

Public and Private Perspectives on Critical Infrastructure Protection

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The first-ever ASIS Critical Infrastructure Working Group (CIWG) educational forum offers participants an exciting opportunity to hear from critical infrastructure experts on current issues and to participate in an innovative tabletop disaster-response exercise.

A distinguished panel of representatives of sector-specific agencies will discuss the critical private-sector role played by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Protective Services Advisors, the missions and focus of state emergency operations centers, disaster resilience and regional preparedness using all-hazards methodologies, pandemic preparations, media protocols, bio-event resilience, and more. The luncheon will feature an acclaimed keynote speaker.

The forum will also feature a four-hour tabletop exercise involving all 17 DHS critical infrastructure sectors, plus law enforcement, fire service, and media, conducted by professionals from Michigan State University and subject matter experts in crisis management, business continuity, disaster recovery, and homeland security.

Participants will receive the latest ASIS International *Critical Infrastructure Resource Guide* DVD and the Infrastructure Security Partnership's *Regional Disaster Resilience: A Guide for Developing an Action Plan*, plus handouts and session summaries.

Program Benefits

- Participate in a disaster-related exercise scenario with members of all 17 critical infrastructures and key resources.
- Find out about available DHS resources.
- Learn about media expectations and the assistance they can offer in a disaster.
- Understand the cascading impact of system failures on infrastructures during and after disasters.
- Discover the keys to regional disaster resilience.
- Share the lessons learned from major cross-sector exercises and planning for pandemics and bio-events on regional and national scales.
- Learn to identify first-responder roles and limitations.
- Cover the strengths and weaknesses of crisis communications.
- Experience the challenges of sharing intelligence and information among parties.
- Learn about cyber challenges in disaster preparedness and response.
- Compile a valuable collection of disaster and crisis planning resources.

Who Should Attend

- Security managers
- Crisis, disaster, and emergency managers
- Business continuity-of-operations planning professionals
- Public works officials
- Executives and key decision makers in the critical infrastructure communities
- Business media relations personnel

- Environmental, health and safety representatives
- Federal sector specific agency personnel.
- State, county, and municipal emergency response and crisis management representatives
- Business association representatives involved with critical infrastructures and assets
- First responders (police, fire, and medical)
- Federal, state and regional law enforcement
- Academic sector experts
- Others interested in providing security and emergency services for infrastructure assets