

ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

Region IV Report 2012-2013

(AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

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ASFPM MISSION

The mission of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) is to promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts.

INTRODUCTION and REGIONAL OVERVIEW:

Region IV consists of the following 8 states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Within the Region, all of the states have official Chapters of the Association of State Floodplain Managers:

- the **Alabama** Association of Floodplain Managers (AAFM)
- the **Florida** Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA)
- the **Georgia** Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM)
- the **Kentucky** Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM)
- the Association of Floodplain Managers of **Mississippi** (AFMM)
- the **North Carolina** Association of Floodplain Managers (NCAFPM)
- the **South Carolina** Association of Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM)
- the **Tennessee** Association of Floodplain Managers (TN AFPM)

CHAPTER CONFERENCES WITHIN THE REGION:

Each of these organizations has held at least one annual meeting / conference in the past year and has provided CFM training, and general floodplain training and seminars to include, or in addition to, their annual event, as listed below:

- the **Alabama** Association of Floodplain Managers (AAFM)
(<http://www.aafmfloods.org/>)

2012:	April 12, 2012	Montgomery, AL
	September 4-12, 2012	Auburn, AL
2013:	April 17, 2013	Montgomery, AL
	October 21-23, 2013	Auburn, AL
- the **Florida** Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA)
(<https://ffma.pbsjteamaccess.com/>)

2012:	March 28-30, 2012	St Augustine, FL
2013:	April 10-12, 2013	St Petersburg, FL

- the **Georgia** Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM)
(<http://www.gafloods.org/>)
2012: March 27-29, 2012 Lake Lanier Islands Resort; Buford, GA
2013: March 11-14, 2013 Lake Lanier Islands Resort; Buford, GA
- the **Kentucky** Association of Mitigation Managers (KAMM)
(<http://www.kymitigation.org/>)
2012: September 17-20, 2012 Kentucky Dam Village State Park Resort
2013: August 26-29, 2013 Gen Butler State Resort Pk, Carrollton, KY
- the Association of Floodplain Managers of **Mississippi** (AFMM)
(<http://www.kymitigation.org/>)
2012: May 9-11, 2012 Biloxi, MS
2013: April 29-May 2, 2013 Natchez, MS
- the **North Carolina** Association of Floodplain Managers (NCAFPM)
(<http://www.ncafpm.org/>)
2012: May 6-9, 2012 New Bern, NC
2013: April 28-May 1, 2013 Wrightsville Beach, NC
- the **South Carolina** Association of Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM)
(<http://www.scahm.org/>)
2012: April 3-6, 2012 Greenville, SC
2013: March 10-13, 2013 Greenville, SC
- the **Tennessee** Association of Floodplain Managers (TN AFPM)
(<http://www.tnafpm.com/>)
2012: July 24-26, 2012 Paris Landing State Park; Buchanan, TN
2013: July 30-August 2, 2013 Glenstone Lodge; Gatlinburg, TN

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS WITHIN THE REGION:

One of the many findings of the 2010 Gilbert F White National Flood Policy Forum was the need to “take the national dialogue to a state and local level”. The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation found, in their work with the Forum, that there is a need to develop “local” (local, regional, state) flood risk management indicators that complement those developed as “national” indicators at the 2010 Forum (and previous Flood Policy Forums). The “local” and “national” indicators should be aligned, but need not necessarily overlap since perspectives will (and should) be different when one considers a national program - vs - a local watershed.

The Forum Action Agenda that arose out of the 2010 Forum also reflected the participants’ recommendation that there is a need to capture flood risk indicators at the state, regional, and local levels of government to complement the national level indicators developed at the Forum.

With that in mind, the ASFPM Foundation in conjunction with the Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) held the **GA Flood Risk Symposium** on March 21, 2013 in Atlanta, GA. (A similar event was held in Texas on March 19, 2013.) This symposium was designed by the ASFPM Foundation to bring the National Forum policy dialogues to the state and local audience and to achieve the objectives of: 1) engaging Chapter members, 2) exploring differences in scope and focus (national - vs - state and local perspectives), and 3) discussing issues, at the state and local levels, of flood risk implementation.

The Symposium achieved all of their objectives and much more. It is also believed that the event became a much-needed venue for spontaneous and organic networking, relationship-building at all levels of government and between private and non-profit agencies that work with floodplain management, and provided the foundation for exploration of new approaches of flood risk management within the State of Georgia among all of the participants in attendance.

THE REGION:

Our Region involves topography that ranges from “the mountains to the sea” and is impacted from sources of flooding that include: inland, riverine, and coastal flooding.

THE REGION’S DISASTERS:

(Report covers April 1, 2012 to April 1, 2013)

There have been a number of Emergency Declarations and Presidential Declarations issued during the past year within Region IV:

Emergency Declarations (2012):

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| ➤ 3348 | Mississippi | Tropical Storm Isaac |
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Major Disaster Declarations (2012):

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| ➤ 4068 | Florida | Tropical Storm Debby |
| ➤ 4081 | Mississippi | Hurricane Isaac |
| ➤ 4082 | Alabama | Hurricane Isaac |
| ➤ 4084 | Florida | Hurricane Isaac |

Emergency Declarations (2013):

None to date

Major Disaster Declarations (2013):

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| ➤ 4101 | Mississippi | Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding |
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Note: This does not account for localized events, which did not meet the threshold of a “declared disaster”, but which are equally as devastating to local communities.

THE REGION’S CFM PROGRAM:

To work with these disaster events, and to take care of local/state/regional/tribal floodplain management needs, our Region has greater than 1,800 Certified Floodplain Managers; with more to come as Region IV Chapters aggressively provide training and certification opportunities as part of our mission.

Alabama	103 CFMs Total	(up from 97 in 2012)
Florida	615 CFMs Total	(up from 541 in 2012)
Georgia	264 CFMs Total	(up from 255 in 2012)
Kentucky	69 CFMs Total	(down from 72 in 2012)
Mississippi	143 CFMs Total	(same as 143 in 2012)
North Carolina *	384 CFMs Total	(up from 351 in 2012)
South Carolina	168 CFMs Total	(up from 154 in 2012)
Tennessee	60 CFMs Total	(up from 59 in 2012)

Total 1806 CFMs Total (up from 1672 in 2012)

(as reported by Anita Larson at ASFPM - 5/9/2013)

* Note: NCAFPD had an ASFPM accredited CFM Program

**** There is a 8% increase in CFMs in Region IV Chapters overall ****

It should be noted that the Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) started a CFM Mentor Program in 2008. The CFM Mentor Program is still active today and provides Mentors for those wishing to take the CFM Exam and also for new CFMs for the first two years (or longer, if desired) after CFM Certification.

The number of CFMs in Region IV should continue to grow as ASFPM and the Region IV Chapters continue to provide CFM training and CFM certification opportunities.

REPORTS FROM THE STATES WITHIN REGION IV:

Alabama

No report to date

Florida

No report to date

Georgia

No report to date

Kentucky

As reported by Noah Taylor KY's State NFIP Coordinator:

Noah Taylor is the new NFIP Coordinator for the State of Kentucky. Noah works for the Kentucky Division of Water. He can be contacted at 502-564-3410 or via e-mail at noah.taylor@ky.gov

Mississippi

As reported by Jana Henderson, MS's State Hazard Mitigation Officer and Stacey Ricks, MS's State NFIP Coordinator

CAV's: 31
CAC-V: 22
CAC-T: 20
L273: 3
CFM Exam: 3
New Enrollments: 7
GTA: 100
CRS: 5 communities entered or lowered classifications.

MapMod: All MapMod activities are complete with the exception of those counties with levee decertification issues. State is still waiting on guidance and funding to complete this program.

RiskMAP: Three discovery meetings held with HUC 8 watersheds areas. Three to four scheduled for this year. Funding being decreased and move to coastal mapping is hindering the progress of RiskMAP for the State.

The State is currently working to finalize HMGP applications for DR-1604 Hurricane Katrina for submittal to FEMA for review and approval. Two new disaster application periods (DR-4081 and DR-4101) are open for application submittal to State review and approval. State Hazard Mitigation plan is being updated for approval.

North Carolina

As reported by John Gerber, PE, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator, NC Division of Emergency Management Floodplain Mapping Program

FY 2012 CAP-SSSE Update—

- 40 CAVs
- 100 CACs
- 305 GTAs
- 38 No-rise certifications reviewed
- 2 L-273 Courses
- Two 2 ½ day CRS Workshops
- Conducted the 3 day Certified Floodplain Surveyors Training and CFS renewal
- 2 NCAFPM Conferences
- Held CFM Exam 4 times
- 32 Training Workshops
- 7 Mapping meetings
- 10 New enrollments (Total of 567 participating making up 91% of communities with mapped SFHA)

South Carolina

As reported by Melissa Berry Potter – South Carolina's SHMO:

South Carolina's last remaining disaster under HMGP closed on September 25, 2012. The state no longer has any post-disaster funds for mitigation.

As reported by Maria Cox Lamm – South Carolina's State NFIP Coordinator:

- Disaster Status – No current/active disasters
- CAP-SSSE:
 - CAV's: 9
 - CAC-V: 13
 - CAC-T: 19
 - Ordinance Reviews for all communities receiving new maps and general request for review (outside of the ones done for CAV/CACs).
- Offered one (1) L273 Course

Offered one (1) CFM Refresher Course
CFM Exam held three (3) times
Four (4) communities joined the NFIP

- Outreach
Actively assisting the Catawba Indian Nation with a bridge crossing.
Conducted training on No-Impacts and Determining BFE's in A zones.

Provided outreach in regards to BW-12
Presented at the SCAHM conference

- Mitigation (HMA Grants – just FMA/SRL/RFC):
Two planning grants from the previous years are under way.
One (1) project grant is waiting to be awarded.
Continuing great coordination with SCEMD
- CTP:
Four (4) counties maps went effective
One (1) PDCC meeting was held
Two (2) Discovery Meetings were held
- Actively participate in Silver Jackets

Tennessee

No report to date

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS (carried over from 2012):

Based on input from the NFIP Coordinators and SHMOs within Region IV, and various other floodplain management professionals within the Region IV states, the following goals and recommendations are made for the upcoming year:

- Provide outreach / assistance, as practicable, to State NFIP Coordinators and SHMOs.
- Distribute relevant and important information regarding floodplain management and regulatory changes to State NFIP Coordinators and SHMOs (and to membership) within each State within the Region.
- Champion the effort to coordinate with FEMA to provide consistent regulatory guidance between the Regions and between HQs and the Regions. (There are numerous inconsistencies between FEMA HQ's guidance and Region IV's guidance).
- Provide frequent updates on NFIP Reform progress, congressional initiatives, and pending legislation, especially those matters that directly affect the States
- Continue to push FEMA on timely distribution of CAP funds
- Continue to push for increased funding for floodplain management, flood programs, and flood mapping; Push to keep PDM as a grant source
- Provide timely information on Federal budget cutbacks affecting State programs
- Continue to push FEMA to do restudies, where needed, to map behind levees, and to map un-numbered A Zones; If FEMA cannot accomplish this on their own, then a Mapping Grant Program should be created (with a 75/25 match) for communities to update their own maps, thus creating more local involvement in floodplain mapping
- Continue outreach on PRP, LOMA "Out as Shown" and other flood insurance topics
- Continue efforts to standardize plan formats and risk assessments in FEMA-approved State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Update the Higher Standards Guide
- Continue to provide more levee information / outreach in States where this is applicable
- Provide more focus on floodplain management at the State and Local levels
- Provide more outreach at the State and Local levels – perhaps a mechanism for doing this would be a monthly webinar that all ASFPM members could call into – ASFPM Committees could be responsible for these webinars on a rotating basis
- Promote ASFPM membership and update Region IV members on the activities of ASFPM.
- ASFPM should attend, when invited and when possible, the NFIP Coordinators meetings for the Region
- ASFPM should attend, when invited and when possible, the annual meetings for each state within the Region.
- ASFPM should provide, when invited and when possible, NAI training for each state within the Region

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS (2013):

- ASFPM / the ASFPM Foundation should work with the State of Georgia (and Region IV) to implement the action items outlined in the 2013 GA Flood Risk Symposium
- The affordability issue of implementing BW-12 should be explored – especially for low income, elderly, needs-based and owners of PreFirm structures
- The length of time to implement (and the funding for implementation of) MapMod should be explored. Numerous communities are in desperate need of updated maps