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Adjunct Faculty Promote CDM



Candace Adams and **Stephan Moody** represented the CDM program at the Missouri State Emergency Management Conference in Branson. The SEMA conference was held March 31 – April 3 at Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri. **Jesse Wright** and **Tiffany Schulze** also attended as part of their Practicum experience.

Tiffani Schulze reports that “this was my first conference and it amazed me how much they can cram into such a short time period”. There were many speakers including Dana Bowman. Dana Bowman is a U.S. Army veteran who lost both of his legs in a mid-air collision while parachuting with The Golden Knights, which is the U.S. Army's elite parachute team. He is a great motivational speaker who still jumps out of airplanes and was the first double amputee to re-enlist back into the Army. His main point during his speech was that there is a place for everyone and that includes within the various fields of Crisis and Disaster Management. We all have different experiences or disabilities but we can still contribute and find a place for ourselves. Tiffani commented that “this guy was amazing and probably the best speaker at the conference.”

CDM Adjunct Faculty Recognized for Major Exercise

Dorothy Miller coordinated a regional full scale exercise over three separate days involving a middle school, high school and college campus and over 200 participants each day. This exercise encompassed multi-discipline participation with fire, police, EMS, emergency managers, hazmat structural collapse teams dispatchers and PIOs. It was quite an undertaking. The planning team consisted of about 25 professionals from 4 separate counties and multiple jurisdictions. The planning efforts began in the fall of 2013 and followed

HSEEP guidance along the way. The scenario was an active shooter/hostage situation at each school, with a structural collapse and hazardous materials incident injects given at each site. The exercise was conducted at the high school after most of the students went home and utilized student volunteers for the exercise. In the middle school the exercise happened at the end of the day so students experienced SWAT teams coming in and evacuating the building as they were led outside to their meeting place and buses.



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Jeff Hartle and **Dianna Bryant** attended the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks and represented CDM at a booth to recruit students.

Students and Activities

Research

In the Fall 2014 Research class students chose a variety of topics to gather original data in response to a research question they developed early in the course. Topics students researched included:

Anna Longstreet, Nick Orozco, and William Luntsford researched earthquake risk management.

Anna Longstreet researched earthquake risk communication and the impact on household preparedness.

Nick Orozco researched the growing earthquake risk in Kansas and the impact on homeowner's insurance.

William Luntsford researched earthquake insurance coverage in Missouri and discovered that the percentage of homeowners with earthquake coverage has declined between 2009 and 2013 as premiums have increased.

Pam Bowers and Konner Wales both conducted research about ambulance transport policies about emergency transports utilizing emergency lights and sirens and the impact on response times.

David Roll researched role conflict and multi-organizational membership within a rural volunteer fire organization.

Zachary Brackin researched hazmat resource issues for rural fire agencies in Texas.

Recent Graduates

Fall 2014

Harold Sterne
Ryan Alberg
Ebrahim Almualla
Shawn McBee
Leeanna Bush

Trainings Finished

The FEMA Professional Development Series was completed by:

Jessica Lewis
Anna Longstreet
Veronica Polston

Alumni Notes

Natasha Hunter (Fall 2013) was recently awarded the KCEM designation and also accepted the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for Pottawatomie County Kansas.

Faculty Notes:

Jordan Villwock was recognized for being the Laguna Beach Police Department's Civilian Employee of the year. Additionally, he was acknowledged by the Laguna Beach Unified School District Board for instructing the 24 hour FEMA certified CERT course to 38 district employees.

Adam Crowe has written a third book, *A Futurist Guide to Emergency Management*, which comes out June 5th.



Major Exercise (continued from page 1)

The college campus used nursing student volunteers for actors/victims. Each victim wore makeup prepared by a professional moulage artist to make the scenario more realistic for responders. EMA had been practicing force protection with the police, fire and EMS professionals over the past year so it was incorporated that into the scenario to enhance skills.

Many lessons were learned through this experience which were documented in an after action report and will be presenting during this year's Texas Division of Emergency Management conference in San Antonio. Dorothy Miller received a certificate of appreciation plaque from RESET (Regional Standardization of Equipment and Training) for leading the exercise design, facilitation and participation in the exercise.

Practicum Activities

Marla Jones developed emergency plans for the Chadron Fur Trade Days in Chadron, Nebraska.

“The event has been going on for over thirty years in a small town in the Northwestern corner of Nebraska. Chadron is a small town of just under 6,000 people and is relatively isolated, geographically. I attended meetings by web cam, talked extensively with members on the Board of Directors via email and phone. I did a massive amount of research into how similar events are structured, past incidents during the event and learned a lot about the re-

gion in regards to risk. I was especially surprised how little I knew about wildfires which are a significant risk in that region.”

Nick Orozco stepped outside his normal role with FEMA Region VII and worked with a different division to help develop a playbook for ESF #6. “The goal of the playbook is for it to be given to the ESF #6 partners deployed to the Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) during activation. Emergency Support Function #6 is responsible for coordinating mass care, emergency assistance, tempo-

rary housing, and human services when the needs exceed the capabilities of State, local, and tribal response and recovery. FEMA is the primary agency for ESF #6.”

Jesse Wright completed an internship with Johnson County, Missouri Emergency Management Agency and made significant contributions including updating a resource guide, gathering data from schools, and research extreme weather events in the county.

Pam Bowers worked with a daycare to revise emergency plans and implement preparedness activities.

Ryan Hurr worked with Catholic Charities in Missouri and was involved with several disaster impact assessments for communities.

Anna Longstreet completed an internship with FEMA Region VII.

IEMSA Notes and Recent Meetings

Alumni volunteered to share their career experiences with CDM students during online IEMSA meetings hosted at: <http://ucmconnect.ucmo.edu/iemsa>

- Thomas Hines, (Spring 2012), Zurich Insurance
- Abigail Eichorn, (Spring 2013), State of Wyoming
- Alisha Griswold, (Fall 2011), King County, Washington
- Trent Pittman, (Spring 2009), Johnson County, Kansas
- Natasha Hunter, (Fall 2013), Linn County, Kansas

Future online meetings of IEMSA are announced in “A Page for CDM Majors” in Blackboard. Check the schedule!

Officers for 2014-2015

- President - **Jessica Lewis Auld**
- Vice President – **Nathan Huffer**
- Secretary – **Michelle Atkinson- Williams**
- Treasurer - **Tyler Haney**

Elections for next year will be held in September, consider serving by running for an office.

Future Conferences

Organization	Date	Location
FEMA-EPA Region VII LEPC Conference	August 6-8, 2015	Nebraska City, NE (Lied Lodge & Conf. Center)
Kansas Emergency Management Association	September 16-18, 2015	Junction City, KS (Marriott)
Nebraska State Volunteer Fire Association	October 15-17, 2015	Nebraska City, NE (Lied Lodge & Conf. Center)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE CONFERENCES CONTACT DIANNA BRYANT

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The Crisis and Disaster Management degree program at the University of Central Missouri facilitates individual professional development in a student-centered learning environment. This multidisciplinary curriculum focuses on the principles of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in an integrated program of study. Citizens will benefit from the services of degreed crisis managers in the event of natural or man-made disasters. The more resilient community will benefit from the increased economic stability resulting from reduced financial losses in business and industry.

New Adjunct Instructors

The CDM program has recruited additional adjuncts to teach in the CDM program. You may see their names on the schedule in the next year. Look here <http://www.ucmo.edu/irem/cdm/faculty.cfm> over the summer for bios and pictures .

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