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MSEM Students Help Update University's Emergency Operations Plan

Millersville University has just adopted an updated EOP. Students of the MSEM program aided in the retooling of this vital plan. Please read the attached press release for more information on this exciting news from the CDRE.

[View our Press Release](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the Millersville University EOP.

Ebola, Social Media and Cybersecurity

by **Jeff Jumper**

The CDRE has been well represented in various emergency management activities across the region in early October 2015.

October is National Cybersecurity Month, and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission held a meeting in Harrisburg between governmental, private and academic entities on Thursday, October 1st. Dr. Hagelgans, assistant professor at the CDRE addressed the room with information on the importance of cybersecurity. The CDRE represented the academic and emergency management communities as the PUC released its cybersecurity best practices, outlining methods to best secure identity and property from theft.

On Friday, October 2nd, the CDRE was well represented as several students and instructors attended a conference at the Hershey Lodge where keynote speaker Dr. Ian Crozier discussed lessons learned from the recent Ebola crisis. Dr. Crozier is an internationally known Ebola survivor, and he spoke of his near brush with death and passed along

personal experiences and lessons from his case. Scott Mickalonis, emergency preparedness program manager at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and MSEM graduate was a speaker at the conference and an integral part of the planning committee.

On Tuesday, October 6th a group of instructors and students from the CDRE attended a social media conference at the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety in Carlisle. Dr. Hagelgans coordinated the program and registration. The course titled "Social Media for Disaster Response and Recovery" is part of a series which is designed to engage emergency planners in social media, exploring trends and opportunities for disaster management in an ever expanding medium.



New CDRE Sign

The CDRE, in an attempt to increase visibility on campus recently received an aesthetic update. A brand new window sign now adorns the large window in the Luzerne House on campus. The sign represents the growth and visibility of the Center and its cornerstone Master of Science in Emergency Management program. The Luzerne House is home to faculty, graduate assistants, and staff, along with our vast library of emergency management resources. Stop by and say hello if you're ever on campus.



CDRE Attends 40th Annual NWA Meeting

The CDRE was represented at the 2015 National Weather Association 40th anniversary conference in Oklahoma City during the week of October 18, 2015. MSEM graduate student Chris Soelle (pictured left) along with Juanmanuel Hernandez (pictured right) from the MSISA program attended the meteorology conference to learn about emerging trends in operational meteorology and emergency management. A booth was set up so Chris and Juanmanuel could answer questions on both programs.



CDRE Brings Preparedness to the Dorms

On Friday, October 9, 2015, residents of the South Suites gathered in the Great Room to learn about preparedness. Dr. Hagelgans and a search and rescue crew spoke to students about preparedness on the college campus. MSEM students in attendance included Hannah Fritz and Joey Cooper.



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