

## President's Address



As we approach spring break and vacation plans, it's essential for us as resiliency professionals to remember that cybercriminals don't take vacations. In fact, history and recent reports show that the threat of cyber-attacks, particularly ransomware, significantly increases during holiday periods when organizations are most vulnerable due to reduced staff. This real risk underscores the critical need for our teams to stay vigilant and maintain robust cybersecurity measures even when operations might be running on a skeleton crew. The holidays can create perfect storm conditions for cyber threats to flourish: fewer eyes monitoring networks, delayed response times, and an overall drop in defensive activities. The consequences of such attacks are not only immediate but can have long-lasting impacts on an organization's operations, reputation, and bottom line.

This spring break let's not give cybercriminals a chance to exploit our organizations. Before you head off to a warm beach and margaritas, ensure your cybersecurity protocols are up to date, staff and employees are trained to recognize phishing attempts, and that there are clear procedures in place for responding to incidents, even while some of the team is away. Keep your guard up and ensure your digital assets remain secure while you relax and recharge.

Joel Navarro

President, North Texas Chapter of ACP

## Events

### This Month's Meeting

#### Crisis Management "The Whataburger Way"

Tuesday, March 12th  
Noon - 1:30 PM

#### Location

[5615 High Point Drive Irving TX 75038](#)

Presenter:

**Ron Derrick**

Emergency Manager Command Center,  
Whataburger

[Register Here](#)

This chapter meeting is available in-person, but for those who choose to attend virtually, the link is for a Microsoft Teams meeting at our speaker's request. The link will work via any browser and no application installation is required.

You might have been surprised to see the ACP North Texas Chapter Meeting - March 12, 2024 meeting invitation looked different. The email and registration process are through Constant Contact and to avoid going to your spam folder in the future, add [northtexaschapter@acp.ccsend.com](mailto:northtexaschapter@acp.ccsend.com) to your safe sender list. Please update your calendar when you register for the meeting. We look forward to your feedback via the evaluation link or QR code after this meeting.

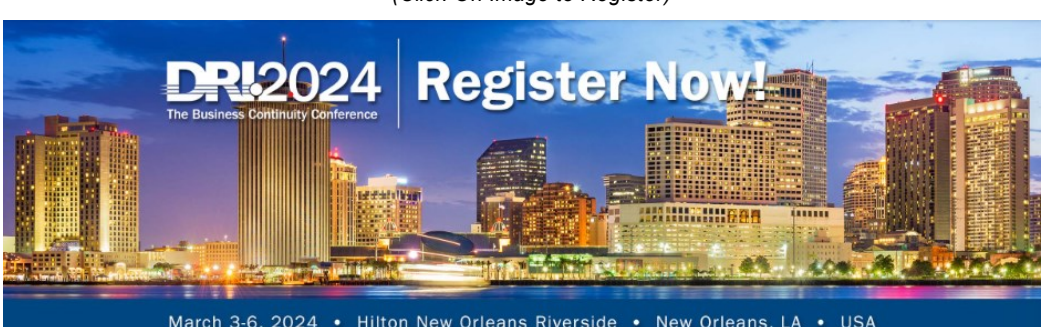
### Other Events - Reserve Your Spot!

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\*Access Code to be communicated Q1 of 2024; free access to current members.

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\*Reach out directly to Chet Bojarski if you're interested in receiving the discounted rate and code.

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COMING SOON

[More Information on Events](#)

## Resources

### Think Tank Thursdays - Q2

**Topic:** "Revamping Crisis Response Plans – All hazards or specific playbooks"

**Kickoff:** Thursday, April 4th, 2024

Think Tank Thursdays are around the corner! This is a member only benefit - if you are interested in participating, please sign up using the [chapter sign up link \(21. Chapter Think Tank\)](#). You must register for this discussion, if you were a prior participant or have already enrolled, you do not have to re-enroll. If you have questions, email [Dianne Stephens](#).

### Job Opportunities

[Business Continuity Specialist](#) - Cook Children's Fort Worth

[Risk, Operational Risk, Associate](#) - Goldman Sachs Dallas

### Volunteer Opportunities

We have TWO upcoming events that we are looking for a few volunteers to help out on a shift. If you can spare a few hours for either the [Frisco Protecting our Houses of Worship](#) event on April 16th, or to staff the booth at the [Dallas Cyber Security Summit](#) on April 12th in Downtown Dallas we would appreciate the support. Check available slots at our dedicated Sign-Up-Genius links for each event. Thank you for the continued support of our Community Engagement activities.

### #OpentoWork - Seeking Opportunities

Leverage the benefits of your membership and get the word out! Be highlighted in next month's newsletter. [Send us an email with your LinkedIn profile.](#)

### Got Space? Host a Chapter Meeting

If you might be able to host a 2024 Chapter meeting, sign up with the link under category 22. All we need is space for 20 - 30, Wi-Fi, and projection capabilities. (signing up does not commit you). Soon after signing up with interest, we will reach out to you. You can host one or multiple meetings. By hosting an event you share your companies support for Resiliency and our chapter! [SignUp Genius - 22. Host a Chapter Meeting](#)

[More Information on Resources](#)

## Membership

### ACP Members in Action!

Speaking at a conference? Conducting an exercise? Managing a real interruption? Attending or teaching a training class? [Email](#) a couple of pictures and a brief explanation of what you're doing. Let us brag about your accomplishments and share your successes on the chapter social media.

[More Information on Membership](#)

## In Other News

### Local Trainings

[Infrastructure Disaster Management Certification Program and EOC Operations](#)

Hosted By - Dallas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
When - Multiple Offerings

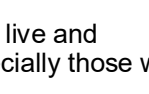
[Integration of Cybersecurity Personnel into the Emergency Operations Center](#)

Hosted By - Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas  
When - March 26 - 28, 2024

### 22nd Global Resilience Compensation Survey

BC Management's 22nd Edition Global Resilience Compensation Study is live and accepting responses. They are looking for more responses this year, especially those who reside/work in Texas. If you would like to participate, follow this link ([Here](#)).

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