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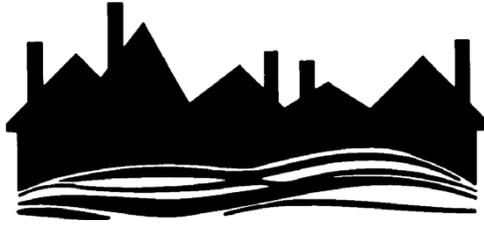
Keith Chiro, City of Kenner
&

Mitch McDonald, CFM, Formally of Terrebonne Parish

were each presented the "Certificate of Appreciation" at the 27th Annual LFMA Conference. This certificate, presented by the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development, is given to a person with outstanding qualities in the field of floodplain management. We thank them for their dedication and service to the citizens of Louisiana.

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NFIP/CRS CORNER

FEMA Accepting Comments on CRS Program

FEMA recently released a request for comments on the application process for the Community Rating System program. Any comments must be submitted by June 14, 2010. If you are interested in submitting comments please follow the instructions listed in the Federal Register announcement at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-8496.htm>

Taken from *The Insider* May 2010 Edition

Also,

Louisiana

has a new CRS Specialist,
we would like to welcome

Jonathon Smith
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CONGRATULATIONS

to

JEFFERSON PARISH

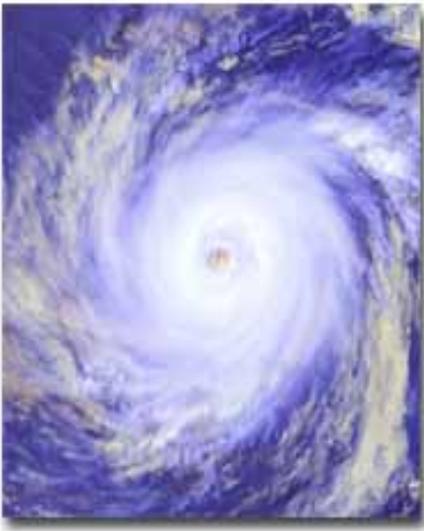
for obtaining **Louisiana's First Class**
6 in the CRS program, and;

to

***ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH***

for obtaining a ***Class 8***.

Way to go guys! Keep up the good
work!



2010 HURRICANCE NAMES

ALEX	HERMINE	OTTO
BONNIE	IGOR	PAULA
COLIN	JULIA	RICHARD
DANIELLE	KARL	SHARY
EARL	LISA	TOMAS
FIONA	MATTHEW	VIRGINIE
GASTON	NICOLE	WALTER

Storm Surge Scales and Storm Surge Forecasting

ARTICLE FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEBSITE

During the open public comment period for the draft of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, many people suggested that the National Weather Service develop a storm surge specific scale as well as improve its forecasting of storm surge. It is acknowledged that there are some researchers who advocate developing another scale for hurricanes specifically geared toward storm surge impact,^{1,2} by incorporating aspects of the system's size. However, the National Hurricane Center does not believe that such scales would be helpful or effective at conveying the storm surge threat. For example, if 2008's Hurricane Ike had made landfall in Palm Beach, Florida, the resulting storm surge would have been only 8', rather than the 20' that occurred where Ike actually made landfall on the upper Texas coast. These greatly differing surge impacts arise from differences in the local bathymetry (the shallow Gulf waters off of Texas enhance storm surge while the deep ocean depths off of southeastern Florida inhibit surge). The proposed storm surge scales that consider storm size do not consider these local factors that play a crucial role in determining actual surge impacts.

The National Weather Service believes that a better approach is to focus directly on conveying the depth of inundation expected at the coast and inland. Because storm surge-induced flooding has killed more people in the United States in hurricanes than all other hurricane-related threats (freshwater flooding, winds, and tornadoes) combined since 1900,³ the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is working to enhance the analysis and prediction of storm surge. Direct estimates of inundation are being communicated in the NHC's Public Advisories and in the Weather Forecast Office's Hurricane Local Statements. New ways of communicating the threat have also been developed. NHC's probabilistic storm surge product, which provides the likelihood of storm surge values from 2 through 25 feet, became operational in 2009, and the NWS's Meteorological Development Laboratory is providing experimental, probabilistic storm surge exceedance products for 2010. In addition, coastal WFOs will provide experimental Tropical Cyclone Impacts Graphics in 2010; these include a qualitative graphic on the expected storm surge impacts. Finally, the NWS is exploring the possibility of issuing explicit Storm Surge Warnings, and such warnings could be implemented in the next couple of years. In all of these efforts, the NWS is working to provide specific and quantitative information to support decision-making at the local level.

¹L. Kantha, 2006 in *EOS*.

²M. D. Powell and T. A. Reinhold, 2007 in *Bulletin American Meteorological Society*.

³E. S. Blake and colleagues, 2007 in *NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS TPC 5*.

CFM RENEWAL

ARTICLE FROM THE MAY 2010 INSIDER

ASFPM CFMs who are up for their biennial CFM® certification renewal July 31, 2010 are being sent a letter and renewal form via snail mail. If you have not received yours in the mail by May 31st, please contact Anita Larson at cfm@floods.org, so your CFM does not expire.

FMAC + MSC = *FMIX*

The Contact Center for the Map Service Center (MSC) has been consolidated into the current FEMA Map Assistance Contact Center (FMAC) to increase efficiency as it will provide a one-stop shop for a variety of information, products, services and tools that support the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The toll-free number currently used by the FMAC, 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) should be used instead of the MSC number (1-800-358-9616).

In addition, to reflect the consolidation of the contact centers the name of the FEMA Map Assistance Center (FMAC) will change to the FEMA Map Information eXchange, or FMIX. As stated, the phone number for the FMIX is the same as before, 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

The FMIX, looks forward to helping you with any FEMA map related questions or orders. For more information or to contact a FEMA Map Specialist, please call 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or e-mail FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.



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Washington, D.C. 20472

FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR MAP CHANGES

This notice contains the fee schedule for processing certain types of requests for changes to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps. The fee schedule allows FEMA to further reduce the expenses to the NFIP by more fully recovering the costs associated with processing conditional and final map change requests. The fee schedule for map changes is effective for all requests dated January 13, 2010, or later and supersedes the fee schedule that was established on October 1, 2007.

To develop the fee schedule for conditional and final map change requests, FEMA evaluated the actual costs of reviewing and processing requests for Conditional Letters of Map Amendment (CLOMAs), Conditional Letters of Map Revision – Based on Fill (CLOMR-Fs), Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs), Letters of Map Revision – Based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), and Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs).

Based on our review of actual cost data for Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008, FEMA has maintained the following review and processing fees, which are to be submitted with all requests that are not otherwise exempted under 44 CFR 72.5.

Fee Schedule for Requests for CLOMAs, CLOMR-Fs, and LOMR-Fs

Request for single-lot/single-structure CLOMA and CLOMR-F	\$500
Request for single-lot/single structure LOMR-F	\$425
Request for single-lot/single-structure LOMR-F based on as-built information (CLOMR-F previously issued by FEMA)	\$325
Request for multiple-lot/multiple-structure CLOMA	\$700
Request for multiple-lot/multiple-structure CLOMR-F and LOMR-F	\$800
Request for multiple-lot/multiple-structure LOMR-F based on as-built information (CLOMR-F previously issued by FEMA)	\$700

Based on our review of actual cost data for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006, FEMA has established the following review and processing fees, which are to be submitted with all requests that are not otherwise exempted.

Fee Schedule for Requests for CLOMRs

Request based on new hydrology, bridge, culvert, channel, or combination of any of these	\$4,400
Request based on levee, berm, or other structural measure	\$6,050

Fee Schedule for Requests for Map Revisions

Requesters must submit the review and processing fees shown below with requests for LOMRs that are not based on structural measures or alluvial fans.

Request based on bridge, culvert, channel, or combination of these	\$5,300
Request based on levee, berm, or other structural measure	\$7,150
Request based on as-built information submitted as follow-up to CLOMR	\$5,000

Fees for CLOMRs, LOMRs, and PMRs Based on Structural Measures on Alluvial Fans

FEMA has maintained the initial fee for requests for CLOMRs and LOMRs based on structural measures on alluvial fans to \$5,600. FEMA will also continue to recover the remainder of the review and processing costs by invoicing the requester before issuing a determination letter, consistent with current practice. The prevailing private-sector labor rate charged to FEMA (\$60 per hour) will be used to calculate the total reimbursable fees.

Payment Submission Requirements

Requesters must make fee payments for non-exempt requests before we render services. This payment must be in the form of a check or money order or by credit card payment. Please make all checks and money orders in U.S. funds payable to the *National Flood Insurance Program*. Please mail all payments to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075. FEMA will deposit all fees collected to the National Flood Insurance Fund, which is the source of funding for providing these services.



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As the State Coordination Office between the DHS/FEMA Regional Office and the communities of Louisiana that belong to the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP], it is our job to provide any guidance or assistance needed to our Louisiana communities in order to assure the NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

In order to better serve you, please take a moment to tell us how we're doing and how we could improve. Thank you,

Cindy O'Neal, CFM – Pam Miller, CFM – Susan Veillon, CFM

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY

Have you had contact with our office within the last 6 months? YES NO
if yes, please check one: Email Phone Meeting

(please circle a number)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Staff was friendly and courteous	5	4	3	2	1
I was treated with respect	5	4	3	2	1
Staff was knowledgeable	5	4	3	2	1
My questions & concerns were addressed in a timely manner	5	4	3	2	1
The staff provided me with useful information	5	4	3	2	1
I had an overall positive experience dealing with the staff of Floodplain Management	5	4	3	2	1

How could we improve our services?

PLEASE MAIL completed survey to:

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News Release

FEMA REVISES PREFERRED RISK POLICIES FOR HOMEOWNERS

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency today announced that it is revising its Preferred Risk Policy under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to extend eligibility an additional year. Effective January 1, owners of buildings found to be in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) during a flood map revision, may be eligible for a preferred risk policy that will allow them to maintain a lower cost flood insurance policy for two years following the effective date of a flood map change. A SFHA is a high risk flood area, meaning that there is a one-percent annual chance of flooding.

"By extending the eligibility period for the preferred risk policies, homeowners and building owners will have two years at the lower cost rate," said FEMA Acting Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administrator, Edward Connor. "The two years will provide owners extra time to understand their flood risk and to consider this risk in their preparedness planning."

The discounted rate will be available, for the two year period, to owners whose buildings were found to be in a SFHA following a flood map revision that went into effect on, or after, October 1, 2008. In order to be eligible for the Preferred Risk Policy, buildings must also meet certain loss-history requirements. If there are two claims, or disaster relief payments for flood, of \$1,000 or more, or three losses of any amount, the structure is ineligible for the PRP.

Policy holders with a Preferred Rate Policy will see a \$10 increase when they renew their policies. This is the amount that was determined, through actuarial analysis, to be the amount needed in order for those buildings that are newly mapped into a SFHA to be revenue neutral to the flood insurance program.

At the end of the extended two-year eligibility period, policies on these buildings will return to standard-rated policies.

For more information on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, and to identify your flood risk, visit www.floodsmart.gov.



HAPPY 4th OF JULY



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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