



Buffalo Bayou Chapter ACHMM Meeting Notice



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The Buffalo Bayou Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers will hold its next meeting on **March 28th**. The meeting will begin at **6:30 pm** and will be held in the downtown **Spaghetti Warehouse** (901 Commerce Street – 77002). The cost of the meeting and dinner is **\$20.00 for Chapter Members and \$25 for Non-members**. The Chapter is obligated for all reservations. Please RSVP to Tina Johnson by **March 27th** by responding to this email, tina.johnson@mecx.net, or calling Tina at 713 585-7012.

**Speaker: Mark Sloan, Homeland Security - Special Projects
Judge Robert Eckels' Office**

Mark Sloan joined the staff of Harris County Judge Robert Eckels' in February of 2002. As a Director, Mark oversees various special projects relating to homeland security initiatives, including numerous grant applications for local DHS funding, community outreach and training. He worked closely with the Super Bowl Executive Host Committee to coordinate County resources as needed for highly successful weeklong celebration.

Mark coordinates all aspects of the Harris County Citizen Corps, an innovative, award- winning citizen preparedness initiative, recently recognized as a National Best Practice. Working with a team of County technology experts, he developed one of the first websites devoted to the sharing of citizen preparedness volunteer opportunities and tracking of volunteer hours. The site links users to the most helpful and informative websites on citizen preparedness throughout the country. Since 2002, over 2,000,000 individuals have visited the website (www.harriscountycitizencorps.com) and over 2,200 have completed the Community Emergency Response (CERT) training course.

During the Katrina relief effort at the Astrodome Mark was assigned to the Unified Command to coordinate the volunteers. During the 21 days over 60,000 volunteers received various assignments that helped over 30,000 evacuees from New Orleans. On September 9, 2005, Mark was recognized for his efforts by ABC Nightly News as the Person of the Week.

He is also the chairman of the Harris County Department of Education ALERT Task Force. The goal of this initiative is to strengthen and improve school/campus safety (crisis) plans by identifying and utilizing partner resources to implement emergency response and crisis management trainings emphasizing mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

I hope to see all of you there. As always, non-members are welcome to RSVP and attend. I encourage and challenge each of you to bring a friend,

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