

CPP Profile

Ellen A. Ray

It was a natural disaster that brought Ellen A. Ray, CPP, into the field of emergency manage-

ment and business continuity planning. During the time she worked for Texas Instruments' (TI's) research facilities in the early 1980s, the company's Philippines location was severely damaged by an earthquake. TI's business continuity

planning program, under the aegis of its security department, was born of the event and continued after Raytheon purchased TI's defense division. Ray eventually became its manager.

Ray has the educational background for the job. She has two

bachelor's degrees (one in business administration and the other in emergency administration and

planning) and also an MBA and the Certified Protection Professional designation (CPP). She says she was encouraged to try for the CPP by her superior, who had already earned the designation. She studied for and passed the ex-

amination in April 2003.

Another of Ray's superiors told her to "never let it lapse," she says. "If you're in the security field, the CPP gives you a broader perspective and it also gives you the knowledge base to move into other areas of security." ■



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