

## CIP Update

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

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### **Participating Communities**

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

### **CIP Community Happenings**

Casa Grande, AZ – Welcome to the city of Casa Grande located between Phoenix and Tucson! When you read the local newspaper many of the editorials and in-depth articles discuss the ramifications of this city being one of the fastest growing in the nation! We had a good turn out last week with a heavy concentration from the private sector being well represented and involved. In the morning while the group was discussing public-private partnerships for emergency preparedness – suddenly, the phones and pagers of the public safety officials and staff went off. A heavy equipment operator just broke a telecommunications line that shut down the 911 center, most of the land lines and cellular. Fortunately, everything was up and running within a couple of hours.

Northampton County, PA – In August 2004 we kicked off the program for the City of Easton, PA. This group has been meeting and expanded their membership outside of the city. Therefore, the next step was to go county-wide and they have changed their name to the *Northampton County Critical Incident Partnership Group*.

Bethlehem, PA – The Public Safety staff from Moravian College located in the City of Bethlehem had attended our Tabletop Exercise a few months ago for the City of Allentown, PA and Muhlenberg College that we facilitated. Since that exercise, both Moravian College and Bethlehem city leaders are supported of and want us to kick off the CIP program for them too. No date is set yet.

Carroll County, MD - Looks like we will be designing and facilitating a Tabletop Exercise for this group in June. This is one of the larger groups that we are working with and being just north of Baltimore the county is going through accelerated growth, which brings both positive results and challenges.

Phoenix, AZ - While in Arizona last week we did a presentation to the Phoenix Downtown Partnership (DPP) organization. The Phoenix Homeland Defense Department wants to partner with DPP to kick off the program for a 90 block area in downtown Phoenix. Just waiting for final approval then we move forward.

Glendale, AZ – We also did a presentation on the CIP Program last week to the City of Glendale, which is on the west city limits of Phoenix. Waiting to hear back from them on their interest in working with us.

Hoover, AL – MSU is heading to this suburb of Birmingham to do an overview of the CIP program to both city and county officials with businesses. It turns out that Hoover has the biggest tourist attraction in the state – the Riverchase Galleria shopping center.

Sandy City, UT – MSU will be facilitating a Status Session at the local high school for about 30 people this week. At the meeting we will be selecting a date for the Tabletop Exercise and finalizing details with the business who will be working with us as the simulated target.

Lyon County & Shawnee County, KS – MSU will be presenting an overview of the CIP program to both Lyon County and Shawnee County (Topeka, KS) next week to see if they want to kick off the program in their counties.

Milwaukee, WI – We will be kicking off the program (Orientation/Planning Session) for the city of Milwaukee on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We've been to Milwaukee a few times in preparing for the Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the downtown is beautiful!

Clark County (Las Vegas), NV – We will be starting the program (Orientation/Planning Session) on June 9<sup>th</sup> where we be working with county and metro leaders to partner with the casino and entertainment industry.

Annapolis, MD – On April 20<sup>th</sup> we will be back in the capitol of Maryland, otherwise known as America's Sailing Capital. The CIP program started there in November 2004 and a key group of people have formed a working group with sub-committees and tasks. On April 20<sup>th</sup> we are facilitating a Status Session, which we use to check on where the group is going in their partnership for emergency preparedness.

### **Recent Postings to Members-Only Website**

To enter the "members-only" website, please go to <https://angel.msu.edu> and enter your user/password - or - use our generic phrase's of "msu.msu@angel" in the User/NetID box and "partnership" in the Password box (both without quotation marks) and log in. Then click on CIP and it will take you to the main menu.

In the "Bulletin Board – Information for all Communities" folder, you will see the below articles, among others:

- "Managing Spontaneous Volunteers: The Synergy of Structure and Good Intentions"
- "Paramedics Not Always the Saviors of Cardiac-arrest Patients"
- "CAER (Community Awareness & Emergency Response) Training Programs – Free"
- "Introductory On-line Food Safety Course by FDA & USDA"
- "EMS Lacks Terrorism Training and Equipment Report"

### **Starting a CIP Program**

If you would like for MSU to start a CIP Program with a new city or county either through a public sector or business contact, please let us know. Or, if you would like to use the resources from the CIP program that we gave to you to initiate a new public-private partnership for emergency preparedness – please feel free to do so – or give us a call and we will work with you.

### **Closing**

If you have any topics and/or ideas for a future "CIP Update" newsletter, please contact Brit Weber at [weberbr@msu.edu](mailto: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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