

NEWSWIRE

ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

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Last Month's Meeting

Mr. Mike Guidry (pictured to the immediate right) spoke to the group about corporate security and the protection of corporate executives.



Some of the areas covered were:

- VIP's:
 - Location in the building
 - Insurance coverage
 - Body guards
- Security:
 - Police officers necessary
 - Extent of training
 - Their Instructions
- Building
 - Evacuation plans
 - Fire wardens on each floor
 - Stairwells clearly marked
- Overseas Travel
 - Medical records
 - Passport copies
 - "Check-in" policy

The above are only some areas covered. Please see the web site for complete presentation material.

Volunteers Needed For The Pasadena Hurricane Conference, May 8th

So far we have the following volunteers:

John Link

Venus Adams

WD Koempel

Jim Nowak

Bob Janusaitis

If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Nowak at 713-767-8826.

[Business Continuity Gets a "Thumbs Up"!!](#)

In Global Continuity's latest quick survey, globalcontinuity.com asked members to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the following statement: "Is 'business continuity' still the best term for describing the process of planning and managing to minimize the impact of outages, interruptions and disasters on organizational activities?"

In total, 1189 responses were received, with 78.9 percent saying 'yes' business continuity is still the best term and 21.2 percent of respondents answering 'no'.

If you would like the complete article, please email me at venus.adams@jacobs.com and I will forward this to you.

[University of Richmond Now Assuming the Management of the Certified Recovery Planner Program](#)

Emailed by Walter Green, April 11, 2002

The University of Richmond has recently assumed the management of the Certified Recovery Planner program, originally founded in 1994 by Norman Harris.

Facts about the Professional Certification Program:

- It is an independent evaluation of business continuity knowledge with no requirement for completion of test preparation courses
- It is available completely online with automated testing and immediate feedback
- It tests the way business continuity professionals actually work
- It is based on a full range of professional core competencies
- It includes professional self-assessment and continuing professional development planning
- It provides a realistically-designed entry level certification for new staff
- It offers certifications in a defined career progression model
- It is based on best practice, current developments, and research

The initial certification fee is \$300. Certification is valid for two years. Recertification is available for \$100.

For further information and registration materials, visit the Certified Recovery Planner website at <http://www.richmond.edu/~wgreen/crp.htm> or contact wgreen@richmond.edu.

If you are interested in either undergraduate or graduate education in business continuity and emergency management, visit our web site at <http://www.richmond.edu/academics/scs/credit/esm/index.htm> or contact:

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The University of Richmond views business continuity as a core strategic business function. We are proud to be able to offer professionals a professional certification program with that focus. Since 1996, the University of Richmond has been educating both private and public sector professionals who plan for and manage the response to disasters. With the inclusion of professional certification and an academic certificate program in business continuity as part of our Bachelor's degree program we believe we are ideally positioned to meet your needs for professional credentials.

[UN ISDR Announces Theme](#)

The United Nation's International Strategy for Disaster Reduction announces its theme for the 2002 World Disaster Reduction Campaign - - Disaster Reduction for Sustainable Mountain Development. See <http://www.unisdr.org/unisdr/camp2002.htm>

Issue II of the ISDR Highlights is also available, featuring:

- Meeting of the IATF working Group on Wildland Fires
- Expert Meeting on Early Warning and Sustainable Development
- Translation of the RADIUS Report
- Gender and Disaster Reduction Discussed at UN Meeting
- Global Water Partnership
- Upcoming EL Nino
- World Summit on Sustainable Development & Disaster Reduction
- News from Latin America and the Caribbean
- Upcoming Events

See <http://www.unisdr.org/unisdr.highlights2002.htm>

[Thank You to those who have renewed their membership](#)

Lillibett Machado, Southwest Bank (2nd year)

Janty Tang, Southwest Bank (3rd year)

As of April, we have 40 Active Chapter Members!!!!

This update is in accordance with the monthly reports sent from the ACP/National. If you are not listed and renewed in the month of April, I apologize for not having your name.

[Treasurer's Report](#)

The South Texas ACP Chapter cash balances:

Balance 03/31/2002	\$4,151.06
Balance 04/30/2002	\$4,187.06

[Next Meeting](#)

When: Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Subject: 2002 Hurricane Forecast & Supporting New Technology

Speaker: Gene Hafele from the National Weather Service

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.

2002 Chapter Officers

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