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## OFMA Hosts Legislative Reception at Capitol



The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association hosted a reception for state legislators and their staffs on Wednesday, February 14, from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm at the State Capitol. The reception was a great success, and afforded OFMA members and flood victims an opportunity to discuss major floodplain management issues with the lawmakers.

OFMA members attending the reception were Chair Anna Waggoner, Woodward; Vice-Chair Larry Shelton, Chickasha; Executive Director Ken Morris, OWRB; Treasurer Carolyn Schultz, Tulsa Corps; Past Chair Ron Flanagan, Tulsa; Secretary Lynne Stevenson, Canadian County; Region 1 Rep. Nancy Kennedy, Edmond; Region 2 Rep. Nancy Wade, Bartlesville; Region 3 Rep. David Sprouse, Madill; Region 5 Rep. Jason Shiever, OWRB-Woodward; Webmaster Hank Elling, OWRB-Lawton; Rhonda Kouba, OWRB; Nancy Shipley, GGEDA -Big Cabin; Ed Fite, Okla. Scenic Rivers Comm.; Joe Remond-

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### National Conference to be held in Tulsa, March 31-April 5, 2001

Oklahoma Floodplain and Emergency Managers have a rare opportunity to attend a major national disaster conference.

The *National Symposium on Mitigating Severe Weather Impacts: Design for Disaster Reduction*, will be held in Tulsa at the Civic Center, March 31-April 5, 2001, hosted by the International Center for Natural Hazards and Disaster Research, University of Oklahoma. The *Oklahoma Flood Forum*, for real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials, co-sponsored by the NFIP, the City of Tulsa, and OFMA, will be held on April 4, as part of the symposium.

In response to the rising costs of disasters, the nation's focus is changing from reactive to proactive measures to reduce loss of life and property. The symposium has been organized so that diverse interests in mitigation can work together to perfect

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strategies for improving the safety and well-being of society before a natural hazard becomes a disaster.

A major conference goal is to develop public and private partnerships to create a disaster resilient society through improved planning, engineering and architectural design and technology. Several sessions are planned:

- Surviving structural damage due to hail, lightning, tornadoes, and strong winds: planning and engineering for severe weather resistant structures.
- Managing risk of extreme temperature and weather: energy, drought, and water resources.
- Mitigating flood impacts for disaster resilient communities: warning systems and predictions.
- Interventions for change: incentives, legislation, regulations, innovations, and education.
- Action agenda planning 2002: developing projects and initiatives for implementation of priorities identified during the symposium.

Registration fee for the *National Symposium* is \$50.00. There is no charge for the *Oklahoma Flood Forum*. A complete agenda is available from *Cindy Ward, International Center for Natural Hazards and Disaster Research, University of Oklahoma, 710 Asp Ave., Suite 8, Norman, OK 73069; (405) 447-8418; e-mail: cward@ou.edu.*

## Oklahoma Flood Forum- Tulsa, April 4, 2001

The *Oklahoma Flood Forum*, a one-day professional training workshop for real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials, will be held in Tulsa at the Civic Center, Wednesday, April 4, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The training workshop is specifically designed for professionals for whom accurate information about flood insurance is of critical importance. Past Flood Forums, held in Lawton and Lubbock, Texas, proved very beneficial to participants. All Floodplain Administrators should inform their real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials about the Forum.

The morning plenary session begins at 9:00, and includes subjects of general interest to all participants. The afternoon break-out sessions are

geared specifically to each of the professions: real estate and insurance agents, lenders, and public officials. Continuing education credits are awarded to real estate agents, insurance agents and Certified Floodplain Managers.

The *Oklahoma Flood Forum* is sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City of Tulsa, Project Impact's Insurance Committee, and the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA).



Lonnie Ward—FEMA Region VI

## Ken Morris Receives OWRB Award



Ken Morris (left) being presented with his award by Duane A. Smith, OWRB Executive Director

W. Kenneth Morris, CFM, OFMA's Executive Director and the State of Oklahoma's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, received the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's (OWRB) *Employee of the Quarter* award.

Mr. Morris oversees the National Flood Insurance Program for Oklahoma's 363 member communities. Rhonda Kouba assists him in carrying out Oklahoma's floodplain management program. He has initiated countless outstanding accomplishments related to the promotion of sound floodplain management in the state of Oklahoma. In addition to providing numerous technical assistance and training opportunities for the state's floodplain managers, Mr. Morris spearheaded the development

of OFMA and its nationally recognized certification program—the first nationally accredited program in the U.S.

Mr. Morris also serves on the OFMA and the National ASFPM Professional Development and Certification Committees. He was Oklahoma's first nationally-accredited Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

Mr. Morris is active in the national Association of State Floodplain Managers, and is widely recognized as being one of the best state floodplain administrators in the nation.

OFMA is very proud of Mr. Morris, his accomplishments, and his much deserved award.

# OFMA Legislative Reception - 2001

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ini, Tulsa-Corps; Marion Stinson, GGEDA; Rowena Yeahquo, Piedmont; Kent Wilkins, OWRB; Mike McCool, TAEMA-Tulsa; Andy Kincaid, Stillwater; Dan Cary, Cleveland County; Melissa Fruits, Tonkawa; Eathel Moring, McClain County; Jeff Byram, Edmond; Jackie D'Amico, Midwest City; and Mike Melton, OWRB.



Debe Homer, Congressman J.C. Watt's Office; and flood victim Tammy Turner

Legislative initiatives of special interest to OFMA members and flood victims include:

**HB1329-Floodplain Management Fees.** Authorizes the establishment of Floodplain Management Boards by the OWRB, counties and municipalities to adopt, administer and enforce floodplain regulations, and to charge reasonable fees for services, not to exceed \$500.00 per application.



OFMA's Corps of Engineers Partners Joe Remondini and Carolyn Schultz

**HB1949, Section 3 -Funding for Flood Hazard Mitigation.** Authorizes \$1 million for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Financial Assistance Program, to be used to help communities achieve their local match for HMGP or FMA flood mitigation funds.

These bills may be read in their entirety at: [www2.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/hb\\_engr.html](http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/docs/hb_engr.html), then scroll down to HB1329 and HB1949, Section 3.



Tulsa Emergency Management Director, Mike McCool and FEMA's Lonnie Ward help educate lawmakers.

OFMA members met with legislators, discussed the bills, and the need for increased state emphasis on flood-hazard mitigation.

Special guests attending the reception and visiting with legislators about the state's flood problems were flood victim Tammy Turner; Canadian County Commissioner Stanley Wallace; and FEMA Region VI Hazard Mitigation Officer Lonnie Ward. OFMA members were especially impressed with the interest in flooding and the plight of flood victims shown by Congressman J.C. Watts' office and staff member Debe Homer.



OFMA's Secretary, Lynne Stevenson and Canadian County Commissioner Stanley Wallace.

## Web Sites

**OFMA** [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org)  
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## EMERGENCY AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS TO HOLD JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Boards of Directors of the Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA) and the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) have officially agreed to hold a joint annual conference in September 2001.

The annual conference, to be held in Tulsa at the Southern Hills Hilton, Sept. 23-27, 2001, is expected to draw some 300 Emergency and Floodplain Managers, vendors and participants.

The plenary session will be of general interest to both Emergency and Floodplain Managers. Two concurrent tracks

will be devoted primarily to Emergency Management, one track to both groups, and two tracks for Floodplain Management. Conference attendees may attend any session.

A golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001. A complete agenda and reservation /registration information will be published in future issues of the **B.F.E.**

Closer working relationships must be established between Emergency and Floodplain Managers, especially since 70% of disasters are flood related.

## Calendar of Events

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association maintains a list of flood-related meetings, conferences, and training at [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org)

- **Mar 31 - Apr 5, 2001: National Symposium on Mitigating Severe Weather Impacts: Design for Disaster Reduction**, Civic Center, Tulsa, OK. Sponsored by University of Oklahoma Severe Weather Center. Contact: *Cindy Ward, Univ. of OK. (405)447-8418.*
- **Apr 4, 2001: Oklahoma Flood Forum**, Civic Center, Tulsa, OK. Specially designed for real estate agents, lenders, insurance agents, and public officials. Contact: *NFIP, (281) 829-6880.*
- **May 8, 2001: OWRB Region 1 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Norman, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 10, 2001: OWRB Region 2 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Tulsa, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 20-23, 2001: Small Watershed Programs: Past, Present, and Future**, Seventh National Watershed Conference, Richmond, VA. Sponsored by the National Watershed Coalition. Contact: *John W. Peterson, National Watershed Coalition, 9304 Lundy Court, Burke, VA 22015-3431; (703) 455-6886; fax: (703) 455-6888; jwpeterson@erols.com*
- **May 22, 2001: OWRB Region 5 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Woodward, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 22-25, 2001: Expedition 2001 - Paths to the Future**, National Flood Conference, Minneapolis, MN. NFIP Contact: *Catherine King, (301) 918-1439.*
- **May 24, 2001: OWRB Region 4 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Lawton, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 31, 2001: OWRB Region 3 Floodplain Management Workshop**, McAlester, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **Jun 3-8, 2001: Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, Charlotte, NC. The ASFPM annual conferences cover a broad range of flood-related issues, including mitigation, legislation, structural and non-structural approaches, GIS, and much more. For more information, Contact: *Diane Brown Watson, ASFPM, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **Sep 23-27, 2001: Fall Annual Joint Conference, OFMA and Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA)**, Southern Hills Hilton, Tulsa, OK. Cost: \$130.00. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; http://www.okflood.org*
- **Jun 23-28, 2002: Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, Phoenix, AZ. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **Jun 3-8, 2003: Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, St. Louis, MO. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*

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# Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

## Vision

Floodplains are for floodwaters, habitat, water quality enhancement and recreation.

## Mission

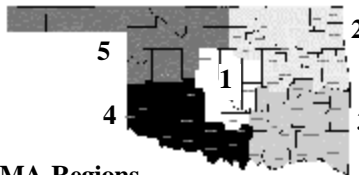
We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

# An Invitation to Join OFMA

**The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association**

is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.



OFMA Regions

The best investment that \$20.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

## OFMA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Category Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Member:  Renewal:   
 Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5

- Categories:
- A. Mitigation
  - B. Floodplain Regulations
  - C. Flood Insurance
  - D. Mapping & Engineering
  - E. Flood Proofing
  - F. Stormwater Management
  - G. Research

**Dues Schedule**

First-Year dues are prorated depending on the quarter during which you join. Fiscal year is October 1 – September 30.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Student Membership	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.50
Associate Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Agency Membership	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
(Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)				
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



# A Personal Note of Thanks from the Chair

I wish to thank all OFMA members who made *OFMA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Reception* at the state capitol such an outstanding success. The reception was our largest turnout and best such event to date.

Members met with legislators and their staffs to discuss floodplain management issues and to educate them on two important measures before the House and Senate. OFMA members met with lawmakers about House Bills 1329 and 1949.

**HB 1329**, authored by Rep. James Covey and Sen. Rick Littlefield, will amend the State Floodplain Act to give authority to towns, cities and counties to establish reasonable administrative fees to cover the operating costs of their floodplain management programs. John Ward, Executive Di-



OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner

rector of ACCO, is in support of the measure and is providing guidance to OFMA. HB 1329 passed the Administrative Rule Review Committee on Feb. 21. Commit-

tee Chair Charlie Gray proposed placing a cap of \$500.00 on the fees per application. **HB 1949**, authored by Rep. Larry Rice and Sen. Kevin Easley, will appropriate \$1 million for the State Flood Hazard Mitigation Account. This bill was sent to the House Rules Committee, and was transferred to the Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee. The bill passed out of subcommittee on Feb. 19. Thanks to Chairman Rep. Russ Roach for his help.

Numerous legislators and their staffs visited the reception and enjoyed Jamils' maple glazed meatballs and chicken drumettes. Representative Dr. Larry Rice introduced OFMA members to the House when it went into session at 1:30. A great time was had by all.

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Carroll Fisher and Anna Waggoner

## Commissioner Fisher Joins OFMA

Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher, pictured left with OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner, announced that the Oklahoma Insurance Commission has joined OFMA as a corporate member.

Commissioner Fisher has worked closely with OFMA since his election as head of the Insurance Commission. He has delivered keynote speeches at OFMA conferences and

spoken at training sessions and at the Oklahoma Flood Forum.

Commissioner Fisher has awarded Continuing Education Credits for insurance agents who attend flood insurance training. The commissioner states that he is dedicated to informing every person living in the floodplain that low-cost flood insurance is available to property owners and renters.

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**Profile: 2000-2001 OFMA Region III Representative**

# C. David Sprouse, CFM

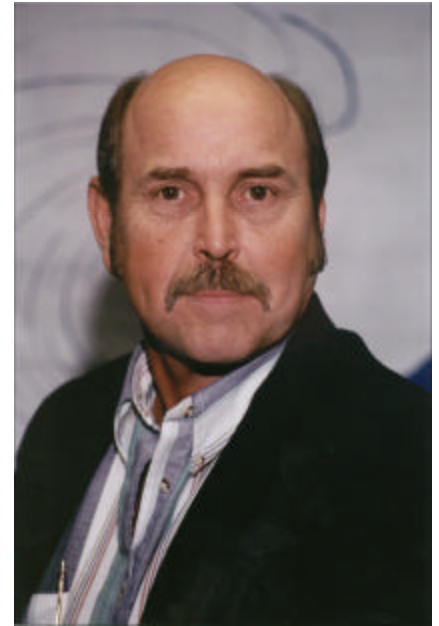
## Code Enforcement Officer, Madill

**C. David Sprouse is the 2000-2001 Region III Representative and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.**

C. David Sprouse has worked for the City of Madill since 1979. He was first hired in the Water Department, then became City Inspector in June 1981. He has a State Inspector's License in building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing. David is also Madill's Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Administrator, and serves as a volunteer fireman.

Mr. Sprouse became a Certified Floodplain Manager in January 1998 after taking the CFM course at the University of Oklahoma - something he recommends for all floodplain managers. Taking the course gave him a better understanding of code enforcement, generally, and of the tasks of a floodplain administrator. "It was an eye opening experience," Sprouse said.

David has been active in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association for a number of years, and since 1999 has served as the Region III Representative on OFMA's Board of Directors. He lives with his wife and children in Madill.



C. David Sprouse, CFM



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