



Disaster Recovery Information Exchange

Toronto Chapter

**Welcome to the DRIE Toronto
Quarterly Symposium**

***Technology Today – Advantages and
Challenges for Business Continuity
Management***

March 6, 2012



Board of Directors 2012 Major Initiatives

- **Drive for new members**
- **Promote DRIE visibility**
- **Cost containment/reduction (you can help!)**
- **GTIME – continue support as a major partner**



Coming very soon!! Business Continuity Awareness Week: March 19 - 23

Summary - don't miss the opportunity on what we have planned!

- 5 major partners joined to promote BCAW: DRIF, DRI Canada, BCI Canada, CCEP and Canadian Red Cross
- Webinars are scheduled for March 19th to 23rd , 2012 inclusive
- Get registered now on the Groupsite - bcaw.groupsite.com – lots of useful information to share in support of your program
- Check out related content - documents, resource material, articles, poster, all available on web and group sites
- Are you involved yet?
 - Join us on the Groupsite and join a discussion thread, or start one up
 - Print the BCAW poster and help raise awareness in your work place (or anywhere you can...legally) – we've printed some today – take a couple!
 - Join the webinars – lots to learn from!

Visit www.bcaw.info for more details



Webinar Highlights for 2012

- ❖ **The Criticality of Timely Plan Activation**
- ❖ **Business Continuity Response: Part 1 Parallels with Emergency Management**
- ❖ **Business Continuity Response: Part 2 Ready to Respond**
- ❖ **Extreme Weather**
- ❖ **National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- ❖ **Common Lessons Identified from Numerous Exercises**
- ❖ **Is Virtualization the New Black for Disaster Recovery?**
- ❖ **How Social Media is Transforming Organizations**
- ❖ **What organizations must now do during a crisis/BC event or disaster**
 - what's making this necessary ? What I call "social convergence"
 - how organizations can integrate social media into their EM or BC programs
 - some examples and case studies - Japan, Australia, Christchurch
 -and more



The 2nd Annual DRIE Toronto Scholarships...

Scholarships

- Two \$1,000 scholarships available
- Awarded to active students from a Canadian institution working toward a degree or certificate related to the BCM industry
- To be used for tuition fees, basic living costs and/or study materials
- Selection to be made by the DRIE Education Committee:
 - Performance and attitude
 - Need
 - Involvement within the industry
- Scholarships to be presented at WCDM at the Gala Awards Evening





OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- WCDM June 25 - 27, 2012
- DRIE Cross-Chapter Breakfast Social – June 26, 2012: open to all DRIE chapter members – location TBA
- WCDM Gala Awards Evening: special event to present various industry awards:
 - DRI Canada, OAEM, DRIE Scholarship
 - Evening of Tuesday June 26th – details TBA
- June 05, 2012 – Next DRIE Toronto Quarterly: AGM and Board of Directors elections