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Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

September is National Preparedness Month 2018



Every September, [National Preparedness Month](#) reminds us to take time to prepare for disasters, which can happen any time. This year’s theme is “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How”. Each week in September, the Disaster Information Research Center sends out emails highlighting NLM, NIH, and other government resources that will assist you in learning how to prepare for disasters. Connect w/them on their [Twitter Account](#).

They are hosting a webinar **September 20, at 1:30pm ET** entitled Planning for Disaster: Partnerships Ensure Continuity of Operations. It will feature speakers from DIMRC along with Ann Holman from Darnall Medical Library, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The [recording](#) and [slides](#) are now available from their August 9, 2018, Disaster Information Specialist webinar “Data Management in Disasters & Public Health Emergencies.” The webinar featured National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow Nicole Strayhorn, who discussed the results of her project to identify open data sources and data sharing policies used during disasters and public health emergencies. Access the recording and slides, as well as a [handout](#) of all the links mentioned during the webinar:

<https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/webinars#2018>





Emergency Management Once Removed

Emergency Management and Homeland Security: Which is More Important?

Jim Mullen, Senior Fellow, September 2018

Natural hazards, perhaps because they come and go and soon slip from public view, does not have the “sizzle” terrorism provides for politicians and public safety interest groups. Emergency management’s methodical approach to prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from any number of threats to public safety is not bombastic enough, nor attention-sustaining enough, to meet demand of politicians, media and many in the general public for a “problem – raised, problem-solved” approach.

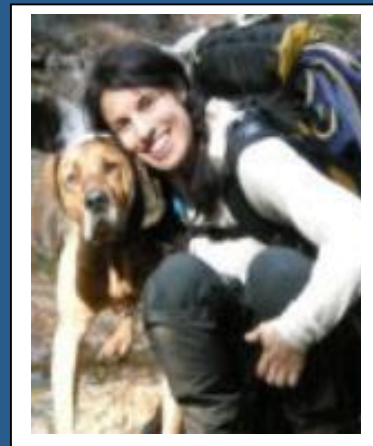
In an earlier blog, I’ve discussed some of the issues and motivations surrounding the Congressional fixation on counter terrorism, to the exclusion of other, serious hazards that we face.

When the term “homeland security” first made its way into the official language of government after 9/11, and the sprawling Department of Homeland Security was created there were legitimate question regarding the new agency’s scope and the relative standing of other known hazards to the nation. To solve that, or at least shelve the discussion, the new Department absorbed under its authority more than 20 federal agencies. At that time, serious emergency management leaders questioned the wisdom of establishing such an unwieldy structure, fearing, correctly, that allowing antiterrorism concerns to dominate natural hazards concerns was unwise. Read more in... [HOT TOPICS](#)

Center’s “K-12 Career Pathways” Workgroup

The Center has formed a K-12 Career Pathways Workgroup which includes our Advisory Board, Senior Fellows, CTC and Center staff. The group met early in August to share information, identify our targets/outcomes with K-12 in several areas and address short and long term plans. The group’s long term goal is to establish a “running start” type approach for K-12 in the public safety/all hazard emergency management career fields using the Community Emergency Management Training (CERT) as it model curriculum. Catherine (Cat) Robinson our Center’s new [NW Education and Outreach Coordinator](#) will help lead this initiative. Cat has developed a model CERT program which she teaches at Redmond High School and which Bellevue School District will pilot in 2019 in their district.

Our Center’s initiative aligns with the [Career Connect Strategies](#) recommendations to put all students on a pathway to success.



HSEM BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Recently the Bellevue School District (BSD) was featured on Q13 Fox with two news stories on safety and security efforts in the district. **Board Member Douglas James, Director of Security for the BSD**, was interviewed about physical security efforts in the district with a focus on the opening of a new middle school and the design and security features of the new building to keep the students and staff safer. Listen to the interview by clicking the link below. Doug and Ginger Bonnell Emergency Management Program Coordinator for the District are both on the K-12 Work Group.



[Tillicum Middle School](#)

“Lowell Porter Day” Declared by Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier

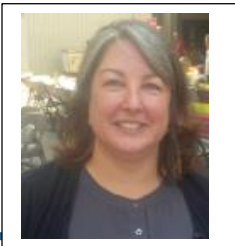
August 16, 2018, was declared “Lowell Porter Day” by Pierce County Executive at his retirement party hosted by his staff. Lowell had served as Director of the EM Department for the County since 2013 and was on the Center’s Advisory Board. Lowell supported the Center in its efforts to establish a Homeland Security-Emergency Management Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Program (BAS HSEM) at Pierce College in Lakewood. Lowell was joined by his wife Julie and relaxed during the recognition part of the celebration in hand built wooden rocking chairs that were gifts from his staff Speakers including our Center Director, Linda Crerar, congratulated him on his work providing strong and supportive leadership to the Emergency Management Department staff and Pierce County citizens.



Pierce Emergency Management Appoints a New Board Member

Scott Heinze, Interim Director for Pierce County Emergency Management, announced his selection of Celia Taylor to represent him on the Center’s Advisory Board.

Welcome Celia!



Lowell Porter led the Pierce County Department of ***Emergency Management*** since 2013. Prior to his service as EM Director, Lowell spent 25 years with the Washington State Patrol rising from a trooper cadet all the way to chief. He holds leadership roles with state and national organizations. Lowell said “I am proud of our emergency management team which continues to have an excellent reputation as a leader in this important field of public safety, and one that has prepared Pierce County well to respond to emergencies and disasters”.

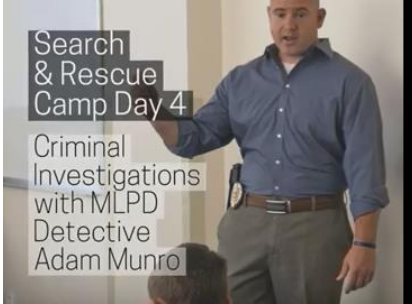
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES IN THE NEWS

Serious Gaming: Search and Rescue Summer Camp at Big Bend Community College



Search & Rescue Summer Camp

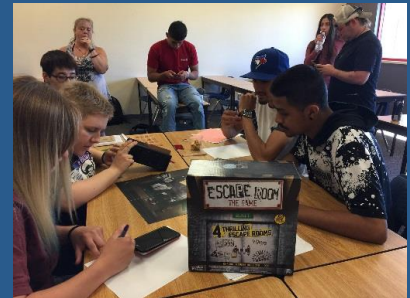
Dr. Ryann Leonard, Criminal Justice and Psychology faculty at Big Bend College helped organize a week long Search and Rescue Summer Camp which was held in July for students ages 12-16 and their families. Ryann said, “the participants tried to solve the case of a missing family and in doing so they were introduced to five (5) different programs offered at Big Bend Community College.” Unmanned Systems, Healthcare, Emergency Response, Criminal Justice and Simulation Technology Programs were highlighted. Faculty and volunteers assisted in the exercise. They explored these programs while trying to recover a missing family, who was kidnapped and taken out to a cabin. A teen escaped, shots were fired, the bad guy was arrested. The teen eventually was recovered after an aerial search using a drone (UAS) and treated for his injuries (Emergency Response, Healthcare, Simulation Technology). The crime scene was processed (criminal Justice) and on the last day parent jurors had to decide during a mock trial, summarizing the events of the week, if the defendant was guilty. Local responders, attorneys and a district court commissioner volunteered their time to support this program. “It was a great week and hopefully an annual event for the college,” said Ryann who also serves as a part-time Eastern Regional Education/Outreach Coordinator for the Center of Excellence for HSEM.



Event Video Search & Rescue Camp Day



Power point and pictures
courtesy of Big Bend College



Center of Excellence News

Linda was honored to be asked by Pierce College to represent the College and Center as a Board Member on the South Puget Sound Chapter. Linda has been working with Bonnie Bush, Executive Director for the Chapter, to meet with Regional Department Heads and Chapter staff about partnering to develop an internship program that can be expanded statewide for all of our community colleges. Bonnie has also asked for assistance in recruiting other college representatives for the other statewide Chapters located in Tri-Cities, Bremerton, Bellingham and Spokane. If you are interested in serving on an American Red Cross Board please let Linda know at lcrrer@pierce.ctc.edu.



The South Puget Sound Chapter does serve our South Sound communities providing emergency response services for our residents who have been effective by fires in their residences. The Chapter does use volunteers who are trained to assist in a variety of roles. For all of our all hazard emergency management pathway program students volunteering with Red Cross and local and county government emergency management organizations is an excellent way to gain much needed work experience that will compliment your degrees. You can contact the Regional Office at [**American Red Cross About Us**](#)

Securing the Supply Chain Forums 2018-2019



[Click here to watch our YouTube video of Forum's](#)



***Business, government and education must prepare for an avalanche of new products and services tying together assets, information and well, just things. This will affect industries, society, culture and of course, the supply chain in ways big and small, obvious and subtle.”
Dr. Meg Ryan, former CoE Director and Highline Faculty.***

This was the first time that the Center’s videographer Justin Whitney and his media team videoed one of our Forums. Production time was significantly longer than we had expected but now that we have completed this video we will be doing video productions regularly.

The Digital Transformation of Supply Chain was our 4th year organizing these Supply Chain Forums which bring together educators, industry and legal experts, regulators and policy leaders, students and our stakeholders to learn how the supply chain is being transformed by emerging technologies. The video above was the Forum’s Faculty Panel discussion with our moderated, Lindsey Williams, Director, CoE for Agriculture and Nature Resources. Lindsey’s questions to the panel were provocative and you will hear directly from our panelists their perspectives on how the future will look in the industry and what education must do to respond. Special thanks to all of our speakers and panelists who contributed their time and talents at no cost to make the Forum a success and to Nancy Aird and other work group members for putting helping to put together the Summary, Forum evaluation and Justin Whitney for the YouTube Video. [Special Reports Section of Website](#)



FOOD SAFETY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

From Farm to Fork

“Pathways to Resilience”

[From Farm to Fork Pathways to Resilience](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

October 26, 2018

Walla Walla Community College

“No Farms, No Food...this adage, from American Farmland Trust, is both accurate, and eye-opening. We have a responsibility to protect, promote, and create resiliency in whatever ways we are able, to maintain a safe, bountiful, and accessible food supply. Join us for a day of learning and discussion around creating resiliency in our food and farm accessibility, security practices, and supply chain.”

*Lindsey Williams, Director
Agriculture Center of Excellence*

The Centers of Excellence for Agriculture/Natural Resources, Homeland Security-Emergency Management, Global Trade/Supply Chain, and Allied Health are organizing two securing the Supply Chain Forums for 2018-19. The Forum will be held on **October 26**, at *Walla Walla College* and will focus on food security, safety and defense and building business and economic resilience for our state’s agriculture and food supply communities. Speakers will include our agro-businesses, government, faculty and staff from CTC Programs across the state. The Save the Date announcement will be distributed and registration will begin mid-August.

[Securing the Medical Supply Chain- April 2019](#)



In **April 2019**, the four Centers of Excellence will host their sixth Securing the Supply Chain Forum. The planning workgroup has identified several issues they want to see addressed during the Forum.

Current topics include a broad overview of the medical supply chain; understand and discuss the vulnerabilities and risks associated with security, transportation, availability of raw materials and challenges experienced by suppliers, distributors, and receivers; discuss supply and demand expectations on the availability of medical supplies, and equipment during a significant disaster or emergency; explore operational, communications, and planning requirements needed to facilitate altered standards of care during an emergency and understand and discuss with educators, employers, governments and local public health officials

Women in Leadership Upcoming Forum- October 3, 2018



Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Highline College – Building 2
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration is open for the fourth annual **Women in Leadership Forum**. This year's topic is Women in Politics. A record number of women are running for office. There is an unprecedented surge of first time female candidates running for offices big and small, from the U.S. Senate, and state legislatures to local school boards and city government.

Registration is FREE! You can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybzmcmwu>
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for those in attendance.
Seating is limited so please sign up soon.

WSEMA

Washington State Emergency Management Association

WSEMA CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 18 – 20

VISIT THE CENTER'S INFORMATION TABLE

The **Center** will have a **both** at the conference **provide information on all of our six career pathway programs**. Students, faculty and professionals in the field are welcome to attend.

REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.regonline.com/2018WSEMAConference>

2018 Washington State Emergency Management Conference
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - Thursday, September 20, 2018

Northern Quest Resort & Casino


100 North Hayford Road
Airway Heights, Washington 99001
United States
[Map and Directions](#)

Contact Information

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2018 COE Schedule of Events

September 11	ASIS Puget Sound Chapter Meeting – COE Presentation
September 18-20	WSEMA Annual Conference, Spokane WA
October 3	Women in Leadership, Highline College
November 2	HSEM COE Advisory Board Meeting



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Confluence News Magazine



***Confluence Media** will highlight the work of our Center's Advisory Board Members, Senior Fellows, staff and our CTC Programs and bring together our six Career Pathway employers, students, faculty, and community members to discuss a variety of issues and interests. Confluence will serve as an intersection where come together to share events, interests and important information so "stay tuned".

Center of Excellence – Homeland Security Emergency Management

Access information on all-hazard emergency management education and training, career pathways and the job market information and resources and business and community preparedness.

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