



# Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

After weeks of severe weather and flooding in Texas resulting in 22 deaths and a major disaster declaration from President Obama, we thought it prudent to share the following information from the National Weather Service.

What is the difference between a Flood Watch and a Flood Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

- **Flash Flood Warning:** Take Action! A Flash Flood Warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area, move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.
- **Flood Warning:** Take Action! A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.
- **Flood Watch:** Be Prepared: A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur but it is possible.
- **Flood Advisory:** Be Aware: A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

Sometimes floods develop slowly and forecasters can anticipate where a flood will happen days or weeks before it occurs. Oftentimes flash

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floods can occur within minutes and sometimes without any sign of rain. Being prepared can save your life and give you peace of mind.

#### Before a flood:

- Create a communications plan
- Assemble an emergency kit
- Know Your Risk
- Sign Up for Notifications
- Prepare your home
- Prepare your family/pets
- Charge your essential electronics
- Leave

#### During a flood:

- Stay informed
- Get to higher ground
- Obey evacuation orders
- Practice electrical safety
- Avoid flood waters

#### After a flood:

- Stay informed
- Avoid flood waters
- Avoid disaster area
- Heed road closed and cautionary signs
- Wait for the "all clear"
- Contact your family and loved ones

Each year more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. Many deaths occur in automobiles as they are forced downstream. A mere **6 inches** of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just **12 inches** of rushing water to carry away a small car, while **2 feet** of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.

More detailed information on this topic is available on the National Weather Service website at <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov>.

Stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

## RIMS Houston Chapter

### Upcoming Events

#### June Meeting

The Houston Chapter  
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### EDUCATIONAL & ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

American Institute for CPCU  
and Insurance Institute of  
America [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org)

Chartered Property Casualty  
Underwriters Society  
[www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org)

Institutional Risk  
Management Institute  
[www.irmi.org](http://www.irmi.org)

The National Alliance  
[www.scic.com](http://www.scic.com)

Construction Risk and  
Insurance Specialist  
[www.cris-ce.com](http://www.cris-ce.com)

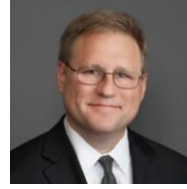
For further Educational  
Opportunities, Forms or  
Information, please visit the  
Chapter website at:

<http://houston.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Home/>

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## Houston Chapter June Meeting

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Please join us for our June monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 17th. We will host Lee Wertz with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr for our monthly luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Wertz will present "**The Texas Construction Anti-Indemnity Act: The New Risk Management Landscape**". A meeting notice with more details will be distributed soon.

This session has been submitted to the TDI for one (1) hour of CE credit.

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## Monthly Drawings

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The next Speaker Evaluation drawing will be at our June 17th meeting and the pot is \$20. We will pull from the completed evaluation forms we collected at the May meeting. You must be present to win.

Jan Jones was the \$120 winner of the Speaker Evaluation drawing at our May meeting and Victor Pivetta won the blue ticket drawing for \$20. Congratulations!

Please remember to complete the speaker evaluation at each meeting and RSVP for each meeting to be placed in the drawing to win cash and/or prizes.

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## Houston Chapter May Meeting

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If you missed the May monthly luncheon meeting, we were joined by Christina Bell with Liberty Mutual. Christina presented a very relevant discussion on "Financial Risk Management Principles – Loss Development". We heard about the concepts of loss development and what drives loss values to change and "develop" over time. Her detailed discussion provided understanding of underlying assumptions that lead to loss development including IBNR. A section of her presentation was dedicated to understanding how loss triangles are employed in the

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The Houston Chapter of RIMS serves its members and the greater Houston community by focusing on the highest quality service, education and information to manage all forms of business risk and to promote the risk management profession.



calculation of development to ultimate factors, including how they are derived and used in calculating ultimate loss including methods employed.

**Ms. Bell's presentation can be found on our website at [Houston.rims.org](http://Houston.rims.org). Click on the "About Us" tab; under "Chapter Meetings and Presentations", click on "2015 Notices and Presentations", then "May Meeting", then "May Presentation – Loss Development".**

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## Save the Date – Fall Conference

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Mark your calendar for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for our annual Fall Conference, Golf Tournament, and Spa Event. This year's theme is **"Integrated Care for Your Most Important Assets – Your Employees"**. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this popular event. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering, please contact any board member.



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## May Government Affairs Update

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For additional information on the following topics, see [www.RIMS.org](http://www.RIMS.org).

### **Support of Policyholder Protection Act**

On May 15, 2015, the RIMS Executive Committee officially voted to adopt the External Affairs Committee recommendation position of support for S.798 (Sen. Vitter R-LA) and H.R. 1478 (Rep. Posey R-FL), the Policyholder Protection Act. This legislation would prevent federal regulators from transferring the assets of state regulated insurance companies and their subsidiaries to rescue or support a failed or failing non-insurance financial affiliated firm. Current law applies to insurers in bank holding systems or those purely organized under state law; however, this legislation would extend that to insurers organized under savings and loan companies. To read RIMS official position on this legislation visit

<https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/PositionStatements/Documents/Policyholder%20Protection%20Act%20Position%20Statement.pdf>.

### **Support of Breach Notification Federal Standard**

RIMS has taken a position of support for several legislative proposals this Congressional session that would establish a federal standard for data breach notification. Currently, there are 47 different state laws and regulations regarding breach notification which can make the process cumbersome and inefficient for both the breached organization and those individuals whose information was affected. One proposal, H.R.

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1770, passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee on April 15, 2015 and appears headed for a full House vote in the coming weeks. To read RIMS position visit

<https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/PositionStatements/Documents/Data%20Breach%20Notification%20Act%20Position%20Statement.pdf>.

### 2015 RIMS Legislative Summit

Time is running out to register for the 2015 RIMS Legislative Summit scheduled for June 8-9, 2015 in Washington D.C. This year's event will be held at the Capitol Visitor's Center directly on Capitol Hill. The agenda and registration can be found at the following site <https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/Pages/RIMSLegislativeDay2014.aspx>. If you have additional questions, please contact Nate Bacchus, RIMS Sr. Government Affairs Manager, at [nbacchus@rims.org](mailto:nbacchus@rims.org).

### RISK PAC Fundraiser for Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

RISK PAC will co-host a fundraising event for Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) at this year's Legislative Summit, June 8th-9th in Washington, DC. Rep. Luetkemeyer chairs the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee, and will play a pivotal role in any insurance-related legislation considered by the House of Representatives. Taylor Morrison's political action committee, Building Strong Business PAC, will co-sponsor the fundraiser with RISK PAC. If you are interested in learning more about RISK PAC, or in making a contribution, please visit the RISK PAC site.

<https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/RISKPAC/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## Job Postings

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### Houston, Texas

Analyst Sr. Risk – Westlake Chemical Corporation

<https://chc.tbe.taleo.net/chc02/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=WESTLAKECHEM&cws=1&rid=1035>

or [www.westlake.com](http://www.westlake.com) – look under Headquarters

Claims Manager/LSIP Manager – Alexis Management Services  
<http://jobbank.rims.org/jobs/7147763/claims-manager-lsip-manager>

Advisor - Insurance Risk Solutions  
[https://www.ivyexec.com/professionals/jobs/job/2503076?funnel=true&ref=jobs2careers&promo=jobs2careers&utm\\_source=jobs2careers&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=jobs2careers](https://www.ivyexec.com/professionals/jobs/job/2503076?funnel=true&ref=jobs2careers&promo=jobs2careers&utm_source=jobs2careers&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=jobs2careers)

Risk Manager – Memorial Hermann  
[http://www.memorialhermann.org/mh\\_forms/careerframe.aspx?path=atsjb06.jsp&jobreqno=100038363](http://www.memorialhermann.org/mh_forms/careerframe.aspx?path=atsjb06.jsp&jobreqno=100038363)

Claims Manager - Energy – Starr & Co  
<http://www.resume-library.com/job/view/4637436/Claims-Manager-Energy?pj=yes>



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### **Allen, Texas**

Risk Analyst (Safety and Worker's Compensation)  
[www.cityofallen.org](http://www.cityofallen.org)

### **Dallas, Texas**

Claims Adjuster – Brinker International  
<https://brinker.taleo.net/careersection/manager/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en&jobfield=4140492024>

Risk Finance Analyst – Brinker International  
<https://brinker.taleo.net/careersection/manager/jobdetail.ftl>

Sr Loss Control Field Partner – Brinker International  
<https://brinker.taleo.net/careersection/manager/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en&jobfield=4140492024>

### **San Antonio, Texas**

Senior Risk Analyst - USAA  
<https://search.usaajobs.com/en-US/Job-Details/Senior-Risk-Analyst-Job/San-Antonio-TX/XjdP-jf841-ct104397-jid45173858>

Risk Analyst - USAA  
<https://search.usaajobs.com/en-US/Job-Details/Risk-Analyst-Job/San-Antonio-TX/XjdP-jf841-ct104397-jid45119058>

Senior Risk Analyst – Property & Casualty - USAA  
<https://search.usaajobs.com/en-US/Job-Details/Senior-Risk-Analyst-Property-Casualty-Job/San-Antonio-TX/XjdP-jf841-ct104397-jid45574994>

Director Risk Management - USAA  
<https://search.usaajobs.com/en-US/Job-Details/Director-Risk-Management-Job/San-Antonio-TX/XjdP-jf841-ct104397-jid45036995>

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The Houston Chapter of RIMS will post available job opportunities on our website, however, we do not guarantee that any of the posted positions have not been filled or are still available. If you have or know of an open position and would like to share the information, please contact Cindi Vickers, [cwickers@eeslp.com](mailto:cwickers@eeslp.com).

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## Houston Chapter Board Positions

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The Houston Chapter is searching for candidates to fill board positions. There are several positions available for the 2016 board. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter, please contact any board member. Join us in helping to make our chapter even better for our members.

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## Opportunity to Donate

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If your organization is interested in donating door prizes for monthly meetings and/or Fall Conference, the Houston Chapter would be very appreciative and would recognize your organization in our monthly newsletter. For donation opportunities, please contact any Board member.

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## Name Badges

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Please be advised that the colors of the name badges at our meetings have meaning.

Green – Board Members

Blue – Deputy Members

Yellow – Associate Members

Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Pamela Chavez ([pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com](mailto:pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com)) if you need changes to your badge.

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## Houston Chapter Membership Directory

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**Please make sure your information is up to date in the Houston Chapter website Membership Directory.**

(<http://community.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Community/ChapterMembershipDirectory>)

**If you have any changes to your information, please leave a business card at the registration desk with the applicable changes and we will update our records.**

**The Houston Chapter makes every attempt to protect the information in this Directory and it is distributed only to paying members. Please be considerate of other members and do not use the information contained in the Directory, including member email addresses, for any purpose(s) not sanctioned by the Houston Chapter of RIMS Board of Directors.**

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## Newsletter Submission Requests

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We are looking for submissions for our monthly newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit for publication in our newsletter, please send it to Cindi Vickers, [cvickers@eeslp.com](mailto:cvickers@eeslp.com).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for volunteers to assist with Chapter events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any board member. This is a great way to get involved with the Chapter and help shape the future of the risk management profession.



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## Calling All Service Providers

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The Houston Chapter is adding a page to our Newsletter. This page will feature the logos of the service providers/sponsors that are active in our Chapter. If you would like your logo to appear in our Newsletter, please send a pdf file of your logo to Cindi Vickers at [cvickers@eeslp.com](mailto:cvickers@eeslp.com).

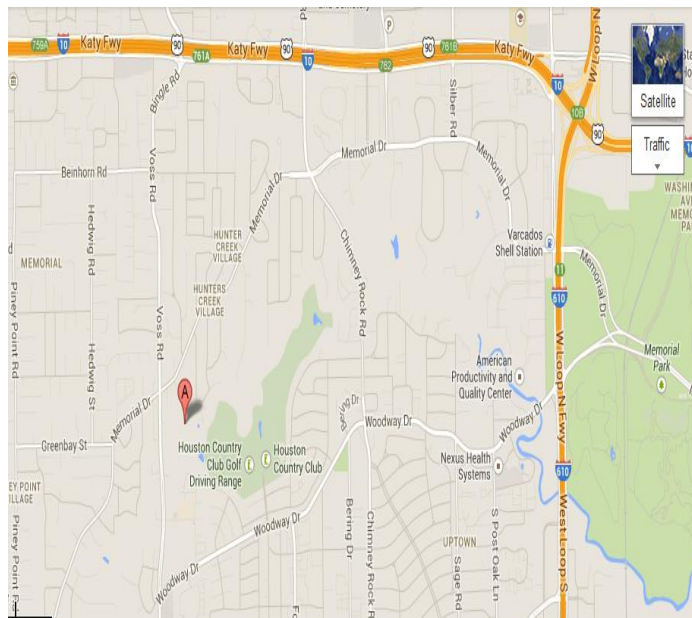
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## Monthly Meeting Place

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The Houston Racquet Club  
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024  
713-464-4811  
[www.houstonracquetclub.com](http://www.houstonracquetclub.com)

Parking is provided.





# 2015 RIMS HOUSTON CHAPTER CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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**1/1 New Year's Day**  
**1/21 RIMS Monthly Meeting**  
**1/19 Martin Luther King Day**

JULY						
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**7/04 Independence Day**  
**7/15 - RIMS Monthly Meeting**

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**2/14 Valentine's Day**  
**2/16 President's Day**  
**2/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting**

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**8/19 - RIMS Monthly Meeting**

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**3/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting/Joint Meeting with CPCU - Lakeside Country Club**

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**9/07 Labor Day**  
**9/16 RIMS Monthly Meeting**

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**4/3 Good Friday**  
**4/5 Easter Sunday**  
**4/16 RIMS Evening Social - St. Arnold's Brewery**  
**4/26-4/29 RIMS National Conference in New Orleans**  
**4/26 RIMS TEXAS Chapter Reception - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Bourbon St.**

OCTOBER						
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**10/12 Columbus Day**  
**10/19 RIMS Fall Conference**  
**10/31 Halloween**

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**5/10 Mother's Day**  
**5/20 RIMS Monthly Meeting**  
**5/25 Memorial Day**

NOVEMBER						
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**11/11 Veterans Day**  
**11/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting**  
**11/26 Thanksgiving Day**

JUNE						
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**6/14 Father's Day**  
**6/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting**

DECEMBER						
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**12/16 RIMS Evening Meeting - 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**12/25 Christmas Day**

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