is an option for our Chapter.</i>

## Benefits of Membership

### Why Join?

Knowledge

Integrity

Innovation

Support

ACP is the premier organization for business continuity professionals providing a powerful networking and learning environment for its members.

Known for its progressive programs, workshops and symposiums, the organization has become a unifying force in defining and leading the continuously evolving fields of business continuity, disaster recovery and emergency response.

We would love feedback from you regarding our meetings. Below are the QR codes for some previous meetings. Scan the code with your phone and answer 10 questions.

March Meeting  
Kelly Ransdell  
Bob Sullivan  
NFPA  
Resiliency Risks to  
Going Greener



February Meeting  
Andrew "AJ" Jarrett  
Amsys Innovative  
Solutions  
Keeping the  
Business in  
Business Continuity



January Meeting  
Cheyenne Marling  
BC Management  
BCM Career  
Resiliency



## Supply Chain Resilience: an approach to tackle disruptions for organizations

An article from [thebci.org/news](http://thebci.org/news) by Mara Contessa

### Introduction

In an ever-changing environment, organizations are more likely to experience a wide range of unpredictable risks, causing minor to major disruptions throughout their Supply Chain (SC). For organizations it is necessary to recognize this and to reflect on their own SC rather than their competitors; while policymakers should reconsider strategies for making global value chains more resilient.

The current Ukraine conflict and COVID-19 pandemic are just the latest disruptions to global SCs. For instance, in 2011 a major earthquake and a subsequent tsunami in Japan shut down factories producing electronic components for cars, thus interrupting assembly lines worldwide. The disaster knocked out the world's top producer of advanced silicon wafers, on which many semiconductor companies relied. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey raged through the states of Texas and Louisiana, disrupting some of the largest US oil refineries and petrochemical plants, thereby creating shortages of key plastics and resins for a range of industries.

All of these events are clearly more than just a 'run of bad luck' and organizations cannot simply ignore them. While focusing on the value chains that produce manufactured goods, this article explores the main sectors more frequently affected by SC disruptions and explains the main points of measure that should be considered while evaluating resilience throughout a SC. The article also presents a short case study that explains how technology could become a key player in enhancing resilience within the SC.

To read the entire article from bci click [here](#).

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# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming Conferences

### The National Hurricane Conference

April 11-14 2022

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<https://hurricanemeeting.com/>

### Continuity Insights

April 25—27, 2022 Omni Hotel Louisville, Kentucky  
2022 Continuity Insights Management Conference

### DRJ

Fall 2022—September 11—14 Phoenix, AZ

### Dallas Facility Expo

October 5-6, 2022

### Secure World Dallas

October 19-20, 2022 Arlington, TX

### DRII

February 26—March 1, 2023 Marriott Downtown  
Austin, TX

## Upcoming Webinars

### **ACP:**

Business Continuity Q & A—What's on YOUR mind?  
Let's Discuss!

Thursday, April 7, 2022 3pm CT

[Click here to register](#)

How to Conduct an Effective Business Impact Analysis  
Thursday, April 21, 2022 Noon CT

[Click here to register](#)

### **VEOCI:**

Raising the Bar for Healthcare Continuity  
Thursday, March 31, 2022 1pm CT

[Click here to register](#)

## Ongoing Webinars

### **ACP International**

[Webinar link](#) Held monthly. Check website for details.

### **Bright Talk**

[Webinar link](#) Random scheduling.

### **Federal Government**

[Webinar link](#) Held on the **1st Wednesday of every month at 1 P.M. Central Time.**

### **Firestorm**

[Webinar link](#) Held monthly. Check website for details, scroll down and look under Events

## Courses Beyond Conferences/Webinars

**Business Continuity Institute** [www.thebci.org](http://www.thebci.org)

**Disaster Recovery Institute International** [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)

**InfraGard (Partnership between FBI and Public Sector)**  
[www.infragard.org](http://www.infragard.org)

**ISO Based Training** <https://pecb.com/training>

**National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS) Training** [More info](#)

**TEEX** [www.teex.org](http://www.teex.org)

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