

CDRE

The CENTER For DISASTER RESEARCH & EDUCATION Biannual Newsletter

Fall 2014

MU-IAEM Awarded Chapter of the Year

On the heels of a successful year in the chapter's history thanks to a plethora of esteemed Emergency Management speakers and many other accomplishments, the chapter received the well-regarded International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 2014 "Student Chapter of the Year" award. Under the supervision of Dr. Duane Hagelgans, numerous initiatives related to the club were implemented including upgrading from the existing Blackboard virtual classroom platform to a more user-friendly Google Hangouts setup. Other improvements have been to substitute some of the outside speakers for a more engaging "Open Forum" a Town-hall meeting of sorts in which those in attendance can openly discuss issues related to Emergency Management and come up with practical solutions. Pictured left is Dan Berndt, MU-IAEM President.



CDRE Attends IAEM Conference in San Antonio

CDRE faculty and graduate assistants attended the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) conference in San Antonio, TX the week of November 14-19, 2014. It was a very successful conference and recruitment opportunity.

Fall 2014 CERT Recap

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class for the Fall 2014 semester is off to a great start. Students and community members are partaking in a five week program, learning the basics needed to help during an emergency in their community. Students gain an understanding of how they can aid their fellow citizens before professional emergency providers arrive. The CERT program ran Monday and Wednesday nights through November 12th. For more information on CERT and how to get involved in upcoming classes, click [HERE](#).



CDRE Hosts Hurricane Katrina Symposium

The CDRE and Millersville University hosted the two day Katrina Symposium on October 2-3, 2014 in the Lehr Room of the Bogler Conference Center. On day one, the conference kicked off with opening remarks from Dr. Yalda, Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller, and Dr. Robert Bookmiller. The day continued with talks from Bill Read, Retired Director of the National Hurricane Center, as well as Jane Kushma and Scott Manning from Jacksonville State University. After lunch, Paul Govind discussed social vulnerability, followed by Steve Glassey who spoke on animals and disaster. The first night concluded with dinner and the keynote speaker, Retired Colonel Earl "Pat" Santos, Jr., former Chief of Homeland Security for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in Louisiana. Mr. Santos spoke about lessons learned by Louisiana from Hurricane Katrina. Day two continued on Friday with speakers Pauline Cotelle from Université Paul Valéry, and Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller and Dr. Robert Bookmiller of Millersville University. Thank you all who presented, and those who participated to make this event a success.



[Symposium Agenda](#)

First Annual MU Preparedness Day

The Center for Disaster Research & Education developed and hosted a successful inaugural Preparedness Day around the grounds of the Luzerne Building on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 11AM until 2PM. Students visited with the many safety vendors, including the FEMA, CERT, Blue Rock Fire & Rescue, and student AMS booths. Students made a “Pledge to Prepare”, earning a chance to win many safety related prizes, and a grand prize of a Samsung tablet.

Professor Tim Sevison’s Article Featured in IAEM Bulletin

Tim Sevison wrote an article featured in the November 2014 IAEM Bulletin. The article is entitled, “National Guard Integration in the New Normal.”

[National Guard Integration in the New Normal](#)

Faculty Present in South America

Faculty from the CDRE recently traveled to Chile presenting various topics in Emergency Management to the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso, in Valparaiso. The staff presented a series of seminars throughout the week of October 27-31, 2014. Topics included emergency management, fire services, disaster law, social work, natural disasters, and climate change. The goal is to spread knowledge gained at the CDRE across international boundaries through these educational opportunities.



[Photo Gallery](#)

Dr. Duane Hagelgans' Article Featured in IAEM Bulletin

Dr. Hagelgans wrote an article featured in the September 2014 IAEM Bulletin. He discusses education versus experience in the growing emergency management community.

[Education vs. Experience:
Solving the Puzzle](#)

ALICE Active Shooter Training

Millersville University Police Chief Pete Anders, a member of the CDRE advisory board, and MSEM Graduate Student Ann Harach presented a seventy-five minute presentation to over two hundred Millersville student teachers on August 23rd in the SMC multi-purpose room. The presentation is part of the ALICE training program that teaches preparedness in an Active Shooter situation. The presentation was interactive with many of the undergraduate students joining the presenters for various demonstrations on what to do when facing an intruder. Chief Anders and Harach are both qualified ALICE instructors and plan to offer the training on campus during the upcoming school year.



MSEM Student Participates in Air Crash Drill

The MSEM program prides itself on a diverse online learning experience, but students are often encouraged to take part in many real world experiences to round out their education. Recently Amy Heimberger, a first semester MSEM student, took part in an airport crash drill at the Fort Lauderdale airport. Heimberger is pictured in action in the 3rd row. (PHOTO CREDIT: Ken Kaye, Sun Sentinel)



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