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Evacuation drill aims to improve emergency communications

Organizers from 29 emergency response agencies see low student turnout; officials hope for more student participation in future

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The University's [University of Virginia] Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Charlottesville and Albemarle County Emergency Management Office held an evacuation drill yesterday in Scott Stadium.

The drill simulated an evacuation during severe weather at a football game. The 29 participating emergency response agencies in and around Charlottesville aimed to strengthen communications among emergency services prior to an actual crisis, University spokesperson Carol Wood said.

The drill was "designed to establish a learning environment so emergency responders know what to do in an emergency," she said. "It sharpens your mind about what to keep in mind [in an emergency] and what questions you need to be asking all the time."

In the drill, participants filled three roles: evaluators observed the action, controllers coordinated communications between participants and actors modeled public citizens' reactions to a crisis.

Organizers sent two rounds of e-mails to students, whom they relied on to play actors, but braced themselves for poor student turnout.

In the end, less than 20 students attended, Associate Dean of Students Aaron Laushway said.

"I understand that Wednesday morning wasn't optimal," he said. "But I do think that in the future [student participation] would be very beneficial for the organizations involved."

Laushway said future student participation in similar

events would allow actors "to know how diligent and dedicated these people are to ensuring safety and well-being of everyone in the community."

Though Colin Hood, former president of student emergency preparedness organization Hoos Ready, thought the drill could have used more student participation, he said he enjoyed the performances put on by several of the attending actors.

"Some of the scripts they were asked to play were enjoyable," he said. "One girl was a child and she had to hug the West Gate and cry."

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USA Student Region

A Message from the President

Thank you.

After 730 days – thank you. In November of 2007 many of you took a leap and gave me the honor of leading this outstanding organization. It is now time for me to step down and turn the reigns over to an outstanding group of student leaders.

Two years is not a long time in any position. However, I would like to take a moment and remind you all what has been accomplished – what WE accomplished – in such a short time:

- When I was elected there was only one student region located in the USA for all student members. Now we have a Council just for students and student regions in the USA and Oceania. In addition, we are on the cusp of student regions in Europa and Canada;
- When I was elected, there were approximately 1000 students in the organization. Today we have almost 1,500 – over 25% of the organization
- In 2007, the student region had a limited number of programs for its members. Today:
 - o The monthly Responder newsletter
 - o Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter
 - o 18 chapters around the world with two more forming
 - o Three presentations to the FEMA Higher Education Conference
 - o Continuation of the Academic Poster competition
 - o Partnership with Government Technology to publish and pay student authors, as well as provide scholarships
 - o Increased student representation on all IAEM boards and committees
 - o Creation of a Student Development Fund to assist new or struggling regions
 - o Continued successful fundraising for the IAEM Scholarship Fund
 - o Increased communication with members
 - o Creation of student led committees for the annual conference and student awards
 - o Coaching a student cohort of CEM / AEM applicants through the process

- o Partnership with Radiant Technologies for per diem disaster respond jobs for students
 - o Established a partnership with The Preparedness Report to develop professional development podcasts
 - o Increased the number of students running for office (15 this year!)
 - o Created a “rainy day” fund for future years when income is down
 - o Increased marketing including a Student Marketing Video, and Student Membership Brochure, and sending marketing materials and banners to student events
 - o A dedicated program at the IAEM annual conference for students in professional development, networking and socializing
- Respect by the members of IAEM and emergency managers all over for students as young and mid-career professionals in emergency management.

I am proud of what has been accomplished over the years in this organization, and my role in that progress. But I did not do it alone. Along the way many people stepped up to help, listen, work, criticize, and lend a hand to help this organization and I to grow.

I would like to thank all current and former Student Council / Student Region and Student Chapter officers, committee chairs, liaisons and advisors for your tireless and often unnoticed work. I would also like to thank the IAEM staff who not only helped us to succeed, but also believed in the concept and benefit of having a strong, viable student organization. I would like to thank my fellow IAEM USA and IAEM Global Board members, both past and present, who supported our vision during this time. Finally, a special thank you to Dan Hahn, current Past Vice-President, who has been my sounding board and right hand man in this adventure for almost three years...this would not have been possible without your support.

It is now time, with great pleasure and no trepidation, that I leave this outstanding organization to a new group of emergency management leaders. New faces and fresh ideas will ensure that this organization continues to grow, adapt and meet the needs of its highly nomadic members. To the new team, I wish you the best. And to all our members past, present, and future, to you I say never forget that “this is your IAEM!”

-Brian
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Academic Affairs, Governance and Unaffiliated Members Committees

By: Paul Gorczyca, IAEM-USA-SR First Vice President (Chairman)

With the start of a new academic year for many students there are some individuals who have been very busy outside of the classroom working on IAEM Student Chapter development at their home colleges and universities. I am happy to report that Capella University and Savannah State University are both in the final stages of being granted provisional chapter status. The following universities continue to work on their formation process: Florida State University, Oklahoma State University, Erie Community College, SUNY Brockport, University of Delaware, Central Georgia Tech, and Delaware Tech and Community College. Also there have been two universities, Western Washington University and Massachusetts Maritime Academy that have sought re-activation of their current chapters. It is great to see so many students taking an interest not only in the IAEM Student Region but also seeking to spread emergency management awareness on their own campuses.

Having been First Vice-President of the IAEM-USA-Student Region for the past 7 months I have been very fortunate to meet many extraordinary people. I can say that by establishing these professional relationships I have been able to bring new and exciting opportunities to students of emergency management. I am happy to say that a new collaboration between Ms. Kay Goss at the Foundation for Higher Education and the IAEM-USA-SR is currently being formed. Through this collaborative effort we hope to bring new networking opportunities to students as well as recognize academic achievement through the emergency management honor society. Also Mr. Marty Pastula from Government Technology: Emergency Management publication and myself we begin to develop a new academic research competition. This is an exciting opportunity for students to have their academic research published and reviewed by members of the emergency management community. Please stay tuned for more information that will be upcoming about both these endeavors.

As always I am working on new ways of uniting the unaffiliated members of the student region. This poses a very unique challenge to bring together a huge amount of students for a single objective. I can assure

you that it is a personal goal of mine to establish a community for unaffiliated members to gather and further their professional and academic careers.

If anyone has any questions, concerns, and ideas to share or requires information on chapter development please do not hesitate to contact me by email: gork315@gmail.com or by phone at 716-866-1634. I look forward to continue working for the student membership and am very excited about the future of the region.

Student Awards

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their hardwork and dedication to the IAEM US Student Region? Make someone a part of IAEM history and nominate them for the first ever US Student Region awards! The International Association of Emergency Managers - USA Student Region announces its call for nominations for the 2009 USA SR Awards. The two awards categories this year are the 2009 Student of the Year and the 2009 Advisor of the Year. Nominations must be received no later than October 15, 2009. The awards will be presented to the winners at the annual IAEM Conference in November in Orlando.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the USA SR page at www.iaem.com/students



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Due to the USA SR Elections and the IAEM Annual Conference, there will be no November newsletter. It's been an honor serving you and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

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Hood also admired the amount of detail and planning that went into the operation.

"They really went out of their way to make this a legitimate drill," he said, noting a thunder and lightning soundtrack playing during the drill and the participation of the game-day announcer in the imitation football game.

Officials tested response times and briefed organizations about the collective role they play in responding to emergency situations. The gathered information will be used to assess and improve emergency preparedness at the University.

Laushway also said he hoped student participation will grow in the future.

"I think increased awareness about how we all work with one another to ensure everyone's safety is crucial," he said.



Emergency response officials participated in an evacuation drill yesterday at Scott Stadium, which simulated a severe weather situation at a football game. Photo by Iram Shaikh.

Looking to share a hotel room with a fellow student during the conference? Check out the "Share a hotel room in ORL" discussion board on Facebook

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UNT IAEM-SC had its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 10. We had a terrific turnout for the meeting with a turnout of 23 people stopping by!

We discussed possible activities for the semester, and are investigating the possibility of arranging for training sessions with Hulcher Professional Services, Inc., a private hazmat cleanup contractor. We were fortunate to have Dan Perry and Mellissa Gardner from Hulcher present on possible training sessions they could provide for us.

We also discussed our big event of the semester, the IAEM conference in Orlando, Florida, and look forward to the opportunity to network with professionals in the field of emergency management. At this early juncture, we tentatively plan on bringing 14 students to the conference.

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Moving Forward for EDM at AMU/ APU

As we draw to the end of summer 2009 and of the first third of my administration's term leading our

APUS IEMSA Student Chapter, it seems appropriate to present a brief ready reckoning of our progress thus far and an indication of what more is to come. So let us look at our top five accomplishments and then five exciting projects (among others) currently "in the works".

FIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1) Our monthly general Chapter meetings, conducted by teleconference on the third Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon EST, have been well-attended, lively, fun and informative. You do not want to miss these meetings!. Though, a recording of each is made available to Chapter members for listening afterwards

(posted at our IEMSA Classroom), it is really no substitute for actual participation. We want and need to hear your views and advice.

2) We have now proudly published two issues of our famous Chapter publication The Guardian (including this one!). Each contains excellent content on news and issues of particular interest to EDM students. Contributions have come from several of our EDM students and Faculty members for which we are grateful. A special "thanks" also goes out to the Editor and Chapter Vice President Dawn Heyse for doing such a fine job with The Guardian. (Dawn Heyse is now serving with the US Army in Kuwait. We are greatly appreciative of this.—Thanks Dawn, please keep well and safe!)

3) As a result of a recent new membership drive, I am pleased to report that we've increased Chapter membership by around 14%. (Not too bad, but we can do better- and we will!) Thank you to Chapter Secretary Darren Endris and to Professor Mike Kemp for doing the necessary legwork for efficiently inducting each new member.

4) The Chapter has decided to sponsor a very special event. We have formally invited FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, to speak to our EDM student body in December, 2009. We await his response.

5) As our Chapter is the most prominent student organization at APUS, your Executive has been asked to try and test out some new, promising software for developing and operating student organizations. APUS has now decided to purchase OrgSync software. This is great news indeed. We are extremely grateful to the University for the fantastic support they are lending to our Chapter- and other student organizations be they already in existence or in the offing. Org Sync will be used to improve greatly the running of our Chapter and your ability to stay informed and participate in its many activities. Look out for the arrival of OrgSync—coming soon to our Chapter!

Lastly, check out the Chapter's popular publication: The Guardian. You can download a copy of The Guardian at <http://www.box.net/shared/qv88h0qi72>

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