



# MADRA

MID ATLANTIC DISASTER RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

## **May 2020 MADRA Meeting Information**

### **Zoom Recording Information:**



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### **About the Meeting**

The Mid Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association (MADRA) and the Association of Continuity Professionals (ACP) Maryland Chapter are again hosting a joint meeting for broader member reach and to offer members the opportunity to explore other associations. Since this is a virtual session, we are scheduling the meeting for one hour.

**Al Mongeon** and **Chris Strong** will present predictions and information for the upcoming hurricane season. Although most focus is on the current pandemic, other dangers and risks remain that can impact organizations, and with many employees working remotely, effects can be different and perhaps not planned or even considered.

**Al Mongeon** recently retired after a combined 50 years of Federal service first as a meteorologist/communications specialist for the Air Force and the National Weather Service (NWS). For the past 20 years, he has served as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Homeland Security Activities coordinator/senior meteorologist and Business Continuity Planner at the Department of Homeland Security. Al played a significant part in the development of the COOP program within the Department of Commerce and NOAA. As the NOAA and NWS representative to DHS, Al provided weather scenarios for the TOPOFF series of national level exercises and planning for major national events such as Super Bowls, Inaugurations, and July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations. He was also the designated desk officer during all hurricanes making landfall on US mainland, territories, or possessions from 2003 to 2012 and organized and provided meteorological support to major disasters such as floods, tornadoes, and wildfires.



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**Chris Strong** is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) for the National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington Forecast Office located in Sterling, Virginia. His forecast office serves Maryland east of Garrett County, including the Chesapeake Bay, northern and northwestern Virginia, eastern West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. As WCM he is in charge of outreach and networking for his office, and ensures that the National Weather Service's programs, forecasts, and warnings are effectively used by the government, the media, and the public at large. Chris was selected to the Penn State Meteorology program, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. He entered the National Weather Service at the forecast office in Buffalo New York as a student intern, and then moved to the NWS Baltimore/Washington Forecast Office in the summer of 1993.

### **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. Invite 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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