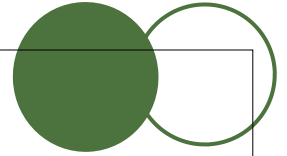




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COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

Twelve CRS communities will be receiving a reverification visit during fiscal year (FY) 2006. The purpose of this visit is to determine if the community has been accomplishing the requirements of the activities for which they applied.

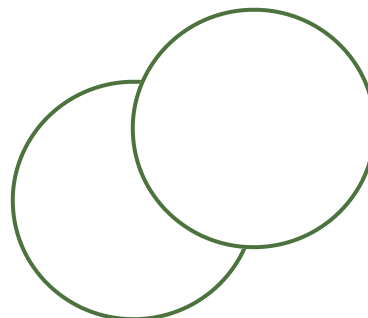
If you are due a visit, you should review your application and the CRS manual to determine what paperwork will be needed for the reverification. Certain activities require information for the previous five years (ex: Activities 310, 320, 330, 360, 540).

The following CRS communities are due for a reverification visit during our next fiscal year (FY 2006):

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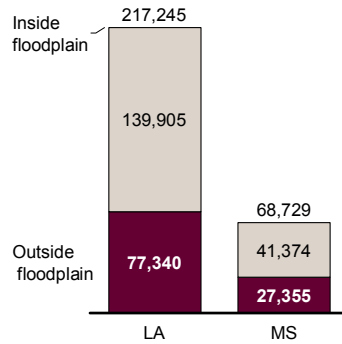
Ascension Parish	Mandeville
Bossier City	Ouachita Parish
French Settlement	Ruston
Gonzales	Sorrento
Livingston Parish	Walker
Lutcher	Zachary



KUDOS:

As just one relatively unknown and rarely mentioned example of activity in the hurricane damaged areas, the Houma-based group, **Terrebonne Readiness and Assistance Coalition**, known as TRAC has quietly and effectively concentrated on helping families rebuild after a disaster. TRAC helps victims file claims, find volunteer labor for home repairs, contact appropriate agencies for specific needs, and much more. TRAC is a community and faith based non-profit organization that began helping south Louisiana residents with storm preparation & recovery in 1992, shortly after Hurricane Andrew ravaged the state's coast.

Housing Units Destroyed by Katrina and Rita



• Louisiana had 2.8X as many homes destroyed outside the floodplain as did Mississippi by Katrina and Rita

2005: A Season of Firsts

- First with 26 named storms
- First with 13 hurricanes
- First with three Category 5 hurricanes
- First with four major hurricanes hitting the U.S.

AFTER the HURRICANES :

Based on U.S. Census data and the latest available NFIP Policy-In-Force data, approximately 40% of the housing in Orleans Parish had flood insurance through the NFIP.

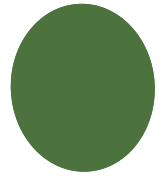
Neighboring Jefferson Parish had around 60% and . . .

St. Tammany Parish approximately 50%.



is famous for the **CONTRABAND DAYS** Festival

To Preserve And Protect: Honoring History On The Road To Recovery



<http://www.fema.gov/news/recentnews.fema>

Release Date: March 6, 2006

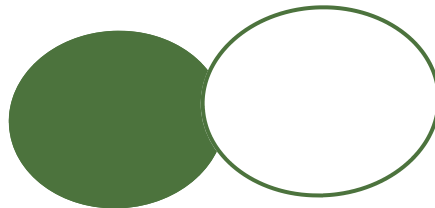
BATON ROUGE, La.-- Whether funding the rebuilding of a neighborhood, restoring an old courthouse, or any of thousands of other projects, an important role of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is to assist a community in recovering from disasters while being sensitive to the community's historic places.

The goal is to protect public and private buildings that have special value because of architectural or historical significance. In particular, FEMA works with officials from the state's Office of Historic Preservation to make sure these important sites and structures are brought back as close as possible to pre-disaster condition, and are not further damaged by any reconstruction efforts.

FEMA and the state are bound by law to protect all sites and structures on the National Register of Historic Places, and to protect any structure more than 45 years old that may qualify for such designation.

Anytime FEMA funds or even considers funding a project, the agency conducts a review to make sure valuable historic sites are protected. This includes public works projects to repair local government buildings or infrastructure and community mitigation programs.

In Louisiana, FEMA has reviewed nearly 6,000 Public Assistance grant applications and approximately 250,000 damaged structures for possible historic preservation protection. In many cases, a local government can include preservation costs in its application for federal funds. There are 1,245 sites in the state listed on the National Register of Historic sites, 137 of them in New Orleans.



NEW COURSEs at EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE [EMI] THIS SUMMER Emmitsburg, Maryland

The new **ADVANCED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS** course (E194) is a series of modules designed for floodplain managers with over three (3) years of full-time floodplain management experience.

The four modules in the course are NFIP Floodplain Rules & Regulations in Depth; LOMC Procedures and Floodplain Mgmt. Implications; Roles & Responsibilities of the Local Floodplain Manager; and Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement. - June 26-29 and August 28-31, 2006


MANAGING FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT through the **NFIP TRAIN-THE TRAINER** (E270) is a four-day course designed to train subject matter experts in how to deliver an effective and interesting course on floodplain management topics. - July 10-13 and September 25-28, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb> or (301) 447-1035

Implementation of the “new” FEMA Elevation Certificate

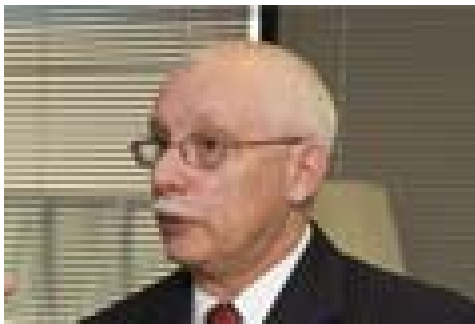
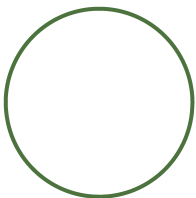
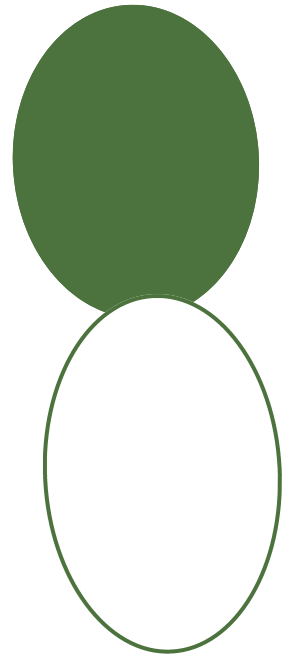
Elevation Certificate

The new elevation certificate has been approved by OMB through February 28, 2009.

 [Elevation Certificate \(includes 8 building type diagrams for determining reference levels\)](#) -- 229 KB, [text version](#) -- 41 KB

The EC form and instruction packet are available from the FEMA Distribution Center at 800-480-2520 (ask for FEMA Form 81-31). It will also be reproduced in the May 1, 2006 [NFIP Flood Insurance Manual](#).

Many of the PDF documents available on the FEMA web site require the most recent version of the Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may download it free from the [Adobe® web site](#).



William E. Peterson
Regional Director, Region VI

William E. Peterson was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region VI Office in Denton, Texas in January 2006. As Regional Director, Mr. Peterson is responsible for coordinating FEMA emergency preparedness, mitigation and disaster response and recovery activities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

SAFER, STRONGER, SMARTER

“What actions has the LRA taken regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)?

The LRA passed a resolution aimed at providing incentives for communities and parishes to adopt the most up-to-date flood guidance as part of their floodplain management ordinances, by agreeing to only provide HMGP funding in those parishes that adopt and enforce FEMA’s Flood Advisory Elevation guidance in the construction or reconstruction of **all** homes, businesses, and other structures in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”



Taken from www.lra.louisiana.gov/reports.html - LRA Quarterly Report

MANDATORY STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

HOUSE BILL 76 can be viewed at:

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=327933>

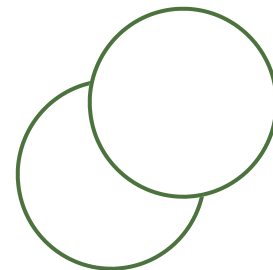
Text of the International Building Code can be viewed at:

<http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/fldlosses.shtm>

To look at the FEMA Louisiana Recovery Maps go to:

www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/recoverydata/katrina_la_index.shtm

the LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION [LFMA]
& the ASSOCIATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS of MISSISSIPPI [AFMM]
JOINT 2006 Conference Schedule
April 19 - April 21, 2006
Natchez, Mississippi Convention Center



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th

7:30 - 12:30 FIELD TRIP - Open Space Uses
Wayne Berggren, CFM, LA

8:30 - 3:00 **REGISTRATION/Natchez Convention Center**

9:00 **WORKSHOPS - ASFPM REPRESENTATIVES**

- Helping Flooded Communities Help Themselves and
- A Patchwork Quilt of Programs & Funding Sources

11:30 **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

NOON EXHIBITS OPEN

1:30 **WELCOME**

James Demouchet, CFM - LA LFMA Chair
Lisa Reid, CFM - MS AFMM Chair

OPENING REMARKS

Honorable Phillip West, Mayor of Natchez, MS

1:45 **THE PASCAGOULA STORY - Sink or Swim**
Steve Mitchell, CFM, City of Pascagoula, MS

2:15 **THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE & What It Means to You**
Henry Fry, Acting LA State Fire Marshal

2:45 BREAK / EXHIBITS

3:15 **POST KatRita EXPERIENCES - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**
Michael Klitzke, CFM, DHS/FEMA Disaster Reservist

3:45 **OUR NATIONAL PARTNER ASFPM - Chapter Relationship & Benefits**
Paul Osman CFM, IL State Floodplain Manager

4:15 **MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAMS**

Shane Rauh, LA State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Bill Patrick, CFM, MS State Mitigation Planning Bureau Director

4:45 **FEMA SEEKS CRS LESSONS LEARNED**

Berry Williams, CFM, Berry A. Williams & Associates

5:00 **NATIONAL FPM CONFERENCES - Introduction to Albuquerque**
Diane Brown, ASFPM Administrator

5:15 - til EXHIBITS / **WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION - Natchez, MS**
Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th

8:00 - NOON **REGISTRATION - EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:30-4:30 **WORKSHOP**

TRACK 1

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT BASICS & CFM EXAM PREPARATION
Paul Osman, CFM, IL State Floodplain Manager
Al Goodman, CFM, MS State Floodplain Manager

8:30 **THE HMGP RECONSTRUCTION GRANT PILOT for GULF COAST STATES**

TRACK 2

Mike Hunnicutt CFM, St. Bernard Parish, LA
Tom Rodrigue CFM, Jefferson Parish, LA

9:00 **NFIP INSURANCE & ICC**

Dorothy Martinez, CFM, Computer Science Corp. (CSC)

9:30 **COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM - How to Maximize Your Points**

Rodney Smith, CFM, CRS Specialist, Insurance Service Office (ISO)

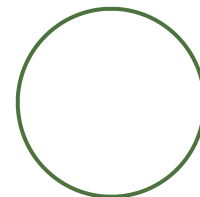
10:00 BREAK / EXHIBITS

10:30 **ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAPS (ABFEs)**

Disaster Updates/Coastal Mapping - Region Perspectives
Todd Davison, DHS/FEMA Region IV
Flood Insurance & Mitigation Division Director
Frank Pagano, DHS/FEMA Region VI
Flood Insurance & Mitigation Division Director

11:30 **ABFEs & REDEVELOPMENT - Local Perspectives**

Mickey Lagasse, CFM, Hancock County, MS
Windell Curole, General Mgr., S. Lafourche Levee District, LA



THURSDAY, APRIL 20th

11:50 **LUNCH** - MS/KATRINA EXPERIENCE
Robert Latham, MEMA Executive Director
KEYNOTE SPEAKER - *The Ladies' Impact on the Nation*
Larry Larson, P.E., CFM, ASFPM Executive Director

1:40 **THE MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE EXPERIENCE**
Lee Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, MS Insurance Dept.

2:00 **IT TAKES TWO to TANGO, BUT WHO'S DANCING**
Ken Meredith, Alabama State Coordinator

2:30 **TWO HURRICANES IMPACT on SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA,**
Pam Mattingly, CFM, Asst. Planning Director, Calcasieu Parish

3:00 **EVACUEE & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE for CENTRAL & NORTHERN PARTS of the STATES**
To Be Determined

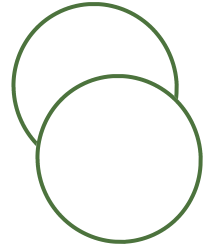
3:30 BREAK / EXHIBITS

4:00 **WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW BUT DID NOT KNOW TO ASK**
Frank Pagano, Division Director &
Ross Richardson, CFM, Branch Chief - DHS/FEMA Region VI
Todd Davison, Division Director, DHS/FEMA Region IV

4:30 ADJOURN / EXHIBITS

5:00 Exhibits Close

6:00 **DINNER on Comfort Suites Patio, Vidalia, La. w/Band**



FRIDAY, APRIL 21st

8:00 Coffee and Danish

8:30 **FLOODPROOFING - The High Points,** Pat Skinner, LSU AgCenter

9:15 **COMMUNITY LIABILITY & WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU,** Edward Thomas, Esq., ASFPM

10:00 **CONFERENCE WRAP UP** - James Demouchet, CFM & Lisa Reid, CFM

10:30 **SEPARATE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS / Grand Prize Awarded**

11:30 **ADJOURN**

1:00 **CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER (CFM) EXAM**

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Rodney Smith, CFM, Program Chair
225 - 774-6063 or rsmith2@ISO.com

YOU MUST REGISTER TO TAKE THE CFM EXAM BY APRIL 10, 2006

CONTACT: ANITA L. LARSON with the ASFPM
608-274-0123 OR cfm@floods.org
www.floods.org/pdf/certapp.pdf

LFMA ♦ Official Registration Form ♦ 2006 Conference

Please print or type

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

TITLE: _____ CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

FIRM: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

REGISTRATION includes:

Conference Packet, Wednesday Wine & Cheese Reception, Thursday Luncheon & Dinner

Registration [Please circle all that apply]

MEMBERS \$ 90.00 (early as possible - by April 15)

NON-MEMBERS \$ 120.00 (includes membership)

ONE DAY \$ 40.00 (Thursday only)

SPOUSE \$ 25.00

LATE REGISTRATION \$ 100.00 Member

" " \$ 130.00 Non-member

FIELD TRIP \$ 40.00

LFMA T-SHIRT \$ 15.00 (State Size: ___S - ___M - ___L - ___XL)

[EARLY Registration (by April 15th): T-SHIRT is Free]

(Please note any special dietary requirements for Luncheon; i.e., diabetic, salt restricted)

Make check payable to: LA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Registration Fee and this form should be mailed to:

Thomas J. Rodriguez, Jr., CFM
LFMA Treasurer
P.O. Box 64725
Baton Rouge, LA 70896

All room accommodations should be made DIRECTLY through the COMFORT SUITES, VIDALIA, LA
Reference "LFMA" - \$60 (Levee View) - \$103 (River View) 318/336-1655



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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