

# First Coast Connection

July 2010 Chapter Meeting



Northeast Florida Chapter



**Theresa Isaac**, the Emergency Preparedness Director for the Duval County Health Department and **Captain Timothy Devin** from JFRD spoke to the group on MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team) and on Jacksonville's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI).



We had 15 members and 8 guests in attendance for our monthly meeting.

**Martha Wagaman**, the Risk Manager for St. Johns County Health Department was also in attendance. The CRI project is for all counties and cities across the US and in Northeast Florida, several of the counties are working together.

DCHD is looking for businesses, organizations, and community groups to help become a POD ( Points of Dispensing). Is a Closed Dispensing Site right for your group?

Call Theresa for more information or to set up a meeting with your group at (904) 253-2286.



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Since 1999, the Federal government has expended significant effort and resources to enhance the safety of Americans through the development of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). Funding was to aid State and local entities in the development of local distribution and dispensing plans and capabilities for providing stockpile items to citizens.

As part of this effort, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has worked directly with State and local officials to develop their distribution and dispensing plans.

The initial efforts have been primarily at the state level. As a natural next step and in an effort to leverage the concept, the CDC is expanding its practice of working with states and other eligible entities toward ensuring a thoroughly integrated local, State, and – where necessary – federal response to a bioterrorism event.

The first part of this next step is to increase and enhance readiness of our cities, in collaboration with State, federal, and private sector partners, to make full and effective use of the SNS in the event of several possible types of catastrophic terrorist attacks for which the SNS contains applicable countermeasures.

Of foremost concern is the ability to respond in a timely manner to a bioterrorism attack over a large geographic area with an agent such as *Bacillus anthracis*, the organism that causes anthrax.

In this case, antibiotics must reach the population within 24 - 48 hours to have the greatest life-saving effect. While great strides have been made in recent years, only a few localities are fully prepared to distribute and dispense SNS assets in this timeframe.



**We hope everyone found it very informative! If you were unable to attend this meeting, we hope to see you real soon --- Like our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting!**

Employee Awareness Seminars? Are you having one soon?

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## Chapter Information

ACP offers individual and organizational memberships.

Individual Memberships are renewed on an annual basis with membership dues established by each local chapter. Each ACP chapter establishes their own local [chapter dues](#). Differences in dues structures typically represent variations in local economies, costs associated with providing direct member services and benefits, and member preferences. For those without convenient access (less than 50 miles) to a chapter— an unaffiliated ACP General Membership is available for \$100 annually (United States applicants, includes territories and international applicants).

Organizational Memberships are available in 1, 2 and 3 year renewal schedules for businesses and groups with larger continuity planning professionals on staff. Organizational Memberships streamline the renewal process for institutions and allow for single invoice processing.

Membership in ACP is open to those interested in the field of business continuity, emergency management, risk management and similar disciplines. If you would like to participate in our diverse network of over 2,400 professionals to learn and share knowledge about business continuity planning, join today!

Go to [http://www.acp-international.com/memship\\_join.asp](http://www.acp-international.com/memship_join.asp) .

## Chapter Guest Policy

If you are new to ACP, we offer that you attend two meetings in which the cover charge will be waived. This will give you the opportunity to determine if ACP is right for you. By the third meeting, you are considered a repeat guest.

If you're a repeat guest, having attended prior Northeast Florida chapter meetings but have yet to join the ACP, or you were part of ACP and your membership has lapsed, you'll be required to remit a (\$10.00) cover charge, in cash or check payable to ACP Northeast Florida Chapter, when you sign-in prior to the start of each meeting.

Program Survey coming soon!!!

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## Upcoming Events



### Surviving the 2010 Storm Season

Find out the Top 5 Things you need to know to survive the current active tropical storm season. History proves that companies without good hurricane response plans risk failing. Research has also shown that good plans can increase market capitalization 23 per cent. From trigger points to toolkits business continuity expert Mike Thomson will share practical tangible objective strategies to help you and your company thrive and survive regardless of the threat. A seasoned 31-year veteran in the crisis management field Mike heads ImpactWeather's ImpactReady business continuity planning division and is CEO of the national Association of Contingency Planners-ACP.

**Title:** *Surviving the 2010 Storm Season*

**Date:** Thursday, **August 12**, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

#### System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP, 2003 Server or 2000Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

**Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/692087913>

### HandsOn Jacksonville has scheduled the Disaster Kids! training for project leaders and classroom readers.

This is the project that Jenny O'Donnell reviewed with us in our January meeting about Herman the Hermit Crab and the search for the protective shell.

It is an interactive story to help children prepare for disasters and start disaster planning. it is a good project for us to give back to our community and start to plant the seed of the next generation of Contingency planners in Jacksonville.

***The next project occurrence is scheduled for:***

**Date:** Wednesday, August 04, 2010 -- 12:30PM - 2:30PM

To sign-up you need to log into the HandsOn Jacksonville website at: [www.handsonjacksonville.org](http://www.handsonjacksonville.org) and register as a volunteer and search for the Disaster Kids! program. Give Ernie a call if you need any help!

The Northeast Florida Chapter of Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) is having a meeting in September that should be of interest to our members. The program title is "Property Policies: Does Your Business Continuity Plan and Property Insurance Policy Agree?" This is presented by Ryan Pratt of Ernst & Young.

This will be a lunch meeting at River City Brewing Company, noon, on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010**. The cost is \$25 per person which covers the cost of the meal (a very nice buffet).

As we get closer to the date, we will confirm details and provide the RSVP information.

*Stay Cool – Stay Hydrated*

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## Articles and Future Events

The National Preparedness Month is scheduled for September 2010.

For more information go to [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) and click on the NPM banner.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been designated the lead state agency for responding to potential impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill along Florida's shoreline.

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/default.htm>

This website will serve as the primary location for updates and information on response actions and impacts to the state of Florida.

Join us on Linked In under the Group Tab for Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) – Northeast Florida

**Future Monthly meeting schedule:**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> – Our own Montina Portis and Sue Crane will present setting up an Employee Awareness Event.**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – ROAD TRIP to the Wind House in St. Augustine.**

**This is a purpose-built structure that can withstand up to a Cat 4 hurricane. The house is built with cut-away's inside so that you can see what they have as well as other features.**

**See you soon!**