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Career Corner: Floodplain Management Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctorate Degree Programs

By Ingrid Danler, ASFPM Associate Director of Operations *The Insider* January 2013

The field of Floodplain Management is undergoing exciting changes and facing new challenges as we grow. In 2013, ASFPM will set the course for some long term developments for the profession.

One of the key areas ASFPM is actively pursuing is the recognition of floodplain management as a true profession. That entails significant work in the development of several areas simultaneously, and will require resource coordination and communication at an extent that is reminiscent of when the Association was first formed--it's that groundbreaking!

We are ready to move forward, in beginning the process of working with universities and colleges across the country toward forming degree programs in floodplain management. In previous recent newsletters, you may have read about the new Higher Education Policy Committee that will be looking at ways we might partner with these institutions to advance the educational requirements of floodplain managers. This process is overdue, as floodplain managers are increasingly required to manage and coordinate with more complex and interrelated systems. Currently, only Western Kentucky University has a minor in Floodplain Management, which has steady enrollment and attracts new students to the field of floodplain management. Warren Campbell of WKU (Western Kentucky University), along with Bob Freitag of UW (University of Washington), plan to lead this committee, and will soon be seeking volunteer experts.

Emergency management recently went through a similar process, as 25 years ago there were only four colleges offering emergency management degrees. Now there are over 200 colleges and universities around the world offering degree programs in emergency management. And where emergency management was just a subset of civil defense back in the 50's through the 80's, not well developed as a community, it has since developed and established core competencies, degree programs to support its growth worldwide, associations that support the field, and a certification program. One can still practice emergency management without a degree, but more and more employers expect that credential for new practitioners of the field. That is where we hope to see floodplain management over the next ten years - to the point where employers of new floodplain managers will be looking to hire from those with a higher level of education.

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These days, for effective floodplain management, one must understand the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), natural and beneficial functions, societal trends, economic impacts of floodplain development, environmental awareness, case law, political science, engineering, hydrology, hydraulics, and more. Looking forward, floodplain managers of the future must be aware and understand the interrelated impacts of development through the many lenses of these fields. The days are numbered, of permitting and considering only if a property is in or out of the floodplain, as the complexity of the decisions involved becomes more riddled with these impacts, factoring all elements as relevant and significant. At a recent conference, during casual conversation, the made that floodplain managers are not true professionals as they, to paraphrase, “only have to collect and file documents, they are more like clerks.” Given that misconception, from a high ranking official in a community that interacts heavily with floodplain managers, one can see how our work is cut out for us in the professional advancement of floodplain managers.

Degree programs would prepare new practitioners of floodplain management to be more fully able to understand the various factors that apply to development in any area. The benefit of the degree, and the awareness to make more informed decisions developed through a formal education program of instruction, will benefit everyone in the future. With more informed floodplain managers, we have the ability to have more informed elected officials, a more educated public, more sustainable communities, and a stronger representation in the various fields we associate with in the performance of our duties.

Floodplain management already meets the basic standards of a profession, with one exception - the need for a higher degree to practice in the field. We have: a Body of Knowledge, an Association that supports the field, a common field specific language, core competencies that are sophisticated enough to merit higher levels of training and education to perform the function, a certification program, and states that require a certain level of understanding, before one may work in the field.

We wanted to let you know of this exciting development of the formation of our new higher education committee, and we ask for your support in the development of our field to full professional recognition and status.

Springfield is the
Oldest Municipality in
Livingston Parish



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New Elevation Certificate and Floodproofing Certificate Is Ready

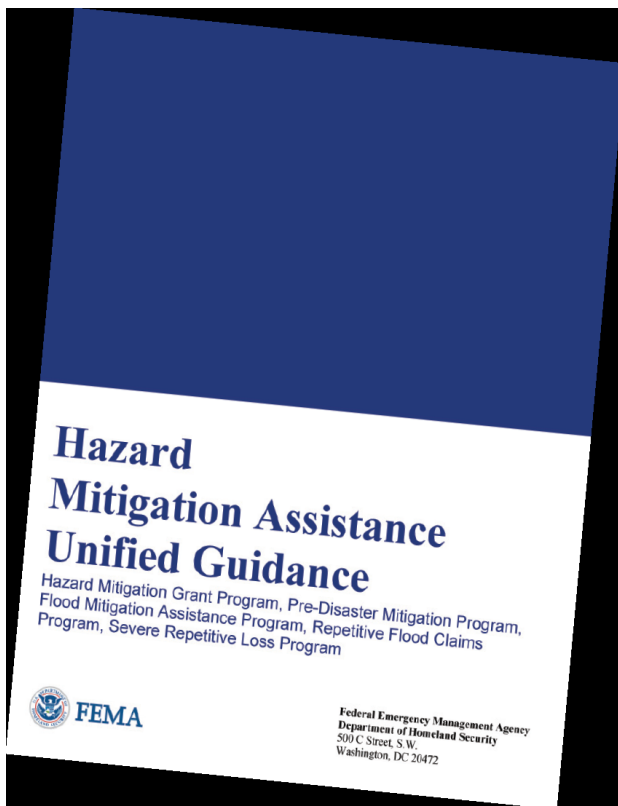
The revised Elevation Certificate and Floodproofing Certificate used by communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, with a new expiration date of July 31, 2015.

The Elevation Certificate is available as a fillable WORD file and as a fillable pdf file at www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1383. Instructions can be downloaded at the same site.

The Floodproofing Certificate is available as a pdf and can be downloaded from www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1600.

Communities may continue to use the older forms (originally set to expire March 31, 2012) until July 31, 2013. After that, only the new forms will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact your FEMA Regional Office or ISO/CRS Specialist.

NFIP/CRS Update
January 2013



Details about the HMA Grant Application process can be found in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance, which is available at www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm

April is Flood Awareness Month in
the State of **Louisiana**

Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage

How Much Coverage Is Available

If eligible, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policyholders may receive up to \$30,000 of Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage to help pay the costs to bring their building into compliance with their community's floodplain ordinance. The coverage availability and payment limits are subject to the terms of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) and maximum coverage limits, including all applicable NFIP rules and regulations.

Filing an ICC Claim

You may be eligible to file a claim for your ICC coverage in two instances:

1. When your community determines that your building is "substantially damaged", wherein the cost to repair or improve the structure exceeds its market value by a threshold amount adopted by law or ordinance. Community building officials are responsible for the issuance of substantial damage declarations.
2. When your community has a "repetitive loss" provision in its floodplain management ordinance and determines that your building was damaged by a flood two times in the past 10 years, where the cost of repairing the flood damage, on average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of its market value at the time of each flood.

Four Options Covered: Floodproofing, Relocation, Elevation, or Demolition (F.R.E.D.)

There are four options you can pursue to comply with your community's floodplain management ordinance and help reduce future flood damage to your building. You may decide which of these options (F.R.E.D.) is best for you.



1. Floodproofing. This option is available primarily for non-residential buildings. It involves making a building watertight through a combination of adjustments or additions of features to the building that reduces the potential for flood damage.



2. Relocation. This moves your building out of harm's way.



3. Elevation. This raises your building to or above the flood elevation level adopted by your community.



4. Demolition. This tears down and removes flood-damaged buildings.

How to File an ICC Claim

If your community does determine that your building is substantially or repetitively damaged, a local official will explain the floodplain management ordinance provisions that you will have to meet. You may also want to consult with the local official before you make the final decision about which of the options to pursue.

Once your community has made this determination, contact your insurer or insurance agent to file an ICC claim. The insurer will assign a claims representative who will help you prepare your ICC claim. The ICC claim will be adjusted separately from the flood damage claim you file under your SFIP. You should start getting estimates from contractors to take the necessary steps to F.R.E.D. – floodproof, relocate, elevate, or demolish.

How Your ICC Claim Is Processed

You may be able to receive a partial payment once the claims representative has a copy of the

signed contract for the work, a permit from the community to do the work, and your signed ICC Proof of Loss. If the work is not completed within the required time frame, you must return any partial payment to your insurer.

When the work is completed, local officials will inspect it and issue a certificate of occupancy or a confirmation letter. Once you submit this document to your claims representative, your insurer will pay the final installment or full payment.

It's important to remember, only policyholders with substantially or repetitively flood-damaged buildings may be eligible for ICC coverage. ICC helps pay for the costs of meeting the floodplain management requirements adopted by law or ordinance in your community. Any item paid for in the original flood damage claim cannot be duplicated in the ICC payment.



Congratulations and Welcome



The Town of Wilson in East Feliciana Parish joined the National Flood Insurance Program on January 13, 2013. Wilson, known as a railroad town from the beginning, was situated on the main line of the great Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railway. A relay station (roundhouse) was located there.



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LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE TECHNICAL & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 17, 18, 19, 2013

Hammond, Louisiana

"Build Smart, Build High"

Quality Inn & Conference Center – (985) 345-0556

2000 South Morrison Blvd.

Hammond, Louisiana 70403

Schedule of Events:

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 17, 2013

7:30 - 12:30 **Open Space Tech Tour – Carter Plantation Golf Club; 23475 Carter Trace, Springfield, LA 70462 (225) 294-9855**
Register with Wayne Berggren, CFM (504) 762-2296

10:00 – 3:00 **REGISTRATION**
Grand Ballroom Entrance

SESSION I

1:30 – 2:00 **Welcome, Parish President**
*The Honorable Gordon Burgess
Darla Duet, CFM; LFMA Chair
Ted Debaene, LFMA Executive Director*

2:00 – 3:00 **Brian Daschback - Smartvent**
FEMA Technical Bulletin 1-08

3:00 – 3:15 **B R E A K – Exhibits Open**

3:15 – 4:00 **James Kyle – Bank Manager**
*Gulf Coast Bank; Lending Industry
NFIP/FPM Day-to-Day Issues*

4:00 - 5:00 **Dwayne LeBlanc – Business Development Manager**
*Wright Flood; Insurance Industry
NFIP/FPM Day-to-Day Issues*

6:00 – Till **Welcome Reception**
*Wine, Cheese, and light snacks
Hospitality Suite – LaVeranda Room*

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

THURSDAY – APRIL 18, 2013

7:30 – 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 - 12:00 **Registration / Exhibit Opens**

SESSION II

8:00– 8:30 **Brian Bartley, CFM-Darrin Dutton**
Severe Repetitive Loss

8:30 – 9:00 **Erin Merrick, CFM**
CRS – User Groups

9:00 – 10:00 **Gary Zimmerer – FEMA Region VI**
Mapping Update for State of Louisiana

10:00 – 10:15 **B R E A K - Exhibits**

10:15 - 11:15 **Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer**
HMGP and State of Louisiana

11:15 - 11:45 **David Heigel CFM– FEMA Region VI**
NFIP/FPM – FEMA Updates

12:00 – 1:45 **Keynote Speaker/Awards Luncheon**
*Host: Darla Duet, CFM– LFMA Chair
Speaker: Tim Osborn – NOAA*

SESSION III

2:00 - 3:00 **Ken Graham - NWS**
Weather Outlook for Louisiana

3:00 – 4:00 **Wendell Curole, CFM– South Lafourche Levee District**
Impacts to the South Lafourche Levee

5:00 – Till **LFMA Party Time at “The Preserves”**
**38527 Whiskey Island Lane
Ponchatoula, LA 70454**
*(Food, Spirits, Music, Friends – Bring your
Fishing Pole, Swimsuits, Tennis Rackets)*

FRIDAY – APRIL 19, 2013

SESSION IV

8:00 – 8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00 **Dana Guidry CFM-Lisa Richardson CFM**
Permit Official – Many hats we wear

9:00 – 9:30 **Alyson Lapuma CFM, and Others**
A Slide-show Presentation around Louisiana

9:30 - 10:00 **Wayne Berggren CFM – FEMA LRO**
FPM from the Environmental Division

Included in your LFMA Conference registration is the
Hospitality Cook Out “Open House”

Come and go as you please!

5-9 pm Thursday, April 18

at **The Preserve**

38527 Whiskey Island Lane, Ponchatoula, LA.

GPS Coordinates: 30° 24' 59.05"N; 90° 30' 07.27"W

FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, and FUN!

Buffet available 5-8pm



The Preserve is 250 oak covered acres with plenty of things to do, including a heated salt water swimming pool with bath house and showers, regulation size tennis courts, stocked fishing ponds, nature walks and even a Blackjack table!

So bring your swimsuit, tennis racket, fishin' poles and walking shoes! (and don't forget those dancin' shoes!)

The 100+ year old Pecky cypress lodge has seating inside and out, so you can join in on a game of blackjack inside or relax outside on the oak covered brick patio or side porch swing while listening to the music and visiting with friends!

All compliments of LFMA and their sponsors!



Look for LFMA signs and for further directions call Alyson at 985-981-9410





Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

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