

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Workshop Session III

Time of Session: 3:30-5:00pm

Session Title: Involving Stakeholders

Speakers: Melanie Gall, Louisiana State University  
Calvin Brown, University of Texas-Dallas  
William Moorehead, All Clear Emergency Management Group

Room: 257

Head Count: 13

Note Taker: Corey Miller

Notes:

### **“Teaching Hazard Mitigation Planning Through Service Learning”**

Melanie Gall, Louisiana State University

She teaches a class Environmental Hazards Analysis (ENVS 4262) which has students partner with an organization and work towards creating a mitigation plan in a service learning framework.

She detailed the process by which students familiarize themselves with past occurrence and potential likelihood of hazards by archiving presidential declarations, newspapers, internet, etc. in doing this they learn about what hazards are localized and then start to address mitigation methods respectively.

Casey Levey said that an added benefit is that the student’s “labor” can often offset some of the cost share that the organization has to pay for mitigation grant.

### **“CERT’s Function in Campus Emergency Management”**

Calvin Brown, University of Texas-Dallas

Calvin is the head of his campus emergency response team (CERT). He described their basic composition, duties, drills, in an overall general picture of its functioning.

Someone questioned the size of active members

They have over one hundred participants of which he estimates that 40 would be ready to respond at notice.

Another commented that La is trying to more CERT teams to support campuses.

He said that he is always trying to increase enrollment and retention. One of the biggest difficulties is getting student recruits and then getting them to continue the next year. 2 tricks he uses is getting students to sign up at orientation and having regular interaction to keep them in contact.

### **“Legal Issues in Emergency Management”**

William Moorehead, All Clear Emergency Management Group

This was a fairly detailed overview of some of the common concerns and complications derived from legal issues in Hazard management.

Described a tort and showed how a “failure to act/prepare” is grounds for committing one. Must always think: “what would a reasonable response or preparation be to mitigate a hazard?” and then act accordingly.

Gave example that giving CPR to the best of your knowledge does not make you liable but deciding to use your foot instead of hands to pump the chest is not reasonable or normal and would be liable.

This same “standard of care” applies for a university in their hazard mitigation and preparation. So if something goes wrong in an ineffective or under tested emergency response, then the university is liable.