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Dedicated to the evolution of Business Continuity

Liberty Valley Chapter Members,

Although many of us are directly or indirectly responsible for our employer's emergency, disaster and business continuity planning, we often overlook the importance of personal contingency and emergency response plans for our homes and families.

Over the many years that I have been involved in this industry, I am still amazed at the response I often receive from an industry subject matter expert when I ask the question, "Do you have a family emergency response plan?" Often enough the response is a blank stare or a humbling admission that no, they do not have a family plan.

This New Year's Eve, nearly 50 percent of Americans will make at least one resolution as they look toward 2009. I, and my fellow officers and directors of the Liberty Valley Chapter want to encourage our members to make preparing for an emergency at home a resolution that is both important and easy to keep.

*Now is the Time. Resolve to Be Ready in 2009.* It just takes three steps:

1. Get an emergency supply kit.
2. Make a family emergency plan.
3. Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur in your area and their appropriate responses.

I encourage you to visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to learn how to prepare your family and home for all types of emergencies including natural and man-made disasters. The Web site offers free downloadable resources, including family emergency plan templates and provides you with tools to make a New Year's resolution that will bring you and your loved ones peace of mind.

Wishing you a happy and safe New Year, and remember, *Now's the Time. Resolve to Be Ready in 2009.*

Sincerely,

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