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

Please join us for MADRA's luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Hexagon US Federal, 14291 Park Meadow Drive, Suite 350, Chantilly, VA. Free parking is available across the street from the front entrance. Please bring a valid ID for entry.

About the Meeting

Disaster Recovery and the Cloud. With cloud capabilities expanding daily, many business continuity practitioners are exploring moving disaster recovery applications into the cloud. While it's easy to fall into the trap of believing everyone is using the cloud to its full potential, the reality is that many organizations, both commercial and government, aren't applying or utilizing the technology or associated resources to their full potential. And in some cases, probably shouldn't. Dr. Charles Fuller will present the process of FedRAMP and how to leverage cloud service providers (CSPs) to improve disaster recovery (DR) capability infrastructure, platform, and software as a service (IaaS, PaaS and SaaS) environments.

Of course, the devil is in the details. Charles will spend time describing ways to consider how to position your organization to maximize the benefits and avoid the pitfalls when planning, altering, and enhancing DR capabilities within the cloud. He'll also share his experience with how to obtain the best return on investment by moving disaster recovery capabilities to the cloud.

Using Modern Tools to Manage Classic Disasters. Imagine you are the emergency manager for a west coast mid-sized city that has just experienced a 6.5 magnitude earthquake. Today, the standard response is to determine the extent of damage and start response and recovery efforts by getting crews out to survey damage, then receiving a multitude of SITREPs and feedback to continuously analyze the situation. However, it's well known that this method of incident response can slow the reaction and plan development time, as well as have hidden pitfalls when information is incomplete or not timely. Today, tools are available that can provide 3D terrestrial maps of the impacted areas and maintain situational awareness in real time. These tools include edge computing, artificial intelligence, and augmented reality, and can readily speed response and recovery, as well as mitigate error and communication gaps. Steve du Plessis will walk through a common scenario and show how these cutting edge tools can provide

valuable and near-instantaneous information and feedback, maximizing the effectiveness of response and recovery efforts.

About the Presenters

Dr. Charles Fuller, Practice Lead, eGlobalTech. Charles is currently leading the Cyber Solutions Business Unit, and with his years of experience, is also considered a subject matter expert for the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP), supporting various cybersecurity initiatives for federal government customers. Charles is proud to lead an incredible team of security practitioners, technologists, and cybersecurity subject matter experts, and serves as a trusted advisor and consultant in both academic and government industries. He holds a Ph.D. in Business, M.S. in Computer Information Systems, B.S. in Engineering and has a variety of technical certifications including CISSP, OCP, HBSS, ACAS, WIDS, ICD503. Follow Charles on Twitter: @charlesfuller, or connect with Charles on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/charlesfuller>

Steve du Plessis, Senior Leader, Hexagon U.S. Federal. As Head of Engineering and Solutions Architect teams across the enterprise, Steve has more than 20 years of experience in the geospatial industry. He has also held leadership roles in Executive Product Management, Channel Management, and Direct Sales and Marketing. Steve has lived and worked in South Africa, Singapore, and Australia and is currently based in Chantilly, Virginia.

Registration for this event

Please RSVP directly to MADRA at our website <https://madra.org/meeting-registration> by Thursday, June 13, 2019. 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.

Partner News

Final Month for Applications to the DRI Foundation Scholarships!

Do you have a student currently attending a four-year college/university – or ready to start this fall? They could be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship through the DRI Foundation. But the clock is ticking – applications are due soon!

The scholarships are open to both high school seniors and college undergrads in the U.S. and Canada whose parent or guardian is a DRI Certified Professional in good standing. Each scholarship will be \$5,000 and payment will be made in the form of a check awarded to the scholarship recipient.

Applications are due by May 24, 2019. A confirmation email will be sent within 48 hours of receipt. The winners will be announced on June 28, 2019.

[Click here for additional information and to download the applications.](#)

Disaster Recovery Institute (DRI) International also wants to help you become certified! DRI has generously offered MADRA a 10% discount on DRI certification track courses (except for DRI's newly released Cyber Resilience course). Use code MADRA13.

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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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