



Press release

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PMR Conference: Communication in times of crisis and disaster in focus

Crisis and disaster management require a high-performance communication infrastructure. In times of crisis, human life and critical infrastructure protection (CIP) such as energy supply, transport networks, telecommunication and Internet depends on professional communication systems.

For this reason, the range of topics concerning crisis management, communication in crisis, critical infrastructure protection and public safety has a key importance in the PMR Conference of the PMRExpo 2014. Renowned speakers from the fields of research, public administration and business will be reporting in their lectures on experience in crisis management as well as requirements for information and communication systems. They will deal with possible scenarios, hazard potentials and propose solutions.

From the perspective of the THW user organisation, Albrecht Broemme will describe the "Importance of professional communication for THW emergency responders". Prof. Peer Rechenbach will explain the dynamic effects dominating disaster situations, based on various events such as explosions, floods and pandemics. Using the relevant triggering events, the lecture will then focus on the acquisition of information and the information needs of the decision makers. The keynote presentation by Prof. Jochen H. Schiller will deal with the integration of social media in crisis management systems. In addition, he will address technical systems for a robust "communication minimum" in the event of a crisis.

Critical Infrastructure Protection

Other presentations by the representatives of public authorities, institutions and companies will reflect the complexity of the crisis and disaster management. The national fire director Wilfried Gräßling of the Berlin Fire Department will report on "Crisis Management - Experiences of dealing with large-scale crisis situations." Hans-Gerrit Möws from the Federal Office for Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) will deal with the topic of "Civil Protection and Crisis Management". Thomas Münzberg from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) will speak about "Power Outages: Resilience, Communication and Contingency Plans in Municipalities". Finally, two speakers will explicitly deal with critical infrastructures: Dr. Uwe Jendricke from the Federal Office for Security in Information Technology will present the critical infrastructure implementation plan. From the perspective of Germany's largest telecommunications company, Dieter Zeller, head of security, emergency and crisis management at Deutsche Telekom AG, will speak about "Communication for Critical Infrastructure Protection."

The presentations held at the PMR Conference will be simultaneously interpreted into English.

The PMR Conference at the PMRExpo:

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm, Offenbachsaal

Wednesday, 26 November 2014, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, Offenbachsaal

For up to date information about the presentations and speakers, please visit www.pmrexpo.de/en/pmr-conference.

***PMRExpo** is taking place for the 14th time this year. Since 2009, Koelnmesse has been home of the leading trade fair for Professional Mobile Radio (PMR) and control rooms. A large number of national and international exhibitors will be featured, e.g. producers, users and operators of Professional Mobile Radio systems. The Professioneller Mobilfunk e. V. (PMeV) acts as conceptual supporter of PMRExpo. The event is organised by EW Medien und Kongresse based in Frankfurt am Main.
www.pmrexpo.de/en*

*The **Bundesverband Professioneller Mobilfunk e.V. (PMeV)**, i.e. Federal Association of Professional Mobile Radio, is a federation of leading suppliers and users of communication systems for mobile professional applications. Its members include manufacturers, system providers and application houses as well as network operators and users. The aim of PMeV is to further expand and develop the PMR market in Germany. In addition, PMeV offers manufacturers, users and enquirers a neutral dialogue platform for the assessment of technologies and the discussion of chances and risks of technical solutions and concepts.*

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