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ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

March 2002

THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

Message from Chris Floyd, Disaster Service Director

Capital Area Chapter, American Red Cross

With the storms of spring just around the corner and several states having Hazardous or Severe Weather Awareness Weeks during February or March, I have prepared another article entitled "Tornadoes 101".

The article can be found in a Word Document format at:

<http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/tornadoes101.doc>

The article can be found in a PDF format at:

<http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/tornadoes101.pdf>

There are over 50 such articles on the EDUCATION link of our web site at

<http://www.tallytown.com/redcross>

ACP Officer's Meeting

The 2002 ACP Officers held their first meeting on January 31, 2002. Below are the highlights from that meeting:

- Closer affiliation with other groups that share common issues with ACP will be sought. Initially these groups will include ITEC, Infragard, Project Impact and ISSA. The ACP members are asked to look for other connections with outside groups, such as Rotary Clubs, City Councils, Home Owner Associations, and Civic Clubs.
- Additions to the Program Agenda will include some off-site meetings at areas of interest for the general membership. Also, additional meetings may be added to the program agenda if a significant number of members agree to participate.
- Chapter Finances were discussed. The budget for 2002 will be presented to the membership for approval.
- **Moving of the meeting location was discussed. The general feeling was that until the chapter increased significantly in size, the chapter would**

continue to meet at the present location. It was agreed that when space becomes an issue the general membership would be asked to provide possible suggestions for larger venues.

- The officers agreed that an Officer Position Book would be useful for future officers and that each officer will create a Position Book based on the President's position book.
- Decision was made to have an Officer remain a few minutes after each meeting to answer questions from any member (topics such as certification or re-certification, membership questions, etc.).

Welcome New Members

A wonderful welcome to our new members:

Rene Sanchez, KPMG

Timothy Stacey, KPMG

Treasurer's Report

The South Texas ACP Chapter cash balances:

Balance 01/31/2002 \$4,349.82

Balance 02/28/2002 \$4,349.82

Next Meeting

PLEASE NOTICE DATE CHANGE

When: Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Subject: DRJ Conference Review by ACP Members attending

Speaker: ACP Members

Place: RM 1553 of the IBM Building at Two Riverway, Houston, TX

Lunch: Bring your own lunch or purchase it in IBM's cafeteria

Time: 11:30 – 1:00

The chapter meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in RM 1553 of the IBM Building at Two Riverway in Houston. Please feel free to bring a guest. We would love the opportunity to make them members.

Future Meetings

Remember that attendance at ACP chapter meetings count toward your continuing education credits (CEUs).

The planned program schedule for 2002 is:

April 9 – Executive Protection, by The Guidry Group

May 14 - 2002 Hurricane Forecast and Supporting New Technology by a key speaker from the National Weather Service

June 11 – Community Infrastructure Support in your BCP (Homeland Defense maybe) by Harris County OEM

Board Members

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Local ACP Web Site and Links

<http://www.acp-international.com/southtx>

Upcoming Conferences/Major Events

| Date, Subject, and Location | Contact Information |
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| March 10 – 13, 2002 DRJ Conference San Diego, California | www.drj.com |
| The March 26 -27, 2002 Business Continuity Planning & Security seminar in Dallas has been cancelled. | |
| April 15 – 17, 2002 CPM 2002 Continuity Management Conference New Orleans, Louisiana | www.contingencyPlanning.com |
| June 12 – 15, 2002 Hemispheric Conference on the Impact of Natural Hazards on Trade Corridors (TCC II) Tampa, Florida | www.cdmha.org/news/news_events.org |

*If you know of any newsworthy items that should be included, please let me know by the end of each month. I will be happy to include them in the list. **PLEASE NOTE MY CELL PHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED.***

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