



THE FORUM ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING ALL ASPECTS OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, INCLUDING BUSINESS INTERRUPTION AVOIDANCE, BUSINESS RESUMPTION PLANNING, CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS, AND DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING.

January 29, 2008

To all MCPF members:

It's January 2008 and the Highway 40/64 closure indeed did occur. With that in mind, our January meeting topic was a round-table discussion on the impacts this closure has caused our companies. The group discussed what planning was done to mitigate the issue and what worked/what isn't working related to that planning. It's situations of this sort where members find the MCPF beneficial to their jobs. The Forum affords everyone an opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss contingency matters that help us all, both in the private and public sectors.

The MCPF again will be a sponsor of the Earthquakes: Mean Business Seminar at **at&t** on February 1. MCPF Board members will staff an exhibitor table to share information about our group with the attendees. We hope all MCPF members take the opportunity to attend this very worthwhile event.

We're working to pull together a great program for 2008. In an effort to make it easier to get to meetings in light of the highway closure, the Board has decided to revise the meeting timeframe to 2:00pm- 4:00pm, one hour earlier. We hope this will work well for everyone. Monthly general membership meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We'll be reaching out to you for your feedback and suggestions for meeting topics, speakers and locations. Please feel free to share your suggestions on topics to ensure we provide the best program possible and satisfy your BCP interests.

Thanks to the DRJ for continuing to host our website at [www.drj.com/groups/mcpf/mcpf.htm](http://www.drj.com/groups/mcpf/mcpf.htm). If anyone has suggestions on material we should post to our website, contact a Board member and share your ideas. Contact information for the Board can be found on the enclosed brochure.

If you have already renewed your membership for 2008, thank you! We have decided to continue with the \$30 annual membership fee. If your membership has not yet been renewed for 2008, please take a moment now to do so. Complete the enclosed application and mail with your dues payment to the Post Office box for processing. We require all members, both new and current, to complete an application form with each year's renewal. This ensures our membership database is current.

We truly hope you continue to find your involvement with the MCPF beneficial to you, both professionally and personally, and decide to renew and stay actively involved. A special note: For those renewing their membership and any new members joining by March 20, we will hold a drawing for two MCPF shirts.

Lastly, I want to thank Rick Bozada for his service on the Board this past year. He has brought numerous great ideas and suggestions to the group that have only improved our Forum. Welcome to our new Board members - Carolyn Gonzalez, Roger Hunt, and Peggy Pelliccione. I am looking forward to working with all the Board members and their very active involvement in ensuring the success of the MCPF for our members.

I look forward to a successful 2008 and working with each of you to make this year's Forum the best yet. This is your Forum! Together we can make it better than ever!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna".

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Enclosures