

Safest in America

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DR. ROTH STEPS ASIDE



Coalition Board Chairman, Dr. Loren Roth, will step down November 1, after serving the Coalition since 2005. He was one of the founding representatives of the Coalition and a staunch supporter of the organization. In his professional career, Dr. Roth served as a longtime official and chief medical officer at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, most recently as assistant to the president for special projects.

Building the Coalition and bringing businesses together for information sharing and education has been a hallmark of Dr. Roth's involvement. He skillfully guided the Board and established the Coalition as the premier source for business continuity and preparedness. "He is the keystone of

the Coalition," said Coalition Director Kelly Barcic. "Personally, he provided great counsel to me during the transition after Mike's retirement."

Known for building partnerships that are beneficial to business, Dr. Roth worked tirelessly with Pittsburgh leaders to build support for the Coalition. "We each acknowledged that neither the public nor the private side can properly prepare for, respond to, and recover alone from disaster," said Roth. "Only by working together can the business community understand what it needs

to do for itself and what it can provide the surrounding organizations, large or small, to recover as timely as possible. We also serve to leverage projects and lessons learned from across the region for the broader application to the business community. That's what the Coalition is all about."

Sharing a positive message about the Coalition's mission with the business community, elected officials, and the general public has always been important to Dr. Roth. "He was always making appointments to speak with key influencers, and acknowledged the Coalition's efforts whenever he spoke," said Barcic. "He helped us tremendously to get the word out about our programs."

Greg Hempfling, Vice President and General Manager of Curtiss-Wright Mechanical Systems, will become the new Chairman of the Coalition Board. "We will miss Loren's guidance moving forward," added Hempfling. "Safest in America is not just our mission but our overall goal. The Coalition staff and its Members are dedicated to this, and I am proud to continue leading this regional effort."

Dr. Roth will quickly point out that other regions have attempted to establish similar business coalitions, yet few have survived. But then again, they didn't have Dr. Roth at the helm.

Thank you Dr. Roth!

MEMBERS' MEETING

The fall Members' Meeting is from 2-4:30 pm, on Thurs., Nov. 12, at the Station Square Sheraton Hotel, in the Admiral Room. A networking reception follows. Members are encouraged to bring non-member company representatives. There is no registration cost.

Confirm your attendance by emailing Mary at mjames@prbchs.org. For more details, call 724.816.0517.

Meeting topics include:

- **H1N1 and Pandemic Planning**
 - David Dausey, Senior Director of Health Care Programs and Initiatives at CMU
- **The Region 13 Fusion Center**
 - Sergeant Mona Wallace
- **The preparations and Success of the G-20**
 - City of Pittsburgh Emergency Management Manager

MEET GREG HEMPFLING



Greg Hempfling is Senior Vice President of Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation and general manager of Electro-Mechanical Systems Division.

Hempfling has more than two decades of experience leading a variety of key projects for the Navy. In 1984, he joined Newport News Shipbuilding as an engineer in the Submarine Overhaul Program, and held positions of increasing importance and responsibility in Submarine Overhaul and Seawolf Piping Engineering. In 1996, Greg was appointed Branch Manager for the New Attack Submarine Program (now Virginia) and was the deputy program manager for the SSN23 special mod program.

He served as senior program manager in Space & Marine Systems at Allied-Signal

Aerospace before joining Raytheon Aircraft Integration Systems in 2000 as a Supply Chain Director. He was later appointed Program Director for the U.S. Army's Aerial Common Sensor program, and then served as General Manager of Electric Pump Division (EPD), based in Phillipsburg, NJ.

Most recently, Hempfling served as Vice President and General Manager of the Electro-Mechanical Division (EMD) based in Cheswick, Pa., in addition to managing EPD and the Advanced Products & Systems Division (APSD).

He received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1983 and his Masters in Engineering Management from the George Washington University in 1991.

WELCOME NEW COALITION MEMBERS



Allegent Community Federal Credit Union

Allegiant is a not-for-profit cooperative, located in Pittsburgh offering competitive financial services to eligible members and their families.



Peak Security, Inc.

Founded in 1997, Peak provides professional armed and un-armed contract security services to various clients throughout the Eastern U.S.



A2Z Computers, Inc.

One stop computer technology solution center, since 1992. A2Z provides IT service and custom computers for the Pittsburgh area.



Gentile-Meinert Investigations

Gentile-Meinert is a comprehensive investigative and security firm which assists corporations, law firms, insurance companies, and governmental entities by identifying, resolving, and mitigating risks.



Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead is a in-home care agency, to help families keep aging loved ones in their home as they grow older.



SGT Distributors, Inc.

SGT Distributors, Inc. is a distributor of MADICO window film for architectural & automotive applications.



National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

National Fuel sells or transports natural gas to nearly 731,000 customers in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.



COALITION'S ROLE IN THE G-20

The much anticipated G-20 is now history. The City presented itself to the world leaders and now has resumed business as usual. But what did happen to businesses behind the scenes? Where did businesses turn to for answers?

The Coalition Website!

On average, the site receives 10,000 hits per month. Once the G-20 Summit was announced, hits skyrocketed. In July, the site registered over 57,000 hits and in August, over 270,000 hits!

The most searched information was “about the Coalition”, the Business Continuity Sample Plan, and the G-20.

People viewed the site as a critical resource to examine their own business’ continuity plan. Kelly Barcic made numerous company visits to link owners to the appropriate resources.

If you were one of those quarter-million people who visited the site, you may be getting a survey. We want to measure exactly how useful the information was and find out how we can improve the site for the future. Please give us your feedback!

ENERGY AND NUCLEAR SECTOR MEETING



The most recent industry meeting was held on Oct. 14. A speaker from the FBI headed discussion about Environmental Activists related to the “vulnerabilities companies faced during the G-20.” Companies also discussed their G-20 preparations.

The extra precautions that were taken were fortunately untested.

The next Energy Sector meeting will be held on **Wed., Feb. 3, 2010**, from 10 am–12 pm, at the U.S. Steel facility in Duquesne.

THE COALITION STORY



The history of the Coalition is told in the September 2009 *Pittsburgh Economic Quarterly*, published by the University Center for Social and Urban Research.

Click on the picture to read the full story.