

# CDRE

**Center for Disaster Research & Education  
Master of Science Emergency Management**

**MSEM Newsletter**

**Fall 2019**

## Preparedness Day 2019

On September 24 the Center for Disaster Research and Education hosted its 6th Annual Preparedness Day event. Twenty nine organizations participated including a number of student organizations, university departments and offices also participated in the event to promote related programs and initiatives. The event was held at the Student Memorial Center Promenade at Millersville University. The event focused on the importance of preparedness and aimed to encourage participants to complete a preparedness pledge and take steps to be better prepared at the individual level. Preparedness Day 2019 included a larger number of participants and external vendors compared to previous years. WHP-TV was present during the event and interviewed Dr. Hagelgans about the event and its importance. Millersville President Daniel Wubah was also present for Preparedness Day and interacted with vendors and students.

The list of all outside vendors: LEMA, Keystone Wildfire Crew Inc, NOAA, PSECU, Salvation Army, Amber's Amazing Animal Balloons, PEMA, NWS: State College, WHP-TV, AccuWeather, PA Department of Health, PA Turnpike Commission, Air National Guard, Blue Rock Fire Rescue, Lancaster SWAT, MUPD, PA State Police Bomb Squad, Middle Creek Search and Rescue, KEMA, IAEM: Region III, IAEM: Millersville Chapter, AMS: Millersville Chapter, ASSP: Millersville, Millersville Office of Sustainability, MSW-MSEM Program, and Millersville Geography Department.

### Fall Timeline

- Preparedness Day 2019
- IAEM Region 3 Symposium
- CERT Fall 2019
- IAEM Conference 2019





MSEM and IAEM students presenting at the beginning of the symposium

## IAEM Region 3 Symposium

Millersville University hosted the fall 2019 IAEM Region III Symposium on September 24. This day also marked the 6th Annual Preparedness Day sponsored by the Center for Disaster Research and Education. Over 15 professional organizations including but not limited to FEMA, LEMA, National Weather Service (State College, PA Office), American Red Cross, PA Department of Health participated in this event open to all at the university and the greater community.

The IAEM meeting was attended by members from Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, DC, and Pennsylvania. Student representatives of the Student Chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers and the Master of Science in Emergency Management program presented during the opening of the symposium. The event provided many networking opportunities for students who were present, and Millersville was honored to host this year's event.

## CERT Fall 2019

The Community Emergency Response Team or CERT is a FEMA program offered in the fall and spring semesters by the CDRE. This training allows participants to learn about the fundamentals of preparedness and to be certified to assist in disasters. Millersville University CDRE has been offering CERT training since 2010 and the training is open to all Millersville University staff, students, faculty and the greater community. CERT training covers every major element of disaster and topics such as Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism, and Hazardous Weather. Instructors for Fall 2019 were Duane Halgelgans, Paul Benyeda, Tammi Snedeker, Alex Redcay, and Ann Harach. The dates for Spring 2020 classes will be April 18th-April 19th, and April 25th.



Dr. Hagelgans showing the proper use of a fire extinguisher



Graduate and undergraduate students representing MSEM at the IAEM Awards Banquet

## **IAEM Conference & Expo 2019**

On November 17 – 21, 2019, seven students, including four undergraduate students majoring in emergency management and three graduate M.S. in Emergency Management (MSEM) students attended the 2019 International Association of Emergency Managers USA (IAEM-USA) conference in Savannah, GA. In addition, two faculty members; Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller (Government and Political Affairs) and the Center for Disaster Research & Education (CDRE) Director, Dr. Sepideh Yalda attended the conference. This year, CDRE participated in the EMEX exhibit hall to showcase CDRE programs and research as well as recruit students for the MSEM program, MSEM-M.S. in Social Work dual program, and the Emergency and Disaster Management graduate certificate.

The 2019 conference theme was *Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future*. While at the conference, students had the opportunity to network with and learn from professionals in the field during the Student and New Emergency Managers Program. In addition, the conference provided opportunities for students to get involved with caucuses, committees, and councils within the IAEM-USA.