Regional Consortium Coordinating Council Newsletter

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Chris Terzich, Chair
- Tom Moran, Vice Chair
- Brian Tishuk, Past Chair
- Sara Alexander, ChicagoFIRST
- Ann Beauchesne, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Doug DePeppe, RC3 Cyber WG
- Jami Haberl, Safeguard Iowa Partnership
- Ian Hay, SouthEast Emergency Response Network
- John Madden, Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection
- Erica Wirtz, Social Chair

RegionalCCC@gmail.com

November is Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (CISR) Month

Now is the time to plan and share how your organization will contribute to building awareness and understanding of the importance of critical infrastructure to America's national security and economic prosperity, as well as reaffirming the commitment to keep our critical infrastructure and our communities safe and secure. We would like to highlight partner success stories in security and resilience during November as we celebrate CISR Month. Send your story suggestions to RegionalCCC@gmail.com. Look for more information early this fall.

Reminder:

All 2014 RC3 Meetings will use a Webinar Platform

All RC3 meetings in 2014 will have a webinar capability. This will allow for a more engaging environment for our teleconferences.

We will be using the Adobe Connect platform via HSIN.

Note: You do **not** need a HSIN account to participate in the webinars. If you have a HSIN account, you are more than welcome to sign in password.

using your login and password. **You may also sign in as a guest**..

The platform also supports a chat feature for interactive "live" discussions. Attendees are encouraged to participate.

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, please test your connection prior to any meetings.

Please direct any questions to the   RC3 Secretariat:

RegionalCCC@gmail.com

RC3 Landscape Study

The *Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3) Member and Mission Landscape Study*, is a companion to the March 2011 *Regional Partnerships: Enabling Regional Critical Infrastructure Resilience*, which highlighted effective characteristics of regional partnerships and detailed their focus areas and needs pertaining to regional resilience. The Member and Mission Landscape Study examines five key areas:

- The value RC3 provides its membership;
- The reach and composition of RC3's members;
- The missions of RC3's members;
- The key security and resilience activities of RC3's members; and
- The challenges and requirements for continued partnership sustainment of RC3's members
  infrastructure protection for enhancing Federal understanding of critical infrastructure programs, activities, and needs.

The report is posted on http://rtriplec.wordpress.com.

InfraGard Minnesota Member Spotlight

1. **Community served?** All who work and/or live in the State of Minnesota

2. **When was your partnership formed?** March 2000

3. **How many members are currently in your partnership?** We have over 800 members representing all 16 critical infrastructure sectors, placing us in the top 10% of InfraGard chapters.

4. **What three words would you use to describe your partnership?** Diverse, Committed, Involved.

5. **What are the future goals for your partnership?** 1. Further develop joint exercise capabilities, including our National Guard collaboration, 2. Enhance InfraGard's Sector Chief program, 3. Continue to grow membership and membership input.

6. **How has your partnership advanced critical infrastructure protection in your community?** Public/Private Coordination and Action Team (P2CAT); UMSA/Secure360; other speaking/outreach endeavors.

7. **What is one of the biggest challenges that you face as a public/private partnership?** As an information-sharing partnership, we are challenged by the various laws and restrictions – including intelligence classifications and clearance levels required – that sometimes delay, dampen or dilute communications. That said, the InfraGard website offers a secure channel for members to use, and we continue to work on improving its form and content.

8. **Who is your representative to the RC3?** Chris Terzich, Brian Isle and Erica Wirtz

9. **How can our members contact you? (web, social media, email…)**

Website: www.mninfragard.us

Facebook: Click Here

Twitter: @MNInfraGard1

Linked-In: Click Here

RC3 Cyber Working Group Requesting Participation

The RC3 has formed a Cybersecurity Working Group and is seeking to add Working Group members.

The Cyber Working Group, chaired by Doug DePeppe, is assessing the proper role RC3 should play across the national landscape in cyber resilience, consistent with RC3's mission. Expected outcomes might include enabling the cyber partnerships and communities of practice, and designing the lines of operation and organization for cyber resilience as called for in the NIPP.

Please contact RegionalCCC@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Working Group as a member or Subject Matter Expert.

RC3 Cyber Working Group Membership List

*The next Cyber Working Group Meeting will be held **Thursday, November 13.** Please contact Doug DePeppe or the RC3 Secretariat if you would like to participate.*

Doug DePeppe, Cyber WG Chair

Ian Hay, Cyber WG Co-Chair

RC3 Members

- Chris Terzich (InfraGard Minnesota)
- Tom Moran (All Hazards Consortium)
- Brian Tishuk (Chicago FIRST)
- Jami Haberl (Safeguard Iowa)

- Pete Grandgeorge (Safeguard Iowa)
- Vince Voci (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
- John Mencer (Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership)
- Harley Rinerson (CEPP)
- Megan Levy (PNWER)

Cyber WG SMEs

- Michael Clark (Symantec Corp.)
- Richard Stiennon (IT-Harvest)
- Vanessa Johnson (ForeScout)
- Rob Dixon (Accuvant LABS)
- Charlie Benway

RC3 Cyber Working Group Proposed Meeting Schedule and Topics November 2014 — February 2015

November 13th, 2014

Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) Update
KS Fusion Center Cyber Initiative

December 18th, 2014

SLTTGCC Capabilities Brief
Operation Clean Slate

January 15th, 2015

InfraGard Cyber Activities
University of Washington – DHS funded grant progress
University of Texas- Maturity Model

February 19th, 2015

Community Cyber Preparedness Continuum (CNA)
The National Exercise

*Please note that meeting dates and topics are subject to change. With further questions regarding the proposed schedule, please e-mail: RegionlCCC@gmail.com.

Events

2014 Joint Critical Infrastructure Partnership (JCIP) Webinar Series

The Office of Infrastructure Protection and Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3) are hosting the 2014 Joint Critical Infrastructure Partnership Webinar Series. The Webinar series is intended to assist regional stakeholders in their efforts to enhance preparedness, security, and resilience. Each hour-long session will be presented twice per month.

November – Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (CISR) Month:
Tuesday, November 18, 2014; 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT
Thursday, November 20, 2014; 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT
Visit the GovEvents.com website to register.

Please visit http://rtriplec.wordpress.com/ to view the flyer regarding the JCIP webinar series.

National Conference on Building Resilience through Public Private Partnerships

October 15-16, 2014

Keynote by Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Charles Johnson

The 2014 "Building Resilience through Public-Private Partnerships" conference is a forum that allows for the sharing of ideas, best practices, and lessons learned with our partners throughout academia, government, the private sector, and internationally. This year's conference included speeches from Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Executive Vice-President Al Martinez-Fonts Jr., and CEO of the Weather Channel David Kenny.

The discussions over the course of the day and a half, and the relationships that were forged and strengthened, go a long way toward ensuring safe, secure, and resilient communities where our way of life can thrive.
Over the years, there have been many challenges from natural disasters or from others who look to harm our Nation. Challenges are best met and handled through partnerships across Federal, State, and local governments; the private sector; and non-profit and faith-based organizations.

Secretary Jeh Johnson. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The 2014 conference highlighted successful partnerships across the homeland security enterprise and ways to ensure a true unity of effort toward shared goals. Each year, the conference attracts over 450 participants who look to promote innovation in furthering ongoing partnerships across the enterprise. Just a few of the topics of discussion this year included: "The Evolving Threat Environment," "Bridging the Cyber-Physical Connection," and "Business Continuity and Corporate Philanthropy: Why Resilience is Good for the Corporate Will."

Day 2 of the conference began with Caitlin Durkovich, Assistant Secretary, Office of Infrastructure Protection, welcoming participants and reiterating the successes from the previous day. A "Public-Private Partnerships in Action" panel discussion detailed success stories from regional partners and educated about the mutual progression of public and private partnerships during times of crisis. The panel shared best practices from across the country and tips and tools for fostering resilience at the community level. In addition, conference attendees participated in a short ShakeOut drill, led by Mark Benthien, Southern California Earthquake Center, to improve preparedness and practice earthquake response and safety.

After the ShakeOut drill, a facilitated "Leadership Roundtable" of senior executives focused on strategic investment and practices to address interdependencies, business continuity planning, workforce preparedness, employee training, philanthropic investments, and economic resiliency. Panelists discussed the importance of holistic disaster resilience and what their organization is doing to support its creation.

Bryan Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management, and President, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), highlighted important elements from the 20 Big Ideas from the conference and challenged the public and private sectors to keep the momentum going and execute these big ideas. To close out the eventful conference, Josh Batkin, Director of the Office of External Affairs at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provided remarks for the conference. Along with Assistant Secretary Durkovich, he reinforced his excitement to take next year's Public-Private Partnership Conference to the next level.

Release of the Joint National Priorities

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh Johnson approved the Joint National Priorities for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience. Within the NIPP 2013, DHS was required to work with its partners to generate long-term strategic priorities focusing on national critical infrastructure security and resilience capability gaps and risks demanding immediate attention. These priorities are also required to flow out of the higher-level goals listed in the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). "The Joint National Priorities are an unusual strategic document because of how much the private sector was a driving force in their creation," said Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) Director of Strategy and Policy Bob Kolasky. "That makes a big difference in how we'll all work together in the future."

The Priorities are to:

- Strengthen the Management of Cyber and Physical Risks to Critical Infrastructure;
- Build Capabilities and Coordination for Enhanced Incident Response and Recovery;
- Strengthen Collaboration across Sectors, Jurisdictions, and Disciplines;
- Enhance Effectiveness in Resilience Decision Making; and
- Share Information to Improve Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery Activities.

All of these strategic documents, from the QHSR to the NPPD Strategic Plan and the IP Strategic Plan, are part of one continuum that distills a broad set of priorities for the whole nation down to NPPD tasks and even divisional performance goals and individual plans. "If you take the time to read some of these strategic documents, you can see that your work at NPPD is part of something much bigger," said IP Assistant Secretary Caitlin Durkovich.

Pictured left to right: RC3 Chair Chris Terzich, SLTTGCC Chair Curtis Parsons, NPPD Deputy Under Secretary Ron Clark, NPPD Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding , Secretary Jeh Johnson, and IP Assistant Secretary Caitlin Durkovich

The Joint National Priorities were announced by Secretary Johnson during the October 9, 2014 Joint Meeting of the Cross-Sector Councils. Members of the four partnership councils—the Federal Senior Leadership Council (FSLC) and Critical Infrastructure (CI) Cross-Sector Council and leadership from the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC), and Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3)—also met to provide a strategic perspective on the risks and vulnerabilities associated with critical infrastructure assets in the industry. RC3 was represented by RC3 Chair, Chris Terzich.

About Us

Chris Terzich, Chair

christopher.l.terzich@wellsfargo.com

Tom Moran, Vice Chair

Tom.moran@ahcusa.org

RC3 is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) partnership councils mentioned in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). Our goal is to *understand, connect, enable, and build partnerships for the protection of the critical infrastructure of the United States and the resilience of our communities.*

The members of RC3 include regional partnerships that are focused on critical infrastructure protection and regional resilience. RC3's purpose is to **provide a means of sharing best practices and collaborating**. RC3 is the only council in which the private sector is represented in specific geographic areas.

http://rc3us.org/

Twitter   Facebook

Follow RC3 on Twitter: @RegionalCCC

Like RC3 on Facebook: Regional Consortium Coordinating Council

Erica Wirtz, Social Media Chair erica.j.wirtz@wellsfargo.com