

ASFPM Chapter District 3 Annual Report



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Annual Conference—Kansas City, Missouri (2017)

2016-2017

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

Alabama

[*Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers, Inc.*](#)

Member Information: AAFM currently has 90 members and 63 CFMs, which is 70% of the membership...pretty good!

Activities: AAFM plans to host two spring workshops in April 2017 with one in North Alabama and one in South Alabama. This approached was super successful and we received rave reviews and saw the attendance increase by 15-20 people. The set dates and venues are as follows:

Foley, AL (4/12/17) –52 attended

Cullman, AL (4/26/17)—50 projected number to attend

Our new website is serving us well. It took some time to get use to, but now that we've become more acclimated, it's serving us and the membership well.

2016 Fall Conference: This conference was held Oct. 3-5 in Birmingham, AL at the Sheraton Hotel. The two-year conference run in Birmingham was great. The location and the participation was a success. We were able to stay within budget while providing the latest floodplain profession information and a great time. The conference was attended by 95 participants representing over 30 local governments, along with many others from Alabama state government, private industry and academia. We did not have participants interested in testing for their CFM certification for this conference.

Arkansas

[*Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc.*](#)

AFMA currently has 165 members and 170 CFMs.

The fall conference was held Sept. 25-28, 2016 in Eureka Springs with 120 in attendance. Representatives of cities, counties, state, federal and professional organizations attended. Karen Knebel, CFM, was awarded "Floodplain Manager of the Year."

The conference included:

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

Nonstructural Flood Risk Adaptive Measures (Floodproofing) was presented by Randy Behm, PE, CFM, Chair, Corps of Engineers Nonstructural Floodproofing Committee.

The spring workshop was held April 28-29, 2016 in Jacksonville with 108 in attendance.

The following actions by the AFMA, Inc. Board were accomplished within this reporting period:

Federal Income Tax 2016 – working with CPA to be filed.

Liability insurance for the AFMA, Inc. Board members and terrorism was renewed.

AFMA, Inc. 2017 Floodplain Management Calendars were completed and distributed. Flood pictures were drawn by students attending grades 4-6 grades in Wooster, AR.

Services were obtained from the following professionals within this reporting period.

Certified Public Accountant – The 2016 AFMA, Inc. Federal Income Taxes will be 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

[*Florida Floodplain Managers Association*](#)

See the [*FFMA report online*](#).

Georgia

[*Georgia Association of Floodplain Management*](#)

Membership: Our records indicate that we have 203 members. Of those members, 135 attended this year's conference. To date, we have 282 CFMs registered in Georgia. The hope for this year's conference was to have at least 150 members attending. One of our goals for the 2018 conference is to meet and surpass the 150 threshold.

Budget: GAFM is financially strong. Treasurer Traci Murray reports that we expect to have a combined balance of approximately \$30,000 once we have paid all vendors for our conference activities.

CRS Users Group: Georgia has two independent CRS Users Groups: Metro Atlanta and Coastal Georgia. The Metro group is in a rebuilding stage. The original group was led by Jeff Stanley with the city of Griffin. Due to personal reasons, he elected to step down as group leader and the group became inactive for several months. Thomas Tkacs with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Floodplain Management Division, recently stepped in as group leader to revitalize activities. Meanwhile, the Coastal CRS Users Group is doing very well. Presently, we have a majority of the Georgia coastal CRS communities participating along the I-95 corridor from the state lines of South Carolina to Florida. Scott Brazell from Camden County organizes efforts on the southern end while Tom McDonald and Michael Blakely assist from the northern end. As a Coastal CRS Uses Group, we attempt to meet at least quarterly. However, with the variety of topics for discussion ranging from elevation certificates to the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance updates, on average we meet every other month. We are rapidly moving to having 100% CRS communities within Chatham County and we have other non-CRS communities expecting to apply with Insurance Services Offices within the next few months. On average, we have 10 to 15 community representatives present during our approximate 1-hour meetings.

Annual Activities: Our 11th annual technical conference was held March 20-23, 2017 at Lake Lanier Island Resort in Buford. GAFM has used this venue for several of its' previous conferences. This year's conference theme was "Mountains to Shore – Managing a Multitude of Risks." The conference benefits individuals involved in permitting, flood insurance, floodplain management, protecting the natural and beneficial function of the environment, surveying, stormwater policies, drainage issues, CRS, CRS Users Groups, CFM training and no adverse impacts, etc. The GAFM conference attracts likeminded professionals from across the state and beyond and affords the opportunity to collaborate with Federal Emergency Management Association and Georgia floodplain management staff, local floodplain managers, policy makers and professional consultants within the field. With ASFPM's support, GAFM gains access to many workshops, Technical Bulletins, webinars and technical discussions that include topics such as Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances, new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps, flood insurance, Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement Design, and how the CRS programs work.

Our first activity began with the annual golf outing. We had several participants and awards were given for Longest Drive, Best Putt, Best Dressed Golf Cart, Best Score and Most Lost Golf Balls. Traditionally this event is a success and this year's was no different. The official conference

started with a Georgia's Flood Risk Mapping Assessment and Planning Program by Haydn Blaize with GADNR. A few of the workshops included The SFHA and Beyond: Georgia Floodplain Web Viewer (Basic Features), Flood Insurance and Mitigation Options for Property Owners & Elevation Certificates, NFIP Review Class (Parts 1 & 2) followed by the CFM exam. We had 10 applicants to take the CFM exam. The conference was a huge success as a result of the efforts of Emma Bones serving as conference chair and Michael McLaughlin as conference co-chair. Other activities hosted during the year included:

July 13, 2016: GAFM Board Members Conference call.
 Sept. 7, 2016: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Oct. 13, 2016: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Dec. 1, 2016: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Dec. 2, 2016: GAFM Panel Planning Session Conference call.
 Dec. 20, 2016: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Jan. 11, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Jan. 26, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Feb. 16, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 Feb. 24, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 March 1, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.
 March 9, 2017: GAFM Executive Board Members Conference call.

Wards Floodplain Model: This 3-dimensional flood model was utilized during the year to provide live demonstrations of the effects of flooding events as caused by development and obstructions within the floodplain. The following bullets provide a brief description of two of the venues utilized.

- Nov. 16, 2016, Tom McDonald and Michael Blakely used the Wards Floodplain Model at the 10th Annual GIS Day held at Savannah State University. The goal of GIS Day was to educate close to 450 local 8th grade students about the adverse flooding effects poor development has on a community.
- Feb. 23, 2017: CRS Outreach: Tom McDonald and Michael Blakely were instructors at Heard Elementary School's STEM night. Using the Wards Floodplain Model they demonstrated how development can cause flooding, but local ordinances can provide solutions to prevent flooding. In a span of 20 minutes per cycle, they demonstrated five different phases of development to an estimated 100 students and parents.

NOTE: The above referenced conference calls generally consisted of discussion regarding old business, acknowledgements and award recognitions, new business, membership status, CRS Users Group meetings including the Atlanta and Georgia Coastal Groups, website improvements, Mitigation and NAI webinars provided by Sean Roche,

elections, upcoming GAFM and ASFPM conferences, and association goals. The outreach activities are supported by photographs, which can be provided upon request. Detailed information can be found by reviewing the meeting minutes, which can be provided upon request.

GAFM adopted a new logo this year. It represents our attempt to think and operate outside-the-box. Moving forward, GAFM is dedicated to making our organization the best it can be. In an attempt to uphold the Purpose of the Association as stated in the Constitution By-Laws, we are committed to producing a support mechanism, which is ultimately aimed at branching into the nationwide network of floodplain management. We will provide educational opportunities allowing dissemination of general and technical information, in order to keep its members abreast with the advancement of floodplain and stormwater management knowledge. This association encourages the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among the practitioners of floodplain and stormwater management.

GAFM offers yearly scholarships to members to assist in attending the national conference or other training events. A future training event will include Sue Hopfensperger and Dave Carlton hosting to present a one-day mini-technical conference May 9, 2017. Specific detail of this training session have not yet been determined.

Kentucky

Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers

KAMM has 129 members as of April 4, 2017 (109 members at same time in 2016). Of those, 35 are new KAMM members. Currently there are 73 CFMs in Kentucky and there were 75 last year.

The 2016 KAMM annual conference was held from Aug. 22-25 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville. There were 155 attendees (125 in 2015) with representatives from local, state and federal agencies, and Area Development Districts. The conference had nine sponsors. The KAMM Board had representatives from KAMM Regions I and III re-elected at the 2016 KAMM conference. The 2017 KAMM conference will have elections for the KAMM executive Board, KAMM Regions II and IV, and the KAMM at-large board member.

- Amanda LeMaster, Kentucky Emergency Management, was awarded the KAMM 2016 Mitigation Manager of the Year
- Toby Spalding, City of Radcliff, was awarded the KAMM 2016 Floodplain Manager of the Year.

Both award winners will present at the 2017 KAMM conference about the projects that relate to the award.

The 2016 KAMM conference theme was, “The Changing Climate of Mitigation” and included a CFM exam, and conference tracks including Public Assistance, NFIP (including Biggert Waters and HFIAA), Silver Jackets and local success stories. The preconference activities included tours of the Kentucky and Barkley Dams, a workshop on the state 401 Water Quality Certification and state floodplain permitting processes, and six hours of Elevation Certificate training. The conference was highlighted by an “Agency Meet and Greet” interactive session where representatives from 11 state and federal agencies provided an overview of their respective missions relating to floodplain management and mitigation. For the first time, KAMM offered continuing education to local officials for attending the conference. The KAMM website (<http://www.kymitigation.org/2016-annual-kamm-conference-recap/>) has information on conference sponsors, attendees, presentations and great pictures from our houseboat ride.

KAMM hosted eight training sessions (two in each of KAMM’s four regions) in March/April 2017. The trainings were focused on Day 1 Topics (Basic) and Day 2 Topics (Intermediate). The basic tract trainings have been attended by approximately 100 folks and KAMM anticipates another 80 to 100 for the Intermediate topics training scheduled in April 2017. Topics ranged from Tips and Tricks for Risk Identification, Community Rating System, and Innovations in Mitigation.

The following actions have been accomplished by the KAMM Board since the August 2016 conference:

- Second annual KAMM Board and committee lead winter retreat
- Assessment of association insurance needs and coverage for the KAMM Board
- Received designation by the IRS as a 501 c 3 non-profit designation
- Formed four new committees (Professional Development, Education and Outreach, Emergency Management, and Flood Mitigation)
- Committees formed from topics identified during 2016 KAMM member registration process
- Supported the KAMM CRS Users Group
- Developed a strategic plan

The KAMM website is continuously updated. A new addition is the KAMM committee webpage that will serve as a repository for committee information such as mission statements, records of meetings, goals and objectives, etc. The KAMM website has information on all natural hazards identified in the Kentucky state hazard mitigation plan.

The KAMM 2017 annual conference is scheduled for Aug. 28-31, 2017 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville. The conference theme is, "KAMM I Am..."

Louisiana

Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

LFMA has 294 members registered for 2017 through March, and 231 CFMs.

The LFMA annual conference was held April 13-15, 2016 in Baton Rouge with 189 members in attendance. Representatives of cities, parishes, state, federal and professional organizations attended.

The following awards were presented:

- Rod Emmer Award for Visionary Guidance & Meritorious Involvement in Floodplain Management was presented to James Demouchet CFM, Caddo Parish
- Outgoing officer awards were presented to:
 - Melissa Becker, CFM, Chair 2014 – 2016, Floodwatch Newsletter Editor, 2005 - 2016
 - Kara Moree, CFM, Secretary 2012 - 2016
 - Darla Duet, CFM, Vice Chair – 2014 - 2016
- LaDOTD Certificate of Appreciation was presented to:
 - Monica Farris, Ph.D., CFM
 - Ryan Donadieu, CFM
 - Maggie Olivier, CFM
- The Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Alpha Alpha Chapter Friend of Extension award was presented to Cindy O'Neal, Louisiana NFIP State Coordinator
- Poster Contest Awards were presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from Central Middle School, Central, LA

The conference included a variety of presentations including William "Bill" Smith, PE, CFM®, OFMA, on how to form a Disaster Recovery Team in Louisiana to perform Substantial Damage Determinations. This presentation resulted in 10 volunteers including a DRT Coordinator. A presentation by Shona Gibson, FEMA Region VI about a new Mapping Program and Base Level Elevations. Our keynote speaker was Honorable William "Billy" Nungesser, Lt. Governor, State of Louisiana, speaking on the Louisiana Floodplain Coastal Challenges. Dewberry, LSU Ag Center, HGA, High Sierra Electronics, Inc., and SmartVent were sponsors.

The LFMA 2015 summer workshop was held in Carencro July 22 with 40 members in attendance.

The LFMA 2016 fall workshop was held Oct. 14 in Jefferson Parish with 50 people in attendance.

The biggest story in Louisiana came in August when "Great Flood of 2016" caused some 150,000 buildings to be flooded. Most of them were not in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Into the breach for assisting in recovery efforts came the LFMA Disaster Response Team. The team was organized in July, 2016 and then a month later came its baptism. They provided Substantial Damage estimate screenings, collected high water marks, provided data entry to field recovery, developed GIS inundation maps, and outreach services for homeowners. The 18 volunteers performed just about any duties that community officials requested of them.

Mississippi

[Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi](#)

In 2016, AFMM experienced a membership of 91, with 65 of those with CFMs.

Mississippi held one conference in 2016. That being a spring conference in Natchez May 9-11 with an attendance of 79. Over half of the attendees hold their CFM and earned 12 CECs.

In 2017 we will be holding our annual spring conference in Natchez May 16-18. Amendments to the By-Laws will continue to be discussed at the general membership meeting along with election of officers and directors. With budget constraints of the membership and sponsors, holding one conference per year will be another topic of discussion at the membership meeting.

AFMM sponsored the 5K Run at the 2016 ASFPM national conference in Grand Rapids, MI and will be sponsoring it again in 2017.

We currently have 143 members with ASFPM, with a total of 148 CFMs. Mississippi's CFMs continue to increase each year!

North Carolina

[North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers](#)

NCAFPM is celebrating 27 years in existence. It was a year filled with activities, which helped us formally remember our mission and history, while also initiating new ideas and programs designed to improve outreach and growth opportunities. NCAFPM typically provides two conferences a year, offering 12 CECs/PDHs at each one. This year we joined hands with the South Carolina chapter to hold a joint conference

under the theme of "One Carolina, One Recovery" following Hurricane Joaquin. It was an opportune time to come together and commemorate one of the biggest flooding disasters in neighboring states' history. It was a hugely successful conference with stories shared, lessons learned discussed, and relationships made. The NCAFPM board is committed to carrying this tradition forward and have similar joint conferences in the future.

In addition to the two conferences, the Education and Outreach Committee participated in community involvement events such as the Forsyth County Creek Week and Charlotte Weather Fest. The chapter continued to put Wards Flood Model to a great use by taking it to elementary and middle school classrooms across the state. The students were amazed to see the adaptations of floodplains to development at the scale model.

NCAFPM also put in place a CFM Mentor Program, which consists of a team of CFMs to assist with problems, issues and requirements related to the NFIP in North Carolina. The CFM Mentor Program assisted floodplain managers and new CFMs in building key relationships and accessing information and answers about issues and problems related to floodplain management.

The highlight of the year has to be ASFPM Flood Risk Symposium where the North Carolina chapter hosted nation experts. Invaluable insights were shared by all community officials and feedback was gathered from all attendees. The attendees were able to brainstorm topics such as data collection, mapping, mitigation, dams, resiliency and innovation.

Oklahoma

[Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association](#)

OFMA is a vibrant and healthy chapter with many ongoing activities. We currently have 495 full members, 28 agency members, 14 corporate members and three corporate partners. Our CFM program continues with 333 CFMs in Oklahoma.

Strategic Planning: Each fall after the annual conference our new officers and Board members and invited guests (members and nonmembers) meet for 2 1/2 days to review the past year and set goals and objectives for the new year. Then the Strategic Plan is adopted and becomes the "roadmap" for our chapter activities.

Annual Spring Technical Workshop - This was held on April 6, 2017. It was one of the largest (165) spring workshops that OFMA has had and was

very successful - "Floods of 2015 - Community Involvement, Those Affected and Event Preparedness" was the theme.

ASFPM Flood Risk Symposium - March 28, 2017 - this event was held at Rose State College in Midwest City. Over 65 participants from many different venues were present and participated. Three keynote speakers began the day with breakout sessions in the afternoon on the three topics presented. Each group identified at least 5 goals to present in the afternoon session, and at the end of the day, five recommendations were made to OFMA Board for implementation. The six top recommendations from each group were: Group 1 - Identifying Risk - Goals - Speed up the Risk ID process and Restructure Training Classes for FPAs. Group 2 - Response and Recovery - Goals - Tying Economic Develop and Community Action to our Recovery Plans and Improve Coordination between the OFMA DRT and Pre-Disaster Flood Coordination Group. Group 3 - Hazard Mitigation and Building Resilient Communities - Goals - Develop proposal for Federal Match for funding of local Master Drainage Plans and Encourage Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning to be ready to build back better after a disaster.

OFMA Mentoring Program - Chair Bill Smith has initiated a mentoring program for Floodplain Administrators and their Boards or Councils that are either 1) not OFMA members, 2) are new FPAs, or 3) are seasoned FPAs with specific issues and concerns. The Regional Representative and a designate mentor will visit one community per month to meet with the FPA, his superiors, and the governing body of the community to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the community in the NFIP, provide educational opportunities that OFMA provides and discuss any specific issues that the community faces in the NFIP SFHA areas. The PDCC continues to review and consider the pending State Accredited Chapter Issue as Oklahoma is one of the six Chapters being considered by ASFPM on the impact of State Chapters on ASFPM.

Insurance and Regulatory Affairs Committee - Continues to monitor State Legislation that could impact NFIP communities in Oklahoma. We educate legislators on the potential impacts of their actions on the effects to communities. This year there is a drone issue pending which would impact our OFMA Drone Support Team from being able to assist during times of disaster response.

Outreach - Our Outreach committee has many facets including the TADD signs for communities (300 signs funded through CAP for communities to install); TADD Calendar contest (over 500 entries in 2017 from local schools); Membership - (new committee leaders making headway to get

non-OFMA FPAs to join); Traveling Trunks (new educational tool for middle schools); 3-D models (OFMA has three throughout state that are used on a weekly basis to educate); and our Tribal Liaison (group training at Cherokee Nation with 26 tribes participating in 101 and 202 and L-273 class to be presented in June 2017).

Disaster Response Team - preparing for Spring 2017. Our Drone Support Team has over 20 members, all of whom are FAA licensed.

Training Cadre and OFMA Institute - OFMA has over 42 different advanced courses that have been developed to assist OWRB with State Accredited Training. Each year OFMA assists with 10-13 training locations across the State during Flood Insurance Month (March) and Flood Awareness Month (May). Day long classes are developed with varied instructors and varied topics.

OFMA Annual Conference - The OFMA Annual Conference will be held in Oklahoma City area this year from Sept 18-20, 2017. The program is being developed as this is being written.

CRS - Del City was just accepted into the CRS as a Class 6. There is one county that is now in the process of applying for CRS status.

Silent Auction - At the Annual Conference in 2016, we held a Silent Auction with proceeds going to the OFMA scholarship program to send an FPA to the Annual Conference. The Board also send a donation to the ASFPM Foundation Scholarship with funds from the Silent Auction for \$1,000.

Stormwater/Stormwater Quality has become a regular track at all of our conferences since it goes "hand-in-hand" with the Floodplain Management. Since there is not a Stormwater Association in Oklahoma, we invite Stormwater individuals to the OFMA conferences.

NAI Guide for EM/FPA - Bill Smith, Chair and OFMA DRT Coordinator assisted in the development of the new NAI Guide to be released at ASFPM 2017.

South Carolina

[South Carolina Association of Hazard Mitigation](#)

Number of SCAHM Members – 140

Number of CFM in South Carolina – 191

The annual conference was held March 6-8, 2017 in Myrtle Beach. There were more than 125 people registered and in attendance at the conference. This year's program included 26 presentations, 3 training workshops and a roundtable discussion on Hurricane Matthew Response

from the Local Perspective. This year's conference sponsorship included 6 vendors, up from 3 at the last South Carolina conference. The CFM exam was also offered on March 5, 2017 prior to the conference kick off.

For the fourth time in the organization's history, a Floodplain Manager of the Year Award was given. SCAHM presented Patrick Brown, Town of Edisto Beach Building Code Administrator, with the Floodplain Manager of the Year Award during the association's annual business meeting. Mr. Brown received this award for his outstanding service to the Town of Edisto Beach as well as other hard hit in-land communities in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

Election of new officers and Regional Representatives for regions 1, 3 and 5 took place at the conference in March. The officers and Regional Representatives are Chairperson Andrea Bolling, Vicechair Person Patrick Brown, Secretary Nicole Dail, Treasurer is Angela McJunkin, Region 1 Representative Jessica Jordan, Region 2 Representative Ward Braswell, Region 3 Representative Billy Staley, Region 4 Representative Helen Roodman, and Region 5 Representative Nicole Dixon. The Corporate Liaison remains as J. Paul Abrams and the Executive Director remains as Daryle Fontenot.

The associations held 2 workshops during the year. The first workshop, "Determining BFEs Using Approximate A Zone Models", was held on July 20, 2016. The second workshop, "Flood Risk Products," was held on Dec. 16, 2016.

The association has also schedule training workshops for the upcoming year. The first training workshop is scheduled for June 9, 2017. The newly reestablished Training and Outreach Committee is developing topics for this and the other 3 schedule trainings for the year.

The Winter Edition of the SCAHM Newsletter was issued on January 6, 2017.

Texas

[Texas Floodplain Management Association](#)

On May 10, 2016, TFMA was honored to host their second ASFPM Symposium. 75 members attended this important event from all over the state. The agenda focused on 2015 flooding in Texas, what we learned and what we can do moving forward. ASFPM moderators included Matt Koch, Brad Anderson, Tim Hiller and Diane Brown. Symposium presenters were Don Ferguson from the Wimberly, Paul Yura from the National Weather Service and Chairman Bech Bruun from the Texas Water Development Board.

TFMA continues to host two conferences per year. The annual 2016 spring conference was held in Houston at the Omni Galleria. The venue was appropriate after all the flooding issues in and around Harris County. The 3rd annual Mike Howard Lectureship speaker was Andrew Sansom, PhD, Texas State University. His presentation "The Natural and Beneficial Functions of our Floodplains" focused on the events of the recent floods. Awards are presented at the conference along with a Silent Auction. Capping off the conference was the annual banquet 'Casino Night with the Beatles.'

The TFMA 2016 Fall Summit was held Sept. 7-9 at Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. This conference focuses more on the technical topics, but we still leave room to network! Guest speaker for the summit was Dr. Robert Mace, Texas Water Development Board.

Feb. 21, 2017, TFMA hosted its first "TFMA Day at the Capital." Forty TFMA members paired up to visit state senators, legislators and representatives to educate them on flooding hazards and the importance of promoting flood safety and awareness. There were Stormwater model demonstrations and reception at the end of the day where many of the representatives attended. The day was a huge success and plans are being made for the next legislative session in 2019.

Outreach has always been an important part of TFMA and we are always looking for ways to expand our vision in this area. On March 4, 2017, TFMA participated in a "Wonders of Water" day with the girl scouts in Dallas, Texas. The focus was on all the aspects of water – conservation, effects on soil erosion, and flooding. TFMA used the Stormwater model to illustrate floodplains and the devastation flood waters can have on those who do not take proper precautions to prevent loss of life and property. We introduce to the group TexAnna TADDpole and told her story. Most of the girls had never heard the phrase "Turn Around Don't Drown" before the event. They went home ready to teach mom and dad! At this time, we are working with the Girl Scout council to develop a TADD/TexAnna patch program. We continue to reach out to schools and community events to promote TADD. Our goal for the year is to be present for at least one community event/fair in each of our ten regions.

TFMA continues to grow our CFM program. In 2016, we reached a record of 2,067 CFMs. It has become more evident we have a huge responsibility to our members. We fail them unless we can provide the training needed to help them maintain their professional positions and stay current with the ever changing rules and regulations in our industry. TFMA partnered with FEMA and TWDB and provided four 273 courses in the state. We also were awarded a 4-day course from ASFPM and taught a course using only

TFMA instructors. In addition to the two conferences, we provided over 50 courses statewide. Is it enough? We don't believe so! Our goal is to increase training opportunities for our membership each year.