

PABI April 2014 General Membership Luncheon Woodland Plantation

The April 2014 PABI General Membership luncheon was held at Woodland Plantation. Pat Santos, Director of Business Development at the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI), was the keynote speaker. Mr. Santos began by emphasizing the importance of preparing for disasters and the aftermath. Local, State, and Federal agencies came together to form the Louisiana Emergency Management Agency. Emmett and Toni Stephenson, graduates of LSU, donated \$25 million to LSU to establish SDMI, of which a part of that is the Center for Business Preparedness. Mr. Santos feels it is important to bring the public and private sectors together in a time of crisis. He stated that they sent out a survey to determine what business and industry needs from Emergency Management. They received many responses and gathered useful information. Concerns are situational awareness, emergency communication, reentry and regulatory requirements.



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