

Calendar of Events

November 19, 2025
- November 20, 2025

DRI CANADA Gatineau Symposium

Hilton Lac Leamy
3 Boulevard du Casino
Gatineau, QC

07:30 AM - 06:30 PM EST

DRI Canada is dedicated to providing continued professional development for its certified professionals through a variety of opportunities. Join us for a full day of bilingual presentations that are meant to leave you informed, inspired and engaged.

The symposium is a one-day event specifically designed for senior-level business continuity, disaster recovery, cyber resilience and risk management professionals. This symposium aims to provide a dynamic and interactive platform for leaders to explore innovative strategies, share best practices, and discuss the latest trends in business continuity management.

During this immersive event, participants will have the opportunity to engage with like-minded professionals and thought leaders from diverse sectors. The symposium will foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, enabling attendees to enhance their skill sets and stay ahead in the rapidly evolving field of business continuity.

Join us for this year's flagship DRI Canada symposium, where senior-level business continuity professionals gather to share expertise, learn from each other, and shape the future of resilience. Together, we can build a community of empowered professionals who drive organizational preparedness and ensure the continuity of critical operations in the face of adversity.

May 9, 2025
- June 6, 2025

BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English May 9-June 6, 2025 Online **Online GoToMeeting**

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Instructor: Graeme Jannaway

June 2, 2025
- November 30, -0001

DRI Canada Professional Development Workshop and Luncheon
Courtyard Marriot Calgary Airport
2500 48 Ave NE
Calgary, AB

09:00 AM - 06:30 PM MST

The DRI Canada Board of Directors is pleased to host a professional development day in Calgary, June 2, 2025, conveniently located at the Courtyard Calgary Airport. Join us for the day, or for lunch.

Navigating Integrity Through Chaos and Crisis, is a full day workshop, presented by Suzane Bernier, CBCP.

Josh Bowen, ABCP, will be our guest speaker over lunch, presenting Beyond the Checklist: Institutionalizing Readiness in an Age of Compounding Disasters

The day will finish with a presentation Douglas Olthof on the Social Recovery from the 2024 Jasper Wildfire, followed by a reception.

Navigating Integrity Through Chaos and Crisis Workshop

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$129

Participants will be registered for the lunch event and receive a certificate of completion and eight (8) continuing education points.

Beyond the Checklist: Institutionalizing Readiness in an Age of Compounding Disasters

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: Free

?Participants will receive a certificate of attendance and two (2) continuing education points.

Social Recovery from the 2024 Jasper Wildfire

4:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Cost: Included in full day registration

Navigating Integrity Through Chaos and Crisis

In times of crisis, ethical clarity can mean the difference between trust and turmoil. This interactive one-day workshop is designed for business continuity, emergency management, and resilience professionals seeking to lead with integrity under pressure. Drawing on real-world case studies and Canadian examples, participants will explore the ethical complexities of crisis management—where split-second decisions meet long-term consequences.

Guided by award-winning crisis consultant and author Suzanne Bernier, this session offers a structured yet dynamic learning experience, including group activities, decision-making simulations, and expert-led discussion. Participants will learn to recognize ethical blind spots, apply proven frameworks for ethical decision-making, and communicate transparently and responsibly during high-stress scenarios.

Key Takeaways:

Understand the principles of ethical leadership in crisis situations

Build confidence navigating ethical dilemmas across sectors (healthcare, public safety, tech, etc.)

Learn to balance stakeholder interests, public trust, and organizational values

Explore the intersection of ethics, technology, and resilience

Practice media response strategies that uphold accountability and trust

Whether you're facing data breaches, reputational threats, or operational disruptions, this workshop will help you lead with purpose, not panic.

Beyond the Checklist: Institutionalizing Readiness in an Age of Compounding Disasters

As disasters grow more frequent, complex, and interconnected, the traditional boundaries of business continuity and disaster recovery are no longer enough. In this provocative and forward-looking keynote, Josh Bowen draws on insights from over two decades of experience in emergency management and crisis leadership to challenge how organizations define and pursue readiness.

Drawing on real-world experience from disaster zones and the boardroom alike, Josh explores why static plans fail in dynamic crises—and what it means to build organizations that are truly ready for the unexpected. He introduces a practical model for institutionalizing readiness through cultural transformation, adaptive leadership, and systemic thinking.

Attendees will walk away with a deeper understanding of how to move from checklists to capability, from compliance to culture, and from resilience as an outcome to readiness as a way of being. This keynote is aimed at crisis, risk, and resilience professionals who want to lead with foresight, operate with agility, and shape the future of organizational resilience in a world of permanent disruption.

Social Recovery from the 2024 Jasper Wildfire

Disaster recovery operations typically proceed through the identification of a number of distinct but interrelated priorities. Social recovery is one such priority that begins from the recognition that disasters happen to people and communities. Social recovery is the thread that connects all the other recovery priorities but can often be the most difficult priority to define and to measure. This presentation will explore how social recovery objectives have informed all other priorities in the Jasper wildfire recovery context and how positioning Jasper residents as active participants in recovery is contributing to the re-establishment of strong networks of community support.

About the Speakers

Suzanne Bernier is a former journalist and government press secretary, Suzanne is now an international, multi-certified, award-winning crisis management consultant, trainer, speaker, and author. She has helped governments, communities and companies plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters for almost 30 years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for RIE Toronto, and serves as Global Ambassador for Stars of HOPE USA and as an advocate for mass attack survivors.

*Suzanne has had numerous career highlights that include being a guest speaker at The White House, developing and delivering the first Pandemic Tabletop Exercise and Action Plan for the United Nations Headquarters (New York), receiving BCI's Continuity & Resilience Consultant of the Year – North America, and of course, authoring the critically-acclaimed book, *Disaster Heroes*. She is also a current faculty member of DRI International, acting as their international crisis communications instructor.*

Josh Bowen has more than 20 years of crisis leadership and emergency management experience and training in disaster, military, and academic settings. He is currently serving as the Vice President, Organizational Excellence at Team Rubicon Canada, a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during and after disasters and crises. Josh is a Lecturer at the University of Alberta teaching crisis leadership and served as a Subject Matter Expert supporting the Government of Canada's National Risk Profile initiative and National Adaptation Strategy.

Prior to joining Team Rubicon Canada, Josh served as the Senior Director, Emergency Planning at the Canadian Red Cross where he led the team responsible for organizational readiness, hazard risk monitoring, and exercises. Prior to that, Josh spent five years at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) where he held several roles including as an Instructor in the Disaster and Emergency Management program, founder of the Centre for Applied Disaster and Emergency Management (CADEM), and led NAIT's response to COVID-19 as Director, Coordinated Response Team.

Josh is also a veteran, having served 13 years in the Canadian Armed Forces as an Infantry Officer, where he was directly involved in five disaster response operations. He holds a BA in Peace and Conflict Studies, an MA in Disaster and Emergency Management, an Executive MBA, and is an alumnus of the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard University.

Doug Olthof is the Housing and Social Recovery Manager with the Jasper Recovery Coordination Centre(JRCC). He has been with the Municipality of Jasper since 2017 and prior to the wildfire was the co-lead of a national immigrant and refugee settlement program funded by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Doug holds an interdisciplinary PhD from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC and got his start in disaster recovery in Thailand following the 2004 tsunami.

June 2, 2025
- November 30, -0001

BCP COMMS - Ethics in Crisis Communications Workshop, June 2, 2025, Calgary
Courtyard Calgary Airport
08:30 AM - 05:00 PM MST

June 9, 2025
- June 10, 2025

CRP 501 - Cyber Resilience Review June 9 & 10, 2025 Online
Online - GoToMeeting
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Instructor: Ann Wyganowski

June 13, 2025
- July 11, 2025

BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English June 13-July 11, 2025 Online
Online GoToMeeting
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Instructor: Randy Smith

June 13, 2025
- November 30, -0001

Unlock Your Potential: Certification and Designation Webinar

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM EST

Stand out. move forward or move up. Join Steve Palubiski, chair of the Certification Commission, for this exclusive session designed to help you unlock the power of professional certification and designation with the Disaster Recovery Institute.

In this dynamic webinar, you will learn:

*The difference between DRI's certifications and designations.
Why certifications and designations matter for your career growth?
How to align your professional goals with recognized credentials
The clear steps to apply and achieve certification or designation
Tips to build a strong application and avoid common mistakes
What's required to maintain and leverage your credentials long-term*

Earning your certification is more than a milestone — it's a strategic investment in your future.

Let us show you how to take the next step with confidence.

Who Should Attend:

Aspiring certificants, current professionals seeking designation, certified professionals looking to upgrade their designation and those ready to invest in their professional development.

June 16, 2025
- June 19, 2025

BCLF 2000 - Planification de la continuité des activités, en classe Ville de Québec, 9-12 . TBD

08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Instructor: Rejean Pesant

June 16, 2025
- June 17, 2025

BCP 501 - Business Continuity Planning Review June 16-17, 2025 Online Mountain Time TBD

08:30 AM - 05:00 PM MST

Instructor: Tara Tobler

June 24, 2025
- June 27, 2025

BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity June 24-27, 2025 Online Mountain Time Online

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM MST

Instructor: Lisa Benini

July 11, 2025
- August 8, 2025

BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English July 11-Aug 8, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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August 8, 2025
- September 5, 2025

BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English August 8-September 5, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting

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September 8, 2025 - September 11, 2025	BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity September 8 - 11, 2025 Saskatoon In Class TBD 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST <i>Instructor: TBD</i>
September 8, 2025 - September 9, 2025	BCP EXCR - Business Continuity Exercises, September 8 & 9, 2025 In Class Winnipeg TBD 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST <i>Instructor: TBD</i>
September 12, 2025 - October 9, 2025	BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English September 12-October 9, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Randy Smith</i>
September 17, 2025 - September 18, 2025	BCP 501 - Business Continuity Planning Review September 17-18, 2025 Online GoToMeeting 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Ann Wyganowski</i>
September 22, 2025 - September 25, 2025	BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity September 22-25, 2025 Ottawa In Class TBD 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Rejean Pesant</i>
September 25, 2025 - September 26, 2025	BCP 601 - Masters Case Study Review September 25-26, 2025 Online MOUNTAIN TIME Online via Zoom 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM MST <i>Instructor: Lisa Benini</i>
September 29, 2025 - October 2, 2025	CRLE 2000 - Cyber Resilience September 29-October 2, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <p><i>Organizations today are confronted by a wide range of cyberattacks, and your organization is no exception. There are countless opportunities for hackers to cause massive disruptions, all of which will require a response that will involve you. That's why this course is an absolute must. More than just another statement of the problem, Cyber Resilience for the Business Continuity Professional is an information-packed three-day experience that will provide an understanding of how to address cyber disruptions within a business continuity framework.</i></p> <p><i>You'll discover how business continuity and cybersecurity must integrate within every organization, using the five elements of cyber resilience: prepare/identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover. Collectively, these concepts and the resulting action plans will help to develop a strategy to effectively respond to unforeseen events and get your organization back up and running as quickly as possible. These two traditionally separate functions must work together, and with this course, you'll be able to take steps to make that happen in your organization. Doing so will streamline well-coordinated identification and response to attacks or data breaches, minimize costs, protect the organization's reputation, and give you the professional advantage of bringing the most current information and skills to the table.</i></p> <p><i>Instructor: Ann Wyganowski</i></p>

October 6, 2025 - October 9, 2025	BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity October 6-9, 2025 Online Online Zoom 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Lisa Benini</i>
October 7, 2025 - October 8, 2025	BCP-Information Technology/Disaster Recovery (IT/DR) - October 7-8, 2025 Online Online - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm ET 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Ann Wyganowski</i>
October 9, 2025 - November 7, 2025	BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English October 9-November 7, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Tara Tobler</i>
October 23, 2025 - November 30, -0001	BCP PAN - Communicable Disease Preparedness for Organizations - October 23, 2025 Online GoToMeeting - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EST 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Ann Wyganowski</i>
October 29, 2025 - October 30, 2025	BCP EXR - Exercising a Business Continuity Plan October 29-30, 2025 Toronto In Class TBD 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Randy Smith</i>
November 14, 2025 - December 12, 2025	BCOE 2000 - Business Continuity English November 14- December 12, 2025 Online Online GoToMeeting 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Lisa Benini</i>
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November 21, 2025 - November 22, 2025	BCP 501 - Business Continuity Planning Review November 21 & 22, 2025 In Person Gatineau Hilton Lac Leamy 3 Boulevard du Casino Gatineau, QC 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM EST <i>Instructor: Rejean Pesant</i>

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BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity November 24-27, 2025 Victoria In Class
TBD

08:30 AM - 05:00 PM PST

Instructor: TBD

December 1, 2025
- December 4, 2025

BCLE 2000 - Business Continuity December 1-4, 2024 Toronto In Class
TBD

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Instructor: Graeme Jannawy

December 15, 2025
- December 18, 2025

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