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ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

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The Anniversary of 9/11 is upon us!!

If you are like me, you are still struggling to believe that the attack on the World Trade Center actually happened, much less that it is the 1st anniversary of the tragedy. Around the world, events are being planned to commemorate the day. People are asked to drive with their headlights on, walk outside at the time the first plane struck and observe moments of silence.

They say, out of every tragedy, something positive emerges. On the personnel side, I have decided to become more active in my community. I am now a Volunteer Firefighter for Crosby, Texas. I watch the news and read more about what is happening around the world. I teach my son about the good and the bad, so he won't be traumatized the next time something horrible happens. And yes, we have to admit that there will be a next time, a next attack. I still get nervous boarding airplanes, even more so than before, and I am more aware of those flying around me. I tell everyone I know where I'm going, when I should be back and to watch for falling planes. I'm more cautious opening my mail.

As a country, I believe we have come more united, stronger, and more dedicated to the people and their safety. Also, "Business Continuity" made a very strong comeback, becoming the main focus for businesses everywhere. Just within my company, several of our major clients have audited Jacobs on its Business Continuity practices. Because of those audits, I have been traveling across the country helping various offices put together their plans. This is a hard job to do when most of these people have never heard of Business Continuity. It has been some long and trying months, with many left ahead. However, more people are aware, they are taking greater precautions, and they are finally realizing what is a stake. They now know "the impossible" can and will happen.

- Venus M. Adams

Thank You to those who have renewed their membership

Pete Walsh, Van Dampen Funds – 4th year
Chuck Moore, Van Kampen Funds – 5th year
Debora Shoemaker-Noble - 2nd year

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 7/31/2002 \$4,727.06
Balance 8/30/2002 \$4,727.06

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 17, 2002
Subject: Highlights of the Orlando DRJ Conference
Speaker: Attendees of the DRJ Conference
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

Chuck will discuss how to communicate with key audiences and the media during a company crisis. He will spend about 20 minutes talking about crisis communications planning (including how to develop contingency plans compatible with the new, federal Joint Information Center model) and then 20 minutes on how to plan and conduct media interviews.

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:

October 8, 2002 – Community Infrastructure Support in Your Community - Jim White, Harris County OEM

November 12, 2002 – [working]

December 10, 2002 – Annual Business Meeting & 2003 Election

Upcoming Conferences/Major Events

September 8-11, 2002 14 th International Disaster Recovery Symposium www.drj.com/conferences	Orlando, FL
September 18, 2002 8:00am to 4:30pm Contingency Planning for Uncertain Times www.acp-centraltexas.com	Austin, TX Joe C. Thompson Conference Center 26 th & Red River
September 29 – October 2 Strohl Systems International User Group Conference www.strohlsystems.com	Chicago, IL Hyatt Regency

Chapter News:

CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE!!!! On your engagement. May you have years of happiness.

WAY TO GO ANGELA!!! Your “moonlighting” business is off to a great start.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM on your new job. We know you will do great things!!!!

WAY TO GO VENUS!!!! A new member of the Volunteer Fire Department for Crosby, Texas

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