

# The B.F.E.

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OKLAHOMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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# **Governor Proclaims May** Flood Awareness Month



Governor Keating signs Flood Awareness Month Proclamation. Left to Right: John Harrington, ACOG; Tom Graham, Davis; Nancy Wade, Bartlesville; OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner, Woodward; Governor Frank Keating; Ken Morris, OWRB; Carolyn Schultz, USACE; Jason Shiever, OWRB/Woodward; and Ron Flanagan, Tulsa.

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating signed the official proclamation designating May 2001 as "Flood Awareness Month."

The Governor earlier proclaimed March 2001 as "Flood Insurance Awareness Month," in an effort to inform Oklahoma Citizens about the availability of flood insurance. Only about 12% of buildings located in the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (100year Floodplain) are currently insured in Oklahoma.

The proclamation of Flood Insurance Awareness Month (March), and Flood Awareness Month (May) were issued at the request of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), with the support of the Department of Civil Emergency Management (ODCEM), the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) and the Oklahoma Insurance De-

Flood Insurance Awareness Month is proclaimed in March, ahead of the annual storm season, to give citizens a chance to purchase flood insur-

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### Floodplain Administrators' Workshops **Scheduled in May**



Each year during May, "Flood Awareness Month," Ken Morris, State of Oklahoma National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator, and OFMA Executive Director, and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board conduct several conveniently located Floodplain Administrator's Workshops throughout the state. These one-day workshops are designed to provide new floodplain administrators and public officials with an overview of the State's floodplain management program, and serves as a refresher short course for veteran floodplain managers. Five workshops will be given this May.

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ance. There is a 30-day waiting period for Flood Insurance to take effect.

Flood Awareness Month is proclaimed during the month of May, traditionally Oklahoma's most disaster-prone month.

State and OFMA Officers met with Governor Keating for the official signing ceremony. State Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher also attended the ceremonies. Commissioner Fisher has become a



State Insurance Commissioner Carroll Fisher and OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner

leader in flood insurance awareness, especially among the state's insurance agents. Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) are awarded Insurance Agents who attend flood insurance seminars, workshops and forums.

Commissioner Fisher was a speaker at OFMA's Spring Training and is scheduled to speak at the Oklahoma Flood Forum, to be held in Tulsa, April 4th.

OFMA appreciates the commitment of Commissioner Fisher to helping Oklahoman's protect their property investments through awareness of Flood Insurance.

#### Oklahoma Considered For National Award

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has announced that Oklahoma's floodplain management program is being considered for the *Tom Lee State Award for Excellence*.

Oklahoma's floodplain management program, led by Ken Morris and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and assisted by OFMA, has become a leader in the nation's floodplain management effort.

Oklahoma was the first to have ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) testing and designation, to host the Flood Forums for Real Estate and Insurance Agents, to hold Annual Legislative Receptions, and publish a monthly newsletter.

OFMA is honored to be considered an important partner in Oklahoma's program and for national recognition.

#### Oklahoma Flood Loss Claims Average \$20,000

Average flood insurance damage claims in Oklahoma during 2000 was \$20,000.00 Oklahoma was hit by four flood events during 2000: May, June, July, and October. Of the 14,451 flood insurance policies in force at the time of the events, 460 damage claims were filed for \$7.2 million in losses.

The loss figures are a good argument for flood insurance. What family can afford a \$20,000 loss?

Source - NFIP's Watermark, Winter 2001

# **Looking Ahead - April 2001 BFE**

- Spring Training: Big Success
- ASFPM National Conference
- OFMA/OEMA Conference Planning Committee
- Hazard Mitigation Proclamation
- FEMA Disaster # 1355-OK Update
- Legislative Update
- Special OFMA Awards
- Profile: John Harrington, Region 1 Rep

<u>Month</u>	<u>Claims</u>	Amount of Losses	Average Loss
May	317	\$ 6,339,267	\$ 19,997.69
June	17	350,787	20,634.53
July	4	32,259	8,064.75
October	22	474,597	21,572.59
Total	360	\$ 7,196,910	\$ 19,991.42

### **Lynne Stevenson Elected OFMA Secretary**

Lynne R. Stevenson, CFM, Floodplain Administrator for Canadian County, was unanimously elected OFMA Secretary by the Board of Director's to complete the term of Linda Reed.

Linda Reed, a planner with Grand Ga teway Economic Development Authority (GGEDA) went into private business in Arkansas, and due to the problems of starting a new business and the long commute, was forced to resign as OFMA's secretary.

A long-time active OFMA member, Lynne



Stevenson volunteered to assume the duties of secretary for Linda's unfulfilled term. She has been doing an excellent job since assuming the position. See page 7 for Lynne's Bio.

Since becoming OFMA's secretary, Lynne has contributed significantly to the professionalism of the Board of Directors. "Lynne's high energy, boundless enthusiasm and professionalism raises the standard for us all," says OFMA Executive Director Ken Morris. Chair Anna Waggoner adds, "Her bright smile and sunny disposition is a welcomed addition to the OFMA Board."

# Floodplain Administrators' Workshops Scheduled In May

1	May 8 <sup>th</sup> Norman	Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education Thurman J. White Forum Bldg. 1704 Asp Ave., Norman, OK
2	May 10 <sup>th</sup> Tulsa	Tulsa Technology Center 3850 N. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, OK
3	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> Woodward	High Plains Institute of Technology 3921 34 <sup>th</sup> St., Woodward, OK
4	May 24 <sup>th</sup> Lawton	Great Plains Area Vo-Tech 4500 S.W. Lee Blvd., Bldg. 600, Rm 656, Lawton, OK - (580) 355-6371
5	May 31 <sup>st</sup> McAlester	Eastern Oklahoma State College, McAlester Campus 1802 E. College Ave., McAlester, OK

Contact: W. Kenneth Morris, CFM, OWRB, Planning & Management 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118 (405) 530-8800

### Oklahoma Water Resources Board Floodplain Administrators Workshop Agenda

9:00 am	Welcome & Introduction	OWRB
9:30 am	Comments From NFIP State Coordinator	OWRB
9:45 am	Your Flood Ordinance	FEMA
10:15 am	The Permit Application Process	OWRB
11:30 am	Lunch	On Your Own
1:00 pm	How to Determine the Base Flood Elevation	OWRB
2:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation	ODCEM
3:00 pm	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	USACE
4:00 pm	Exercises	OWRB
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

4 Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) will be awarded for completion of the class

### **Web Sites**

OFMA www.okflood.org
ASFPM www.floods.org

OWRB www.state.ok.us/~owrb

FEMA www.fema.gov

OEMA www.angelfire.com/ok2/oema/

**ODCEM** www.onenet.net/~odcem/

Corps of Engineers

www.swt.usace.army.mil

#### EMI Independent Study

www.fema.gov/home/emi/ishome.htm

#### **Advanced Study Institute**

web.uccs.edu/geogenvs/natoasi

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### **Definition: FLOOD**

#### What constitutes a "Flood"?

According to the *Flood Insurance Manual*, a flood is:

"A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation  $\dots$  of normally dry land area  $\dots$  from:

- Overflow of inland or tidal waters.
- Unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.
- Mudflow.
- Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore or a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above."

To qualify as a general condition of flooding, the water must effect two or more adjacent properties.

It is not necessary that buildings on the adjacent premises be inundated or otherwise damaged by the flood. It is sufficient that there is inundation of normally dry land of the adjacent premises or street.

### **Calendar of Educational Opportunities**

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association maintains a list of flood-related meetings, conferences, and training at www.okflood.org

- Mar 31 Apr 5, 2001: <u>National Symposium on Mitigating Severe Weather Impacts: Design for Disaster Reduction</u>, 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: <u>Small Watershed Programs: Past, Present, and Future</u>, 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: <u>Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers</u>, 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**

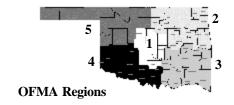
We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

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.



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:	_		
Fax:	E-Mail:			

Detach and Mail To:

**OFMA** 

P.O. Box 8101 Tulsa, OK 74101-8101

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Category Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

New Member: Renewal:

Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5

Categories:

- A. Mitigation
- C. Flood Insurance
- B. Floodplain Regulations
- E. Flood Proofing
- D. Mapping & EngineeringF. 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

# **OFMA General Store**

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association Gifts are now available. The attractive OFMA articles are of the highest quality. You will be proud to wear and display them.

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P.O. Box 8101 Tulsa, OK 74101

Or Call: Carolyn Schultz

(918) 669-4919



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Shipping and handling \$4.95 per order.

Technical Advisory -

### **CRS - Community Rating System**

The Community Rating System (CRS) is part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and is a way to reward local communities for going above and beyond FEMA's minimum national standards.

CRS is a voluntary program that can lower the cost of flood insurance to policy holders in the Special Flood Hazard Area as much as 45 percent. Any community that is a member of the NFIP and is in full compliance with the rules and regulations may apply to participate in the CRS program.

There are 10 CRS classes: Communities enter the program as a class 10, and receive no premium reductions. Premium

reductions are awarded in 5 percent increments. A Class 1 community receives the greatest premium reductions.

Nationally, the most outstanding community program belongs to Tulsa, Oklahoma, which has a rating of Class 3, and it's citizens receive a 35 percent discount on flood insurance.

#### **CRS** Activities

Communities receive points for 18 floodplain management activities in four main major categories.

#### **Public information**

310 - Elevation Certificates

320 - Map Information

330 - Outreach Projects

340 - Hazard Disclosure

350 - Flood Protection Library

360 - Flood Protection Assistance

#### Mapping & Regulatory

410 - Additional Flood Data

420 - Open Space Preservation

430 - Higher Regulatory Standards

440 - Flood Data Maintenance 450 - Stormwater Management

#### Flood Damage Reduction

510 - Floodplain Management Plan

520 - Acquisition and Relocation

530 - Retrofitting

540 - Drainage System Maintenance

#### Flood Preparedness

610 - Flood Warning Program

620 - Levee Safety

630 - Dam Safety

For More Information on CRS, Contact: Ken Morris, OWRB (405) 530-8800.

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## Lynne R. Stevenson, CFM

#### Floodplain Administrator, Canadian County

Lynne R. Stevenson will serve out the 2000-2001 term of OFMA's Secretary and serve as a member of its Board of Directors.

Lynne R. Stevenson, CFM, began Canadian County's Floodplain Management program in 1999, and since that time has served as the county's Floodplain Administrator.

Her first experience with floodplain management came during a CAV visit by Ken Morris while she was Director of Community Development for the City of El Reno. When Ken asked Lynne if she was monitoring El Reno's floodplain development, she answered that neither she nor her building inspector knew that floodplains even existed.

She began learning. "I am thankful for the training and experience that OFMA provides, and encourage OFMA members and floodplain administrators to bring someone new with them each time they attend a training session."

Her job as floodplain administrator has enabled her to coordinate with other communities and view floodplain management on a larger scale. The recent ice storm allowed her to work more closely with the County Alliance, and the Presidential Disaster gave her an opportunity to make damage assessments and apply for funding to create an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the county.

Lynne has a married daughter in Virgin ia and a son in high school. Her hobby is gardening. Her favorite quote is: "To plant a flower is to believe in tomorrow."



Lynne Stevenson, CFM



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