ASFPM District 3 Chapter Director Annual Report

Annual Conference-Atlanta, Georgia

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District 3 Chapters: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas

Alabama
Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers, Inc.

AAFM currently has 162 members and 132 CFMs. The AAFM Executive Board is as follows:

President: Landon “Lannie” Smith
Vice President: Liesa Puckett
Treasurer: Leslie Durham
Secretary: Gina Romine
District 1 Director: Greg Bates
District 2 Director: Denise Bell
District 3 Director: Vacant
District 4 Director: Bruce Renkert
Director-at-large: Corey Garyotis
Past President: Brett Peterson

AAFM hosted a CFM exam review Oct. 14 and proctored the exam Oct. 15. The AAFM fall conference was held Oct. 14-16, 2014 at Auburn, AL.

Arkansas
Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc. has 308 members. The AFMA, Inc. Board of Directors is as follows:

Officers
Chair: Richard Penn
Vice Chair: Lee Beshoner
Secretary: Karen Knebel
Treasurer: Shawn Jackson
Past Chair: Troy Davis
Executive Director: Conrad Battreal
NFIP Coordinator: Mike Borengasser
Regional Representatives
Northwest: Tina Cole
Northeast: Tom Black
Southeast: Glen McCloud
Southwest: Denny McPhate
Central: Jack Fleming

Committee Chairs
Awards: Conrad Battreal
Communication: Al Videtto
Legislative: Jack Fleming
PDCC: Mike Borengasser
Technical: Conrad Battreal

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc. has 166 CFMs.

The AFMA, Inc. fall conference was held Sept. 21-24, 2014 in Eureka Springs, AR with 126 in attendance. Representatives of cities, counties, state, federal, and professional organizations were in attendance. Arkansas County Judge Sonny Cox was awarded “Floodplain Manager of the Year.”

The conference began with a presentation by Tony Robinson, regional administrator, FEMA VI. He presented the “Importance of Mitigation in our Emergency Management World.” This was followed with a detailed presentation by Conrad Battreal on the “History of Floodplain Management.” A floodplain management field trip was also provided with attendees visiting Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, AR. This magnificent and beautiful structure was designed for flood protection from the 500-year flood.

AMEC Earth & Environmental sponsored a wonderful Tuesday evening meal and entertainment.

The AFMA, Inc. 2015 spring workshop was held April 9-10, 2015 in Jacksonville, AR with 101 in attendance.

The following actions by the AFMA, Inc. board were accomplished within this reporting period:
Federal Income Tax 2014 – working with CPA to be filed.
Liability insurance for the AFMA, Inc. Board members was renewed.
Completed and distributed AFMA, Inc. 2015 Floodplain Management Calendars. The flood pictures were drawn by students in the 4th-6th grades.
Services were obtained from the following professionals within this reporting period.

Certified Public Accountant – The 2014 AFMA, Inc. federal income taxes are being prepared by a CPA to the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. Filing of state income taxes is not required in AR since we are a “Public Charity” under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
### Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FMMA)

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Currently we have 629 members and at last count 328 are CFMs.
Our training efforts continue to impact the floodplain management community in a positive manner. In 2013, FFMA trained 421 individuals, providing credits which are critical to maintenance of the CFM certification. In 2014, FFMA trained 477 individuals and at the time of this report, FFMA has already trained 116 individuals this year.

Also of significance, this expanded training has increased our membership numbers from 338 in November 2012 to 629 today, by bolstering FFMA’s capacity to reach new floodplain management and related professionals, and increasing FFMA’s reputation for being a key provider of quality training. Our growth can be directly linked to our expanded training offerings and the hard work of the staff, trainers, volunteers and training hosts that make these events possible!

We held our annual conference in Orlando, FL this year from April 15-17 with 250 in attendance, again up from last year. We have our future conferences planned and will expand an extra day to allow additional training beginning in 2017:

- March 29–April 1, 2016 – St. Augustine, Marriott World Golf Village Renaissance
- April 4–7, 2017 – Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
- April 2–5, 2018 – Buena Vista Palace, Orlando
- March 26–29, 2019 – Hilton Daytona Beach
- April 13–16, 2020 - Buena Vista Palace, Orlando
- April 13–16, 2021 - Hilton St. Peters burg Bayfront

**Florida Flood Risk Symposium**

On Aug. 21, 2014, 66 representatives from all levels of government, engineering and consulting, research and academia, insurance, banking, real estate, and non-profit organizations gathered at the USF Patel College of Global Sustainability to participate in the first Florida Flood Risk Symposium, hosted by the Florida Floodplain Managers Association and the Association of State Floodplain Managers Foundation. These experts pondered techniques to reduce flooding and its effects before floodwaters rise, the surest and most effective option for reducing the effects of floods and potential losses to life and property.

Key topics of discussion included: Developing Future Funding Sources for Flood Mitigation Projects, Current and Future Impacts to Florida’s Coastlines, Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains, Flood Risk: Insurance vs. Regulation, and the Role of the Certified Floodplain Manager Program in Florida. An action plan and roadmap will be developed from the discussions at the Symposium to improve floodplain management practices and communications in the state by supporting comprehensive floodplain
management and related water resources. This overall plan will be revisited at future meetings.

An Action Item document is drafted and will be going to a first draft printing in the coming months.

**Florida Floodplain Managers Association Scholarships**

FFMA established a scholarship committee and fund that raises support and distributes awards to ensure that those of our membership and other deserving individuals who want and need access to the valuable training provided at our annual conference are not prohibited by limited local funding. Since November 2012, we have awarded 70 scholarships for more than $35,000, so that individuals from 33 different communities and several companies could attend. Late 2014 we received State Department of Agriculture approval to accept donations and after review from our non-profit attorney, have set up a “Donations” tab on our website. We send email blasts to solicit funds and look to expand this effort in the coming year.

FFMA also expanded our scholarship awards to send two members to attend what was their first ASFPM conference in Seattle in 2014. We are continuing this effort to connect our deserving membership with the vital national training that ASFPM provides by sending three more to Atlanta! Scholarship funds were provided by generous donors and through advertising raffles at the conference and email blasts to members and corporate members. We look to grow this aspect of our scholarship funding for 2016.

**Florida Floodplain Managers Association Coastal Committee**

The FFMA Coastal Committee has been working in conjunction with the Florida Department of Emergency Management to research the topic of public restrooms constructed in special flood hazard areas and V Zones. Members of the committee presented the topic at the ASFPM national conference in Seattle, WA to high levels of interest. FFMA produced a white paper on Policy and Design Options for Public Restrooms in Special Flood Hazard Areas and the FAQs.
Georgia
Georgia Association of Floodplain Management

Current Board Members:

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Number of chapter members for 2015: 120 as of April 13, 2015

Number of CFMs as chapter members for 2015: 87 as of April 13, 2015
Conferences and training held within the last year:

- March 24-27, 2014 – Annual Conference
- Oct. 8, 2014 – Metro District Regional Meeting
- Oct. 21, 2014 – Coastal CRS User Group
- Dec. 3, 2014 – CRS User Group and NAI Committee – NAI, the CRS, and the new NAO How-To Guides
- Dec. 4, 2014 – NAI Lunch & Learn Webinar – Jingle all the Way – The Value of Floodplains to our Local Economies
- Feb. 4, 2015 – NAI Lunch & Learn Webinar – New Development the “NAI Way”: how the current stormwater management standards relate to NAI and CRS
- April 8, 2015 – NAI Lunch & Learn Webinar – NAI in Vermont: State Flood Hazard Planning and Permitting
- We have also been working really hard to get everything ready on our end for the ASFPM national conference for this year!

**Kentucky**

**Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers**

The KAMM annual conference was held Sept. 9-11, 2014 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park. KAMM hosts training annually in each of their four regions on different topics. Training was offered March 3 in Elizabethtown, March 10 in Grayson, March 18 in Lexington and March 23 in Prestonburg.

**Louisiana**

**Louisiana Floodplain Management Association**

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association submits the following information concerning its activities from May 2014 through early April 2015.

1. LFMA has about 300 members. This number will grow with those individuals who paid dues with conference registration.

2. We held our 32nd annual technical and business conference in Houma, LA April 8-10, 2015. We had about 170 participants.

3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the calendar contest were awarded cash prizes at the noon luncheon.

4. The Rod Emmer Award was presented to Wayne Berggren
5. We have 207 CFMs

6. The board of directors includes:

   Chair: Melissa Becker  
   Vice Chair: Darla Duet  
   Secretary: Kara Moree  
   Treasurer: Alex Guillory  
   Regional Reps: Michael Hunnicutt, Alyson Lapuma, Juanita Fowler, Lisa Ledet, Lisa Richardson, Dana Guidry, Carrie Robinette, Bonnie Anderson  
   Alternate Reps: Bruce Dyson, Larry Walters  
   Coordinators: Pam Mattingly, James Demouchet, Toby Fruge'

7. The fall workshop was conducted in October, 2014 in Shreveport, LA with 33 registrants:

8. The summer workshop was conducted in June 2014 in Carencro, LA with 91 registrants.

**Mississippi**  
**Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi**

AFMM currently has 140 members and 141 CFMs. The AFMM Executive Board is as follows:

   President: Tara Coggins  
   Vice President: Richard Stickler  
   Treasurer: Kevin Day  
   Secretary: Tammie Roberson  
   District 1 Representative: Jamie Roberson  
   District 2 Representative: Reggie Pinkerton  
   District 3 Representative: Cathy Lummus  
   District 4 Representative: Kristin Greger  
   Representative-at-large: Michele Coats  
   State Representative: Stacey Ricks
New Mexico
New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

NMFMA currently has 220 members and 166 CFMs. The NMFMA Executive Board is as follows:

Chair: David Turk
First Vice Chair: Michele Truby-Tillen
Second Vice Chair: Curt Temple
Treasurer: J.D. Padilla
Secretary: Shawn Penman
Region 1 Director: Nicole Friedt
Region 2 Director: Paul Dugie
Region 3 Director: Joe Barela
Region 4 Director: Mike Czosnek
Executive Director: Grant Pinkerton

NMFMA held its 2014 fall workshop April 21 in Elephant Butte and its 2015 spring conference April 21 in Albuquerque. At the spring conference the NMFMA Service Award was presented to Joe Barela and the NMFMA Les Bond Award was presented to the ABQ District of the US Army Corps of Engineers. The chapter hosted a webinar for flood insurance agents April 21, 2015. The chapter hosted the E273 class June 23, 2014 in Albuquerque. Four newsletters were published since the last annual report (June 2014, September 2014, December 2014 and March 2015).

North Carolina
The North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers

We have 347 chapter members, and 288 certified CFMs.

We provide two conferences a year, offering 12 CECs/PDHs at each one. In addition to these trainings, the Education and Outreach Committee held an additional training whereby participants received 1.5 CECs/PDHs, and instructors received 3 certified hours, for participating in a field demonstration for collecting stream characteristics at Forsyth County Creek Week.

The North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers CFM Mentor Program consists of a team of CFMs assembled by NCAFPM to assist with problems, issues, and requirements related to the National Flood Insurance Program in North Carolina. The CFM Mentor Program will assist floodplain managers and new CFMs in building key relationships and accessing
information and answers about issues and problems related to floodplain management.

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The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is proud to be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The board contracted with its website designer to create the 25th anniversary logo, which will be featured on all outgoing correspondence.

OFMA’s objectives embrace promoting interest in flood damage abatement, improving cooperation among government agencies, and encouraging innovative approaches to managing Oklahoma’s floodplains.

During 2014-2015, OFMA continued to grow and develop. Traditional yearly events – annual conference, spring technical workshop, and the legislative reception were a continued success. The TurnAround Don’t Drown™ poster contest, bumper stickers, calendars and billboards, as well as training classes, the OFMA Institute and the Disaster Response Team continued. Initiatives, such as the Traveling Trunks education workshop and additional advanced training classes were rolled out to enhance outreach effectiveness. Members continue to use the floodplain model in various presentations to schools and civic organizations. Lastly, OFMA has introduced its new corporate sponsorship program and revised the OFMA website.

The following is a brief description regarding some of OFMA’s on-going and completed projects.

- Outreach
  1. TADD Contest. This continues to be a successful program
  2. Traveling Trunks. This program is a cooperative education initiative between OFMA and the Oklahoma State Department of Education. In this program, students will conduct an investigation to determine the locations of rivers and watershed areas on an island model of their own creation; design an investigation to test the effects of different substrates on water runoff; interpret data in order to analyze the impact of different substrates on water runoff; and relate that information to real-world events; analyze aerial
maps in order to determine how land use has changed over time; create and justify the reasoning for a model community based on data regarding water runoff trends; and create a public service announcement, which will be used state-wide. The program is designed for grades 6-8. Please see additional attachment of view the program at [http://www.okflood.org/committees/outreach/ttp/](http://www.okflood.org/committees/outreach/ttp/).

3. Continual education of floodplains to Oklahoma Municipal League and the Oklahoma Legislature. Representatives from OFMA also met with the Insurance Commission regarding the promotion of flood insurance.

4. OFMA received funding and distributed 133 Turn Around Don’t Drown™ signs to communities and tribes who requested them.

5. OFMA Institute, The Institute provides a database of advanced training presentations that any trainer may change, update and use. Individuals can look at the potential topics to see what material will be presented.

6. Members have continued to use the 3D flood models.

7. OFMA is in the process of completed the first five (5) OFMA Essentials. These are short videos that will be presented to different interested parties. For example: Essentials 101 – Flood Insurance and FP Management

   Essentials 201 – Flood Insurance and Real Estate Agents

   Essentials 202 – Flood Insurance and FPM for Local Officials

   Essentials 206 – Flood Insurance and FPM for Tribes

   Essentials 504 – Be Aware Be Prepared

8. OFMA plans to deploy Helpokflood.org

9. OFMA has developed a post-card for non-member Floodplain Administrators.

10. OFMA continues to publish the BFE newsletter.

- Professional Development

  1. The training cadre has developed four new subjects: Introduction to Stormwater Quality; FP Management for Rural Communities; Politics of Floodplain Management; and Flood Risk Reduction through Building Codes.

  2. Annual fall conference. The 2014 annual fall conference was held in Tulsa, OK. The topic was “Climate Change...Politics Aside.” The 2015 annual conference will be held in Norman, OK Sept. 21-23 at the Embassy Suites.

  3. 2015 spring workshop was held April 2, 2015 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, OK. The title of the workshop was “The Technical Side of Floodplain Management.” The goal of the workshop was to identify the basics of floodplain management and to introduce floodplain managers to new and available technologies.
There were also presentations on Floodplain Permitting Best Practices and how to run a Floodplain Board and variance request. It was well attended. The workshop also hosted case studies on stormwater quality and low impact development.

4. Advanced Training. OFMA continues to partner with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to provide advanced training throughout the state. The members of the training cadre continue to present new topics and updates as well.

5. Disaster Response Team. The DRT has a few new members. One of the members owns a drone, which OFMA believes will be useful during an event. It was demonstrated to the members at the spring workshop.

6. Procedural changes. OFMA voted to change its fiscal year to Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. OFMA has implemented new budget reporting guidelines and a new budget forma. The formal adoption process, for each year, taking place either in December or January. At the strategic workshop, it was discussed that there were too many committees. The board voted to streamline the committees and has since updated its by-laws accordingly.

7. Updates of policy and applications. OFMA has updated its applications, forms and policies to reflect the new logo.

8. OFMA is currently working on developing officer and regional representative training and recruiting programs

- Social Media
  1. OFMA maintains a Facebook page and a twitter account. OFMA also uses its websites to reach out to members as well.

- Building Relationships
  1. OFMA postcard. To encourage and inform floodplain administrators and elected officials that OFMA is an available resource, OFMA created a postcard highlighting its services and provide contact information to those interested.
  2. OFMA introduced stormwater professionals throughout the state to OFMA in an attempt to actively recruit them into the organization. OFMA developed Introduction to Stormwater Quality as a training session. OFMA also plans to have a breakout session on stormwater quality topics at the annual conference.
  3. OFMA is actively engaging emergency managers. OFMA has applied for a seat with the Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation team.
  4. OFMA continues to build more relationships with Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association.
5. OFMA is working on collaboration with other associations such as the American Institute of Certified Planners.
6. OFMA’s DRT has presented in five states. The DRT was presented at the national ASFPM conference.

**South Carolina**

**South Carolina Association of Hazard Mitigation**

Board members – Terri Hancock, President; Chris Stone, Vice-President, Alesia Hunter – Secretary; Angela McJunkin – Treasurer; Jessica Jordan - Region I Board of Director; Ward Braswell - Region 2 Board of Director; Tom Brooks - Region 3 Board of Director; Tripp Ward - Region 4 Board of Director; Patrick Brown - Region 5 Board of Director; Daryle Fontenot – Corporate Liaison

Chapter members – 162 members as of April 22, 2015

CFMs – 175 per ASFPM website

The 2015 annual conference was held in Myrtle Beach. The conference provided attendees with informative presentations and shared experiences. Attendees also received 12 hours of continuing education credit. The 2016 conference will be a joint conference with North Carolina in April in Myrtle Beach.

**Tennessee**

**TN Association of Floodplain Management**

TNAFPM currently has 200 members and 84 CFMs. The TNAFPM Board of Directors is as follows:
Chairman: Roger Lindsey
Vice Chairman: Cindy Popplewell
Treasurer: William Veazey
Secretary: Tom Skehan
East Region Director: Stacy Morrison
Middle Region Director: Tom Brashear
West Region Director: Christopher Pate
FEMA Region IV ex-officio: Roy McClure
TN NFIP ex-officio: Amy Miller

TNAFPM hosted multiple training opportunities in each development district in September. The 5th annual conference was held Aug. 5-8, 2014 in Murfreesboro.
Texas Association of Floodplain Management Association

The Texas Floodplain Management Association has enjoyed another very successful year in 2014 to 2015 with our membership continuing to grow and our CFM program experiencing phenomenal interest. Since TFMA started our own CFM program in 1996, we have certified a total of 2,740 CFMs. Of course, over the years we have lost CFMs due to changing of jobs, retirement and in some cases even death. Unfortunately, some CFMs have been decertified due to the downturn in the economy, lack of interest in renewal or because they failed to submit CECs. Current numbers of CFMs are stated below. TFMA continues to manage our CFM program and remains one of only six accredited states by ASFPM to do so.

TFMA continues to develop special partnerships with various federal, state and local agencies as well as the private sector to promote sound floodplain management, hazard mitigation and flood safety awareness. One special partnership is with the 13 National Weather Service offices that serve Texas. Working together, we have now developed additional promo items for the *Turn Around, Don’t Drown* campaign and have taken our flood safety awareness and education efforts to adults and children all across the state. TFMA is an official sponsor or supporter of various NOAA projects, including SkyWarn Storm Spotter Training, NOAA All Hazards Radio, StormReady, CoCoRaHS, and of course TADD. TFMA was given the honor of being chosen a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. The following is a summary of TFMA accomplishments and successes for 2014 and 2015:

**Membership and Certified Floodplain Manager program:**
At the close of 2014, TFMA had a total membership of 2,056. Of those, 1,756 were active Certified Floodplain Managers. During the year (2014), we added 217 new CFMs and 276 new members. As of April 2015, TFMA now has a total membership of 1,976 with 1,785 active Certified Floodplain Managers. For reference: TFMA annual membership fee is $45 and annual CFM renewal fee is $45. CFMs are required to pay annual fees as well as submit proof of at least eight hours of Continuing Education Credits to maintain their professional certification.

**Training, Continuing Education & CFM Exam Opportunities**
TFMA continues to work our special partnerships with FEMA Region VI staff and the staff of the Texas Water Development Board (the state NFIP coordinating agency) to provide training opportunities for the TFMA members to gain more experience and expertise in our chosen profession of floodplain management. Various workshops and classes offer the opportunity to gain continuing education credits for the CFM and also opportunity to
learn more about the NFIP prior to taking the CFM exam. Limited funding is available at FEMA and TWDB to be able to host the number of training courses needed for the demand in a state as large as Texas. In 2014, TFMA stepped up its training efforts throughout the state. Our regional directors are providing training in each of their regions. The TFMA Training Committee is diligently working with FEMA region 6, TWDB and others to provide training opportunities reaching every region in Texas.

The FEMA E273 four-day “Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program” Training Course continues to be the stalwart of TFMA’s CFM program. At the conclusion of the course, the CFM exam is offered to course attendees as well as others who have pre-applied for the exam. A person must be an active member of TFMA, must complete a CFM exam application, and pay a $100 exam fee prior to being placed on the list of approved exam takers. In 2015 TFMA has plans to host two additional E-273 four-day classes.

The following is a summary of the CFM exam opportunities and training offered in 2014 and proposed for 2015:

**CFM Exam Opportunities**

- Jan. 10, 2014 – TFMA EO, Cedar Park, Texas, Exam Takers: 1, Passed: 1
- Feb. 10, 2014 – City of Brownwood, TX, Exam Takers: 11, Passed: 11
- Feb. 24, 2014 – City of Lubbock, TX, Takers: 1, Passed: 1
- Feb. 28, 2014 – Corpus Christi, TX, Exam Takers: 18, Passed: 14
- April 8, 2014 – South Padre Island, Stormwater Conference, South Padre, TX, Exam Takers: 6, Passed: 3
- April 25, 2014 – Laredo, Texas, Exam Takers: 22, Passed: 13
- May 27, 2014 – Irving, Texas, Exam Takers: 37, Passed: 34
- June 27, 2014 – El Paso, TX, Exam Takers: 29, Passed: 20
- Aug. 8, 2014 – Houston, TX, Exam Takers: 9, Passed: 5
- Sept. 3, 2014 – TFMA Fall Conference, San Antonio, TX, Exam Takers: 29, Passed: 20
- Sept. 12, 2014 – Odessa, TX, Exam Takers: 1, Passed: 1
- Sept. 19, 2014 – Cedar Park, TX, Exam Takers: 31, Passed: 29
- Oct. 1, 2014 – Richardson, TX, Exam Takers: 10, Passed: 5
- Nov. 11, 2014 – Cedar Park, TX, Exam Takers: 1, Passed: 1
- Dec. 5, 2014 – Arlington, TX, Exam Takers: 22, Passed: 16
- Dec. 5, 2014 – San Antonio, TX, Exam Takers: 27, Passed: 24
- Dec. 14, 2014 – TFMA EO, Cedar Park, TX, Exam Takers: 2, Passed: 2

**Training 2014:**
- Jan. 25, 2014 – North Texas Event, Grapevine, TX – 265 attendees
March 7, 2014 – Fort Worth, TX, Intro to CRS
April 8, 2014 - Stormwater Conference, South Padre Island, TX – 15 attendees
April 16, 2014 – HAZUS Webinar, Denton, TX
April 21-24, 2014 – 4-day E-273 course and CFM Exam, Laredo, Texas -36 attendees
April 20, 2014 – Elevation Certificate Workshop, Arlington, TX – 43 attendees
April 20, 2014 – 2013 NFIP Program Update, Arlington, TX – 22 attendees
May 27 – 30, 2014 – TFMA Spring Conference, Irving, TX – 450 attendees
June 12, 2014 – Region 6 Luncheon Event, San Antonio, TX – 136 attendees
July 15, 2014 – FP 101, Llano, TX – 40 attendees
Aug. 4 – 7, 2014 – 4-day Advanced Course, Houston, TX – 28 attendees
Sept. 2 – 5, 2014 – TFMA Fall Conference, San Antonio, TX – 550 attendees
Sept. 11, 2014 – 2014 NFIP Refresher/Ethics in FP Management, Odessa, TX – 38 attendees
Sept. 15-18, 2014 – E273, Cedar Park Rec Center, Cedar Park, TX – 36 attendees
Oct. 1, 2014 – FPM 101, Richardson, TX – 46 attendees
Oct. 7, 2014 – Denton County, Denton, TX – 40 attendees
Oct. 15, 2014 – Local Floodplain Manager Roles & Responsibilities, Snyder, TX – 22 attendees
Oct. 31, 2014 – G282.2 Manufactured Homes and the NFIP, Orange, TX – 12 attendees
Nov. 12, 2014 – CFM Refresher and Ethics, McAllen, TX – 45 attendees
Nov. 20, 2014 – Higher Standards and CEC-a-palooza, Lubbock, TX - 22 attendees
Dec. 2 – 5, 2014 - NCTCOG – Arlington, TX FEMA/TWDB – 32 attendees
Dec. 9, 2014 – Common Non Compliance Issues, Tyler, TX – 15 attendees

Conferences and Other Activities Supported by TFMA
TFMA hosts two conferences each year. Our annual spring conference serves as our awards and recognition conference and also hosts a number of private sector vendors/exhibitors. Every two years, on odd numbered years, the spring conference is also our election day for directors and officers of the TFMA Board of Directors. The spring conference also provides early bird
training workshops as well as numerous concurrent technical session tracks. TFMA also hosts its annual banquet at the conclusion of the spring conference. The 2014 conference was the first conference for TFMA to utilize a convention center as well as a host hotel.

TFMA hosts a slightly shorter annual fall technical conference, which also features early bird training workshops as well as concurrent technical sessions. At both conferences, the CFM exam is offered after a one-day NFIP refresher course. Both conferences also provide ample opportunities for our CFMs to earn Continuing Education Credits. The following is a summary of the 2014-2015 Conference schedule:

TFMA Spring Conference 201 – May 27-30, 2014
Irving Convention Center and Omni Mandalay
Irving, TX
Number attending: 450
Number of Exhibitors: 24; Number of Sponsors: 17
CFM Exam Takers: 36; Number Passing Exam: 33

TFMA Fall Technical Conference 2014 – Sept. 2-5, 2014
Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas
Number attending: 550
Sponsors: 18
CFM Exam Takers: 27; Number Passing Exam: 20

TFMA SPRING Conference – April 14 – 17, 2015
Westin Park Central, Dallas, TX
Number attending: 445
Exhibitors: 29
Sponsors: 17
CFM Exam Takers: 31; Number Passing Exam: 31

TFMA FALL Summit – September 1-4, 2015
Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas

Projected Training for 2015
TFMA is hosting two regional E-273 training events alongside our partners at FEMA. Both events will cross borders to surrounding states in region 6. The first is being held in Amarillo, July 20-23, 2015 and will include Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. FEMA has also committed to help TFMA teach the E-273 in Texarkana. The class will take place in early fall and will include Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. TFMA works closely with TWDB to provide one-day training opportunities statewide. TFMA often
co-sponsors or otherwise supports other conferences and agency activities. The following is a list of those activities:

FEMA Region VI CAP Meetings – Denton, Texas
All five state coordinating agencies as well as all five state floodplain management associations attend the annual CAP meeting to obtain state and federal agency updates.

Region VI CAP Meetings:
May 2015 – Denton, Texas
October 2015 – Denton, Texas

TFMA is a supporter of the Texas Flash Flood Coalition, Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators and the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition. Our instructors are often asked to provide training for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Stormwater Conference and the Building Officials Association of Texas.

Awards Process
At the recent TFMA spring conference, a membership/awards luncheon was held. Cities, counties, agencies and individuals were recognized for their contribution to, not only TFMA, but also communities. Award winners are as follows:

City Floodplain Excellence – City of Cedar Park
Agency of the Year – FEMA, Region VI
Corporate Sponsor of the Year – AECOM
Special Recognition Award – John Espinoza, CFM
2015 Floodplain Manager of the Year – Romin Khavari, CFM
John Patton Community Project Award – Luz Locke, CFM
County Floodplain Management Excellence Wilson County
John P. Ivey Higher Standards Award – City of Dallas
Roy D. Sedwick Service Award – John Grounds, CFM

Association of State Floodplain Managers
TFMA was one of the first state floodplain management associations to become a state chapter of ASFPM and our chapter continues to support ASFPM. To date, we are the largest chapter organized under the purview of ASFPM. TFMA annually supports ASFPM conferences by promoting and encouraging chapter members to become individual members and to attend out of state conferences. Travel scholarships are offered to TFMA board members to assist in attending national conferences.

Continued Special Partnership with National Weather Service and Other Agencies for Flood Safety Awareness and Outreach
As part of Flood Safety Awareness Week, TFMA co-sponsors with the City of Austin, the Turn Around, Don’t Drown Flood Safety Poster Contest in the Austin Independent School District. TFMA provides ribbons and gift cards for 1st through 12th place poster winners. Winning posters become part of the TFMA’s annual TADD Calendar. 15,500 copies of the 2015 calendars were published and distributed throughout the state.

TFMA, working with National Weather Service co-founded and co-chairs the Texas Flash Flood Coalition. TFFC has grown in popularity and now includes a number of federal, state and local agencies working together to reduce the risk of flood deaths in Texas. We have achieved a number of successes including having flood safety information and TADD placed in the State of Texas Drivers Handbook. TADD is also being taught in Defensive Driving and Drivers Education classes. TFMA hosted and sponsored the annual TFFC meeting in February 2015. There were approximately 75 people in attendance.

TFMA continues to develop new flood safety outreach materials for use in flood safety education program for school kids. The program includes a TexAnna TADDpole Coloring and Activity Book, TexAnna stickers, tattoos, bumper stickers and a Power Point presentation including Natural Hazards in Texas for school kids.

TFMA participated in a special Austin area “Weatherfest” at the State of Texas History museum in Austin, Texas on March 1, 2015. It was a free event for kids and adults and drew in more than 4,000 participants. TFMA sponsored an exhibit booth with TADD outreach materials.

Other TFMA Activities
TFMA continues to publish a quarterly newsletter – “The Lightning Rod.” The newsletter improves and grows with each issue and now features numerous colored pictures, graphics and excellent articles. In addition, TFMA now generates additional revenue by selling ads in the newsletter. TFMA maintains an active website that serves as a data base for membership, certification and tracking of continuing education credits for CFMs. Members/CFMs can join or renew membership and certification online and pay fees by credit card. Registration and payment by credit card online also helps facilitate our conferences and training activities. In August 2013, the TFMA website was purchased by another database company and we had to accomplish a major merge in a short period of time. After months of delays from the new company, TFMA launched the new redesign in December 2013. Check it out at www.tfma.org
TFMA has conducted state-wide annual freeboard surveys since 2004 and over 250 communities responded. In 2014 TFMA converted the survey to an online survey similar to Survey Monkey in hopes to attract additional communities. The purpose of the freeboard survey is to encourage communities to adopt higher floodplain management standards than the NFIP minimum requirements. Charlie Hastings, city engineer at the City of Kerrville, initiated the first TFMA freeboard survey in 2004. This survey proved to be a valuable floodplain management tool for numerous Texas communities and has been conducted annually since 2004. The survey report, posted on TFMA’s website, summarizes the various “higher standards” and freeboard techniques that have been successfully implemented by cities and counties in Texas.

The TFMA 2014 Higher Standard Survey shows:
24% (294) of 1240 NFIP communities in Texas responded to the Higher Standards Survey
83% of responders require +1’ or more Freeboard for new development
35% of responders require +1’ or more Freeboard based on fully developed conditions
88% of responders require detention
37% of responders require mitigation of downstream impacts
18% of responders require development to be setback from the Floodway Boundary
83% of responders require that the developer conduct a study to establish the BFE and floodway in Zone A
46% of responders require Freeboard in Zone X (1’ to 3’ above NG and above the nearest street)
78% of responders require Elevation Certificates
83% of responders have community floodplain administrators that are CFM’s

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (DEM) has incorporated the TFMA Freeboard Survey into the Texas State Mitigation Plan to demonstrate how Texas communities (cities and counties) have adopted higher standard floodplain management regulations that exceed the FEMA NFIP minimum requirements. TFMA has posted the Freeboard Survey on www.tfma.org.

TFMA Mentor Program
In 2011 TFMA coordinated with ASFPM/CBOR to launch a pilot State Chapter Mentor Program. In 2012 the TFMA Mentor Program was developed and officially launched in 2013. The TFMA - CFM Mentor Program consists of a team of CFM’s assembled by TFMA as a resource to assist local floodplain administrators, community floodplain managers, CFM’s and the elected officials with problems, issues and requirements related to the National Flood Insurance Program in Texas. The TFMA – CFM Mentor Team
will encourage continuing education through attending conferences and workshops at the local, state and national level; assist floodplain managers and new CFM's in building “network” relationships at those conferences; and become a resource of where to find information and answers about issues and problems related to floodplain management and the NFIP. The TFMA - CFM Mentor Program is also a valuable means for supporting the development – even accelerating the professional growth - of existing and experienced floodplain managers and CFMs. A Team of Mentors will share knowledge, experiences, and skills to benefit floodplain managers. The Mentor Team members also learn to hone their floodplain management skills through assisting others. The Texas Floodplain Management Association has established the CFM Mentor Committee that includes a designated TFMA Board Member to be the CFM Mentor Program Coordinator. The Committee Chair and Coordinator have enlisted a group of volunteer mentors and subject matter experts for the Mentor Team. All CFM Mentor Team members must be a CFM in good standing and have a minimum of five years floodplain management experience.

In 2012, TFMA launched a Mentor Program, patterned after the Georgia Floodplain Management Association Mentor Program. TFMA’s Mentor and Floodplain Management Information Program responded to over 300 requests for information and assistance in 2014. This information is shared with FEMA Region 6 and TWDB, state NFIP coordinator. TFMA has posted Mentor Program information and contact information on www.tfma.org. TFMA Regional Directors from TFMA Regions 4 & 10 (Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex) host quarterly Regional luncheon meetings. The success of these meetings continues to grow and the meeting held on January 23, 2014 had 265 in attendance. In June 2014, region 6 held its inaugural lunch meeting with 136 in attendance. At this time, region 6 has another event slated for June 2015. This type of outreach is critical to TFMA’s service to membership and continues to bring in new members. With the closing of the 2015 spring conference, TFMA has successfully completed its third silent auction. The proceeds of this auction continue to be used to purchase the Ward’s Stormwater/Floodplain Simulator Model. The models are now loaned to TFMA communities for use at fairs, schools and other public outreach and educational activities. The City of Pasadena has made fantastic use of the model and other TFMA flood safety outreach materials. They have monthly outreach activities for kids and adults. TFMA has set a goal to have at least one model in each of its 10 regions. TFMA continues its growth as a strong association promoting flood safety and educating the public at large of the dangers of flooding. Our success is attributed to the strength of our membership and their dedication to the goals and message of TFMA.