

CDRE

The CENTER For DISASTER RESEARCH & EDUCATION Biannual Newsletter

Spring 2015

Congratulations

Graduates!

The faculty and staff of the CDRE congratulate our 2015 MSEM program graduates. A graduation ceremony was held at the Millersville campus on Friday, May 8, 2015.



Dr. Hagelgans Opens New Mexico EM Conference

Dr. Hagelgans assisted with the opening of the 2015 New Mexico Homeland Security and Emergency Management Conference in mid-August. Dr. Hagelgans delivered a speech to more than 400 attendees on the opening day of the state conference. His topic was "Planning for the Unexpected: A Black Swan Event".

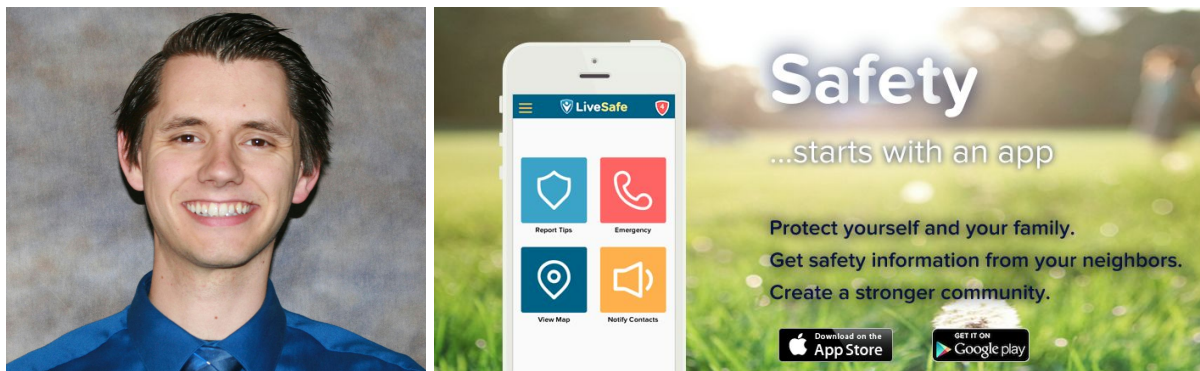
Dr. Hagelgans spoke about his research into regionalization and how regional cooperation allows the emergency management field to better handle disasters, especially unprecedented disasters like the 2006 Nickel Mines Amish



School shooting in Lancaster County, PA. He discussed the four days he spent working through the tragedy and how this began his research into better regional cooperation in the emergency management field.

MSEM Student Wins MU Student of the Year Award

Joseph Seborowski Jr. is the recipient of the Person of the Year Award for his hard work and passion for the safety of the university, the students, and the community. Joseph has been involved with the volunteer fire services since the age of 16, continuing his service with Millersville's very own Blue Rock Station 905. He has completed almost 300 extra hours of training this year alone. Furthermore, Joseph took the initiative on revising the outdated emergency operations plan for the Information Desk at the Student Memorial Center. Being involved in many campus departments and media outlets, Joseph is also a member of the Student Services Safety Committee, the chair of the LiveSafe App Committee, as well as the Treasurer for the MU chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers. Joseph continues to be a committed student, making positive impacts for the university, as he puts his whole heart and soul into everything he does. It is for his dedication that the Student Senate is privileged to honor Joseph Seborowski Jr. with this award.



MSEM Student Mike Braswell Accepts New Position

Current MSEM student Mike Braswell recently accepted the position of Senior Emergency Preparedness Specialist for Exelon Generation. In this new position, Mike will design nuclear emergency response training exercises for the seven nuclear power plants in Exelon's Mid-Atlantic region. Mike is set to graduate the MSEM program in December 2015. Congratulations Mike!



MSEM Student Wins Essay Competition

Heather Beal, a recent graduate of the MSEM program, recently won the 2014 International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) -Global Student Council Essay Competition. Her essay looked at the implications of the trials and convictions of emergency managers and scientists following the 2009 L'Aquila Earthquake. Beal's essay is featured in the January 2015 edition of the IAEM Bulletin. Congratulations Heather!

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Successful CERT Training for Spring 2015

The Spring 2015 CERT program has successfully wrapped up for the semester. Students learned basic skills and gained knowledge in various aspects of disaster management before a written and skills test. Congratulations to our new 23 CERT graduates! Please be sure to check out the CERT page for more information and pictures of our training [HERE](#). We hope to see you in our Fall 2015 class!

