

50th Anniversary Celebration & Preparedness Workshop



Asheville, North Carolina

June 15-17, 2012



Asheville, Land of the Sky - Hometown of DERA

Workshop Location

**Buncombe County Purchasing Offices
Ground Floor Conference Room
200 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina 28801**

Agenda

Friday, June 15, 2012 - International Preparedness Workshop

200 College Street, Ground Floor Conference Room Buncombe County Purchasing Offices

0830 – Registration

0900 -- Opening Remarks by Howard Pierpont, DERA Board Chair
Welcome by Jerry VeHaun, CEM, Buncombe County Emergency Manager

0930 – Introduction of distinguished guests, Sri. S. Suri, VU2MY, Ms. M. Bhanumathy, VU2BL,
Sarone Kennedy, and Paul F. Folmsbee, K5PF, by Jay Wilson, DERA Executive Director

0945 – Attendee Self-Introductions

1000 – Networking Break

1015 – Dynamics of International Preparedness, by Georg Grosse-Hohl

1030 – Response and Recovery Missions of Faith-Based Organizations, by Catherine Lawhun Stevens

1045 – Funding for Search and Rescue Missions: A Major Challenge for Policy Makers, by Kevin J. D. Wilson

1100 – Adjourn for lunch

1130 – Lunch at Mela Indian Restaurant, 70 Lexington Avenue (No-Host Buffet)
Honored Guest: Sri S. Suri, VU2MY - Recipient of Amateur of the Year, Dayton 2012
Remarks by Jerry VeHaun, CEM

1300 – Keynote Address by William Haggard: *Weather Data, Forecasts, Climate Change and Disaster Emergency Planning*

1400 – Networking Break

1415 – Lessons in Long Term Community Recovery by Howard Pierpont, CRM, CBCP

1445 – Domestic Violence: An Emerging Issue for Emergency Management, by Raphael LaRocca

1500 – Networking Break

1515 -- A Golden Past—A Shining Future: Where DERA Came From & Where We're Headed;
Remembering distinguished members who brought us this far, by Jay Wilson, WØAIR, Charter Member;
Future Initiatives, Opportunities and Challenges: Panel Discussion by DERA's leadership team, facilitated
by Paul F. Folmsbee, K5PF, Charter Member and first President in 1962.

1600 – Networking Break

1615 – Strategic Planning and Organizational Change, by Stefan Pollack, LTC USA, Retired; DERA Director

1715 – Open Forum for Members and Session Wrap-Up, by Howard Pierpont, KDØJAZ

1730 – Workshop Adjourns

1830 - Networking Reception (No-host bar service)

Saturday, June 16, 2012 – Workshop and Field Trip

***200 College Street, Ground Floor Conference Room
Buncombe County Purchasing Offices***

0800 – Session Opening by Howard Pierpont, DERA Board Chair

0815 -- Caribbean Perspective on Disaster Preparedness & Response, by Sarone Kennedy (Bahamas)

0845 – Access and Functional Needs: A New Perspective, by Patricia Hooper, PhD

0915 – Networking Break

0930 – Disaster Emergency and Auxiliary Communications, by Bascombe J. Wilson, CEM

0945 – Lessons Learned in Disaster Communications by Lee Champagne, CEM

1000 – Networking Break

1015 – Organizing Amateur Radio for Emergency Communications by Sri. S. Suri, VU2MY

1045 – DERA Leadership and Organizational Partnership Panel, facilitated by Howard Pierpont
Invited partners include WCARS, NIAR, ARRL, FAIRS, NVOAD, SATERN, ManyWaters

1130 – Workshop Wrap-Up by Howard Pierpont and DERA leadership team

1145 – Motorcade departs Days Inn for Mount Mitchell

1245 - Lunch at Mount Mitchell Restaurant

1400 - Emergency Communications Field Demonstration at summit of Mount Mitchell

1530 – Optional motor trip along Blue Ridge Parkway



Sunday, June 17, 2012 - Historical Tours and Networking

Signup sheets at Friday and Saturday workshop sessions

Networking and Small Group Meetings.

Opportunities to tour the Biltmore House, Mountain Crafts Center and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Lessons-Learned from the historical Biltmore, Asheville and Marshall floods.

44th Memorial of the July 1968 Piedmont Airlines Flight 22 mishap.

Recommended Lodging

**Homewood Suites
88 Tunnel Road
Asheville, North Carolina 28805
Reservations: 1.828.252.5400**

**Days Inn
201 Tunnel Road
Asheville, North Carolina 28805
Reservations: 1.828.252.4000**

All accommodations downtown and on Tunnel Road are convenient to the conference.

Asheville also offers exclusive 4 and 5-star executive hotels and resorts including the Grove Park Inn. Check with your travel agent.

Advance Registration Is Required.

We Regret that Walk-Ins Cannot be Accommodated.

Registration: www.disasters.org/2012.htm

For questions about the anniversary celebration and workshop, please contact:

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