

CIP Update

This newsletter is for cities, counties and communities involved in public-private partnerships for joint emergency preparedness, planning and prevention.

Michigan State University through a grant awarded by the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security produces the newsletter through their "CIP-Community Facilitation" Program. Please go to www.cip.msu.edu for more information on the program.

Participating Communities

Allentown, PA / Annapolis, MD / Brooklyn, OH / Carroll County, MD / Easton Area, PA / Evansville, IN / Marquette County, MI / Monroe County, MI / Oakland County, MI / Redmond, WA / Richmond Area, VA / Rockville, MD / Sandy City, UT

Terrorism Video

The Michigan State Police are distributing a video called "The Seven Signs of Terrorism". Originally, the video was released only to police, emergency responders and other criminal justice institutions. Recently, they released it to the public. A news organization has it available on the internet at http://wzzm13.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=35456. This 7-minute video could be used by public or private sector organizations. The CIP staff found it to be informative.

Best Practices/Lessons Learned

In the "CIP Update" we will share ideas with you on what others are doing through our Best Practices/Lessons Learned section.

When MSU works with a community in the CIP Program the participants at the initial meeting, facilitated by MSU, discuss what steps they should take next. Many communities elect to continue meeting by themselves. Recently, one of the CIP communities held their first group meeting. Prior to that meeting some of the key leaders had been meeting on how to sustain the program, the need to expand it to other organizations and to give the group some format and continuity.

I happened to be included in their email on the results of the first meeting. Feel free to take their ideas and work them into your organization, group or community. Here is the email:

What a wonderful meeting yesterday, I believe we have an incredible team that will truly make a difference in "Connecting the Dots" of all our local resources to ensure we maximize our preparedness for any emergency that may happen.

In brief summary at our meeting we agreed to form the following "subcommittees" to achieve goals of our project:

Committee 1 Workplace Preparedness & Business Continuity.

Initial Goal Establish a "Package of Options" for Business community preparedness e.g. readybusiness

Committee 2 Technical Expertise/Support

Initial Goal: Explore technical needs to support initiative to include volunteer instruction.

Committee 3 Business Outreach

Initial Goal: To survey local business for "social capital" resources.

Each committee will conduct interim meetings/conference calls to achieve initial goals.

Many thanks for all your contributions to date. Together we can "Connect the Dots" and create an incredible team.

The MSU staff appreciates the examples, events and other items sent to us!

CIP Community Happenings

Allentown, PA - MSU recently facilitated their Tabletop Exercise, which involved Muhlenberg College, as the simulated target, with the public sector from the City of Allentown, Lehigh County and other representatives. MSU is in the final stages of doing the Tabletop Exercise After-Action Report for the Allentown Partnership Group. It is easy to see from the comments of the participants and observers that they found it to be a worthwhile exercise! Just a reminder that we encourage exercises and training that brings the public and private sectors "together" as they successfully did in Allentown.

Easton Area, PA - MSU recently facilitated their Status Session meeting with the initial Orientation/Planning Session being back in August 2004. Since August members of the group have been meeting. During the Status Session the group continued to move forward with formally establishing two co-chairs (public and private), developing a long-term schedule and other tangible actions. The Easton Area Partnership Group decided to expand the jurisdiction boundary farther into the county.

Recent Postings to CIP Members-Only Website

If you have an assigned user/password you can enter the website or feel free to use the generic user/password. Go to <https://angel.msu.edu/home.asp> and enter "msu.msu@angel" in the NetID box and "partnership" in the User box (without quotation marks) and then Log In. On the next page click on "CIP" and you are then taken to the main menu page. Though there are a number of folders - we post the most recent articles in the "Bulletin Board - Information for all Communities" folder.

Here are some of the recent items we posted for you:

- IS-800 National Response Plan (NRP) - An Introduction
- Police-Business Program for Anti-Terrorism Reporting/Education
- TSA Begins Fingerprint Background Checks on HAZMAT Haulers
- After the Dust Settles
- Recent Terror Events
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Closing

If you have any topics and/or ideas for a future "CIP Update" newsletter, please contact either Brit Weber at weberbr@msu.edu or (517) 432-9236 or other MSU staff. About every three (3) weeks you will receive this newsletter via email. If you no longer want to be on this list, please reply to this email.

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