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Meeting Announcement -
Washington, DC- Mid Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association
For Immediate Release

Please join us for MADRA's 104th meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM held at ARC, 3000 Wilson Blvd, Suite 300, Arlington VA 22201.

About the Meeting

Planning for the Future. The disasters of 2017 were so broad in scope that even if you weren't an emergency responder, your team was most likely impacted. Many of us found resources strained and regular maintenance and planning sessions delayed. If you are still in catch up mode, as well as unable to attend the recent DRI conference, this session is for you. MADRA's Dean Gallop will share details from the DRI Future Vision Committee's Top predictions for 2018, as well as other highlights from the DRI Conference. Dean will also disseminate the report "*Predictions for Resilience in 2018: Highlights from the DRI Report and Conference*", providing attendees with more insight into planning options and considerations.

New for 2018! Open Forum Sessions. To enhance networking and learning opportunities, MADRA is changing our meeting format from a listen and learn style-session to a listen and explore structure. For 2018, following each presenter we will host an open forum with questions based on the speaker's presentation to prompt discussion and input from attendees as well as facilitate more networking opportunities.

Our first forum topic will be "2017 was a deluge of disasters – what next? Questions we will discuss include; How did 2017 affect your business or agency? Is management taking more/less notice to continuity programs? Will 2017 impact your planning and budget for 2018? We'll also discuss whether the information provided in the Future Vision Committee presentation may change your plans. Please bring extra business cards and be prepared to share your thoughts on our new format!

About the Speakers

Dean Gallup, Disaster Recovery Consultant, Advantaged Solutions, Inc. Dean is an experienced professional who has provided disaster recovery, business continuity, contingency planning, and Continuity of Operations (COOP) expertise to the Federal Government and Department of Defense (DoD) over the past 35 years. He is also experienced in emergency management, data center operations, governance, and security risk management. To further codify his knowledge, Dean worked as a co-author of NIST SP 800-34 Rev 1, *Contingency Planning Guide for Federal Information Systems*, as well as working as Chair for the Disaster Recovery Institute (DRI) International Glossary Committee, who published the DRI International *Glossary for Resiliency*, a compilation of the best resiliency terms and definitions from standards around the world. He is also the

Vice President for Planning with the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association (MADRA), a consortium of disaster recovery and resiliency experts and practitioners from around the National Capital Region and holds his MBCP certification with DRI.

Registration for this Event

Please RSVP directly to MADRA at our website (<http://www.madra.org>) by Thursday, February 15th. We understand that schedules change. If you cannot make the meeting, please let us know as soon as possible by email to info@madra.org.

About MADRA Since 1989, MADRA has provided a forum for the Mid-Atlantic's Business Continuity Planners (BCP), Continuity of Operations Professionals (COOP), Emergency Management, and the Disaster Recovery (DR) community to improve their skills through networking and education. As the regions oldest independent networking group, MADRA is dedicated to ensuring that people and organizations are better prepared to manage any type of disaster or emergency event. MADRA's meetings are free. Bring a friend or co-worker. If you think the experience is worthwhile, we ask that you support us with an annual donation of \$50, which is used to support our 501(C) 3 non-profit educational association.

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