The Florida CRS Initiative
State Support of Municipal CRS Programs

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Background

- BW-12 hit Florida hard
- 40% of NFIP policies
- Lots of Pre-FIRM construction along coasts
The Florida CRS Initiative is born

- Governor Rick Scott and FDEM Director Bryan Koon
- Hired Danny Hinson in November 2013
  - Former ISO/CRS Specialist for 17 years
  - Former Emergency Management Director
- Danny covered whole State in 2014, then hired:
  - Josh Overmyer, CFM – Southwest Florida
  - Elizabeth Todak – Orlando area
  - Gina Lambert – near The Villages
  - Mark Reali – Orlando area (2017)
Objectives

- Provide activity-specific support to existing CRS communities
- Help new communities join CRS
- Provide training and support through CRS User Groups
## Statistics

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<td>CRS Communities</td>
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<td>Policies in a CRS community</td>
<td>91% of 2 million policies</td>
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<td>Statewide CRS discounts</td>
<td>$184 million</td>
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User Group participation

- Okaloosa & Bay
- Tampa Bay
- Southwest Florida
- Northeast Florida
- Volusia & Central Florida
- Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade & Monroe (Keys)
Training Strategies

• Training through FFMA
  • L-278 NFIP/CRS course
  • 2-day Essentials of CRS

• Canned PowerPoint presentations for User Groups
  • How to form a User Group
  • CRS Low-Hanging Fruit
  • 430: Higher Regulatory Standards
  • 610: Flood Warning Program

• Webinar (Activity 540 changes in 2017 Manual)
Conference Presentations
Florida CRS/CAV Pilot Program

• Session E9 on Wednesday at 1:30PM by Steve Martin, SFMO

• Visited 208 non-CRS communities in 2 years
  • CAV
  • Reviewed CRS Quick Check

• Prepared & scored 15 CRS applications for new communities
  • 4 Class 9, 8 Class 8, 3 Class 7
Improvement strategies

- Verification Reports
- One-on-One meetings
  - Floodplain Manager/CRS Coordinator
  - Emergency Manager
- Support to County, thereby helping cities/towns/villages
- Reviewed Uniform Minimum Credits/State-Based Credit
- Statewide projects
Miscellaneous support

- Backstop
- Provide CIS data
  - What If
  - Aggregate Insurance data
- CRS Plaque presentations
- Presentations to elected officials considering rollbacks
- Quarterly CRS Initiative Newsletter
Newsletter & outreach rack cards
Successes

- Activity 610 – highest scores in the nation
  - In 2014, 88 communities had ZERO score for 610, unfathomable for Florida
  - 22 of top 27 scores in the nation
- Participation:

Florida

US (Excluding-Florida)
Questions?

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Check out Session E9 on Wednesday after lunch for more on information on the Florida CRS/CAV Pilot Program (Room 129B)