



RICK BERNARD **MASTERS IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2010**

When things go wrong Rick can't just sit and wait - he provides solutions! That's why he is the Business Continuity Advisor for the City of Brampton working with all city departments to ensure they can provide services to the more than 500,000 citizens of Brampton during an emergency. Be it a fire, a server malfunction, a power outage, or a pandemic affecting, Rick implements his Crisis Management Plan, working with affected business units to ensure full recovery and resumption of services.

Rick chairs the Brampton Business Continuity Steering committee and sits on several other task groups. He also sits on several provincial committees such as the Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee, is a member of the Brampton Emergency Measures Office and one of two designated alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMC) tasked with coordinating responses to large-scale emergencies in Brampton. While studying for his Masters, he obtained designation as a Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP), the second highest professional certification in the field. Now a graduate of the MADEM and having secured his CBCP, Rick is member of a select group of people in Canada to have both of them in their resume.

Favourite Quote:

A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life. William Arthur Ward.

Thing you wish you'd done in university, but didn't?

I wished I lived on university campus. A university education is not only about attending classes, listening to lectures and writing exams, but building lifelong relationships, surviving on your own, and ultimately shaping who you really are!

Advice you'd give students fresh out of university:

Never de-value your degree, no matter how abstract others may see it. The life skills you learn in university are paramount and serve as invaluable elements to your future success.