

NEWSWIRE

ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

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[Last Month's Meeting](#)

WE HAD A FULL HOUSE – ~14 visitors!!!!

Gene Hafele talked to the group about the upcoming Hurricane Season. He explained how forecasting worked, explained the “scale” that rates hurricanes and tornadoes, and gave us a lot to think about. The most important part of the lecture was “**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL JUNE 1 TO BEGIN YOUR HURRICANE PREPARATIONS**”. As we learned last year, when Tropical Storm Alison hit Houston on the 5th of June.

[The Pasadena Hurricane Conference](#)

A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!! Some of our volunteers even made the news. Most importantly, we had some booth visitors attend the monthly ACP meeting the following week.

Thanks again to our volunteers:

John Link, Venus Adams, WD Koempel, Jim Nowak, and Bob Janusaitis

[May InfraGard Meeting](#)

During the InfraGard Houston meeting at the ITEC, representatives presented information about the following security relevant organization in an effort to bring together all disciplines of security in a forum to enable cross-networking and sharing of information. The belief is that we can achieve more security for our businesses, the public, and ultimately our national security by encouraging more security relevant organizations to become actively involved with InfraGard. InfraGard hopes to work more closely with these organizations in the future. Below are the organizations introduced during the meeting. Feel free to contact the organizations for more information.

Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) – contact Anne Rogers at president@southwest.issa.org

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) – contact Freeman Mendell at edpaudit@airmail.net

High Tech Criminal investigation Association (HTCIA) – contact Jim Martin at ssajamho@hal-pc.org

Association of IT Processing (AITP) – contact Elena Tran at Elena_tran@etranonline.com
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) – contact Ken at klmicha@ppco.com
Energy Security Council (ESC) – contact info@energysecuritycouncil.org
Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) – contact David Ahola at dahola@mfrpc.com
Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPA) – contact Bob Barr at barr@jrs-cpas.com or Melissa Frazier at melissafrazier@kpmg.com
American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) – contact asis@asishouston.org
Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) – contact Iris Patton at ilpatton@shellus.com

Biological Agent Threats and Incidents

In recent years, threats of exposure to biological weapons such as anthrax have been received by businesses around the country. These threats are often hoaxes designed to disrupt business and unsettle employees. However, in the fall of 2001, an actual anthrax attack was carried out in several cities in the eastern United States. These attacks, which resulted in five deaths, were not accompanied by any threat or warning. These events emphasize the need to ensure that employees are equipped to respond safely to any threatened or suspected exposure to a biological agent such as anthrax.

**See Attachment “Bio.Chem Threats”.*

Valuable Insight

I viewed a video presentation given by Thomas Russo, Vice Chairman and Chief Legal Officer at Lehman Brothers who described his first-hand experience of the attack on September 11. He provided valuable insights as to how his company responded, and what needs to be considered when constructing a comprehensive disaster recovery and business continuity/resumption plans. I have prepared a document to share with everyone. Hope this is as helpful to you as it was for me.

- Jim Nowak

**See Attachment “Lehmann Brothers – September 11th Experience”.*

Thank You to those who have renewed their membership

Venus Adams, Jacobs Engineering (3rd year)
Joseph Lando, Fujitsu Softek (2nd year)
Rex Redfern, Conoco, Inc. (5th year)
Scott Rockenstein, YMCA Houston (7th year)
Debbie Washington, Bank One

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 4/30/2002	\$4,187.06
Balance 5/31/2002	\$4,187.06

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TOPIC

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2002
Subject: Interactive Discussion
Speaker: None
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:

July 9 –Infrastructure Modeling for Business Continuity by Mark Keener, Steverson Information Professionals

August 13 – Community Infrastructure Support in your BCP by Jim White, Harris County OEM (tentative)

Further meetings have not yet been confirmed. The schedule will be updated as confirmations are received. If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please contact the WD Koempel, Program Director (email address listed below).

Upcoming Conferences/Major Events

June 12 – 15, 2002 Tampa, Florida
Hemispheric Conference on the Impact of Natural Hazards on Trade Corridors (TCC II)
www.cdmha.org/news/news_events.org

July 7 – 10, 2002 Toronto, Canada
12th World Conference on Disaster Management
www.wcdm.org

July 25-26, 2002 Washington, D.C.
Global Knowledge Economics Council (GKEC) Training WorkShop
Applying Knowledge Management to Homeland Defense & Emergency Management
http://www.metainnovation.com/reg_pages/KM_HS_EM.asp

August 4 – 7, 2002 Dallas, Texas
ASSE Region III 29th Annual Professional Development Conference
www.assegulfcoast.org

August 19 – 21, 2002
7th Annual Information Security World Conference
www.isec-worldwide.com/isw_australia_2002/

Sydney, Australia

[New Feature](#)

I am introducing a new feature to our newsletter ... it's called the "**Comic's Corner**". With all our travels, business dealings, etc., we always run across funny "happenings" that are worthy of a shared laugh. So, please forward me your stories, jokes, pictures, etc. (because eventually I will run out of them!). Thanks!!

Comic's Corner

Chopsticks – Dangerous!!!!
On one of my recent business trips, the chopsticks I was bringing home to my son were confiscated because security believed I would shove them up someone's nose in an attempt to take over the plane. I didn't know I could be so ruthless?!?!?
- Venus

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