

## From The Editor...

### DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

It has been one year since Hurricane Harvey devastated the State of Texas. Certainly, the greater Houston area endured much of the grief and damage, but our neighbors to the South, in and around Corpus Christi, and to the east in Beaumont and Port Arthur, also experienced what nature can do to change lives in the short term and, in too many cases, forever.

As business owners dealt with the real time and aftermath of the effects of Hurricane Harvey, most were living and testing their own Disaster Recovery Plan, if they had one, or making it up, as they lived the processes, if they didn't have one.

The business owners who I have spoken to who did have a Disaster Recovery Plan have told me that although their Plan worked, they simply did not anticipate what they actually experienced. Most were, however, happy that they had a Plan that they could execute. Some of these business owners have taken their experiences and rewritten or added to their respective Disaster Recovery Plans so when the next disaster hits, they just might be more prepared than they were in August 2017.



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For those business owners who did not have a Disaster Recovery Plan, I certainly hope that they have developed one and have documented what they experienced and detailed what they and their employees should do in future disasters.

Further, I would expect that some business owners have preparing a Disaster Recovery Plan on their "To Do List", but the day-to-day happenings in their business have prevented them from completing their Plan or even starting it. Not having a well-documented and detailed Disaster Recovery Plan is a disaster in and of itself.

Disasters like Hurricane Harvey can affect an entire region for several days or even longer, but there are also disasters that are more isolated, like a fire, collapse of a building, loss of power for an extended period, broken water mains, loss of key personnel, just to name a few situations that can disrupt a business' operation for a short period of time or for an extended period.

If you do not have a well written, well-documented and detailed Disaster Recovery Plan, or if you have a question about the Disaster Recovery Plan you already have, contact a **Silver Fox Advisor** today. Remember, having experience on your side always helps. We encourage you to visit our Website at [www.silverfox.org](http://www.silverfox.org) or [www.silverfoxadvisors.com](http://www.silverfoxadvisors.com) to select a **Silver Fox Advisor** and also to learn more about the **Silver Fox Advisors**, as well as our great programs and community outreach endeavors.. ♦

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