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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

ROCCO CARMEN DIPIETRO, CSP
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL
MANAGER: EMERGENCY AND RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

EDUCATION:

Masters of Public Health (MPH) (2017 expected)
Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Occupational and Environmental Health

Bachelor of Science, Occupational Safety and Industrial Hygiene (1993)
Millersville University, Millersville, PA
Academic Excellence Scholarship, American Industrial Hygiene Association

Associates Degree, Studies in Biological Science (1990)
Keystone College, LaPlume, PA

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Mr. DiPietro is a Board Certified Safety Professional (CSP) with 24 years of experience in the fields of occupational and public safety, environmental and public health, and emergency preparedness. Mr. DiPietro is a member of the National Disaster Medical System's (NDMS) and holds the position of Safety Officer for the Pennsylvania (PA-1) Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Mr. DiPietro consults in the areas of emergency preparedness and prevention, occupational safety, regulatory compliance, industrial hygiene, and occupational and public health. Mr. DiPietro has taught and presented multiple courses and sessions to a wide variety of public and private sector clients in Safety Program Management and public health preparedness. Mr. DiPietro manages the Emergency and Risk Management Division of Cocciardi and Associates, Inc. where his responsibilities include client development, project management, quality assurance/quality control of work product, and grant administration. Prior to his association with Cocciardi, Mr. DiPietro managed the occupational safety, health, and security for a multinational Fortune 100 corporation. Through the development of initiatives such as a behavior-based safety program and a modified duty transitional return to work program, Mr. DiPietro developed a track record of risk recognition and cost savings.

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Safety Professional, Board of Certified Safety Professionals (CSP# 19619)
- Certified Accident and Illness Prevention Provider, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (Provider No. 0997Q)
- Certified First Aid/CPR/AED/Bleeding Control Practices (National Safety Council)
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response: Technician/Incident Command Level, Site Worker/Supervisor
- Permit Required Confined Space: Entrant, Attendant, Supervisor

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MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS:

- American Society of Safety Engineers, Election date 01/01/1995
- Chapter Officer, American Society of Safety Engineers, Northeast PA Chapter 2006-2018
- Epsilon Pi Tau, International Honors Fraternity, 1993
- PENNSAFE Advisory Board, Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge, 1999
- PENNSAFE Advisory Board, Return to Work Initiative, Sub-Committee Chairman, 2001
- WorkSAFE PA Advisory Board, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, 2001 to Present
- Luzerne County Domestic Violence Task Force, Workplace Violence Sub-Committee Chairperson

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES:

- DiPietro, R.C.; "Flammable and Combustible Liquids Hazards in the Workplace: OSHA Requirements Put Focus on Safe Storage," CATALYST, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, 2008.
- DiPietro, R.C.; "Winning Safety: Incentive to 'B-Safe' Creates Buzz for Improvement," Compliance Magazine, IHS Publishing Group, Libertyville, IL, 1996.
- DiPietro, R.C.; "Workplace Safety," Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal, 1997.

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE:

Project: Homeland Security Grant Program Manager: All Hazards Regional Task Forces

Description: Working with two separate Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Forces in Pennsylvania established by the Counter-Terrorism Planning, Preparedness, and Response Act (Act 227 of 2002), to provide overall program management to grants administration. Representing fifteen (x15) PA counties and over 1,000 members/stakeholders, Mr. DiPietro acts as a Program Manager to provide technical assistance in the areas of asset/team development, regional risk assessment and management, and strategic planning. Through the establishment of executive boards and committee structures, residents of these Task Forces and first responder communities are benefited by an efficient and effective use of U.S. DHS SHSGP monies.

Project: Zika Tabletop Exercise: Commonwealth Department of Health (PA DOH) and Multi-disciplinary Partners

Description: Under an award from the PA DOH in 2017, Mr. DiPietro and the Cocciardi team, designed and facilitated/evaluated a tabletop exercise for a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary audience, with a goal of evaluating the current response strategy and efficacy of coordinated response plans. The exercise design incorporated stakeholder input and tested integration of local, state, and federal response efforts to nationally-recognized standards, guidelines, and best practices. The TTX was part of a series of events that escalated the complexity of the response required to provide public health to the impacted area, inclusive of risk assessment, outreach and communication, vector control and mitigation, and overall resource coordination.

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED):

Project: Commonwealth Department of Agriculture (PDA): Emergency Preparedness and Food/Feed Safety

Description: Manages multiple U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) grants awarded to a state agency, under preparedness and regulatory compliance programs. Each grant is managed with a combination of on-site staff and remote technical support. The Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standard (AFRPS) project's primary role is to coordinate the assessment and/or development of policies and procedures in areas of inspection, enforcement, emergency response, training, auditing, and outreach. Areas of primary focus include: Regulatory Compliance, FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), Inspector Safety, Stakeholder Engagement, Multi-Agency Coordination, and Public Health. A separate grant awarded to the PDA's Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Service is designed to coordinate the development and sustainment of a Rapid Response Team (RRT). The RRT is charged with providing a multi-disciplinary response to food or feed-related incidents across the Commonwealth. Both projects have been managed for multiple years, dating to 2013.

Project: Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) Healthcare Preparedness

Description: During the 2014 EVD outbreak in West Africa, Mr. DiPietro designed, developed, and delivered multiple training courses for hospital and healthcare providers around the nation. In one instance, a client required training of over 1,000 employees around dozens of sites. The training was coordinated and delivered by multiple national-level instructors in a three-month time frame.

Project: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program: Emergency Preparedness

Description: This project included the development and management in regional and county-wide emergency response tabletop, functional full-scale exercises, and drills. In addition, seminars, workshops, and tabletop exercises were conducted with multiple Counter-Terrorism Task Forces. Exercises were multidisciplinary (EMS, Fire HazMat, Government, etc.) and included evaluation after-action reports and best practices identified in compliance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Project: Southwest Pennsylvania Regional Task Force Mass Distribution of Medical Countermeasure Planning

Description: Under contract with a state Department of Health, Mr. DiPietro collaborated with stakeholders to improve the preparedness position of the Region in response to the need to distribute medical countermeasures. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. DiPietro was the project officer for the contract which included development and updating of regional and county plans, establishing and conducting training and exercises to demonstrate efficiency of these plans. Mr. DiPietro coordinated the effort of the Region in three Technical Assistance Reviews (TARs) conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), demonstrating this increase in preparedness efforts.