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FLOOD INSURANCE MONTH



Governor Keating Signs Flood Insurance Month Proclamation

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, seated, signs the Proclamation designating March as Flood Insurance Month. Standing, l to r, Lonnie Ward, FEMA, Dorothy Martinez, NFIP, Joe Remondini and Carolyn Schultz, USACE, Ken Morris, OWRB, Albert Ashwood, Dir., ODCEM, Ron Flanagan, OFMA Chair.

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State Capitol, Oklahoma City- Governor Frank Keating issued an official proclamation designating March, 2000 as Flood Insurance Month.

Each year in Oklahoma, thousands of citizens who experience flood damages lack the protection afforded through readily available flood insurance. To enhance awareness of the availability of federal flood insurance, as well as inform Oklahomans about intelligent floodplain management and development procedures, Governor Keating has designated March as "Flood Insurance Month" in Oklahoma.

"All too often, property owners and renters become aware of flood insurance and other protection measures only after a flood has financially devastated them or their community," said Duane Smith, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). "The Governor's proclamation provides the OWRB, insurance companies and emergency management organizations with a valuable opportunity

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to spread the word on the availability of relatively inexpensive flood insurance."

Timing is good for Proclamation-Smith added that the timing of the Flood Insurance Month designation is appropriate because Oklahoma's spring flooding season is just around the corner. "Flood insurance policies generally require a 30-day waiting period," he pointed out. "Because we experience so many damaging flooding events in April and May, now is the time for those citizens who reside in designated floodplains but do not currently possess a flood insurance policy to discuss the need for protection with their insurance agent." Smith added that a flood insurance policy may be purchased from any licensed property insurance agent or broker in good standing.

**Flood Insurance
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waiting period. Now is
the time to protect
ourselves from April**

Most Disasters Involve Flooding-Of the 38 presidentially declared disasters in Oklahoma since 1955, 28 have involved flooding. In an effort to mitigate such emergencies, the OWRB was named the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by Governor Dewey Bartlett in 1969. The NFIP assists Oklahomans by making flood insurance available at affordable rates and helping communities make wise decisions concerning use of the floodplains.

Eligibility-To be eligible for flood insurance, participating communities and counties must establish a floodplain board, recognize floodplain boundaries and restrict development in those areas. Such strategies typically result in reduced federal outlays to mitigate flood damages. For example, the City of Tulsa, identified in a 1975 FEMA study as one of the nation's most disaster-

prone communities, has no record of flooding of any structure that has been built in accordance with NFIP regulations. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is the state agency designated to coordinate the NFIP in Oklahoma in a cooperative partnership with the Oklahoma Insurance Commission, Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

Few Floodplain Buildings are Insured-Only 20 percent of all homes or structures in the state that lie within the 100-year floodplain are covered by flood insurance, according to Ken Morris, OWRB state floodplain management coordinator. "It is disheartening that relatively few people have taken advantage of the benefits afforded through the purchase of flood insurance, especially since it is so inexpensive and offers such comprehensive protection against one of our most common natural disasters," Morris said.

Flood Insurance Required-Flood insurance coverage is mandatory for all buildings financed by federally insured mortgage and lending institutions.

Flood Damages Occur Outside of Floodplains-Over 50 percent of flood damages occur outside of FEMA's mapped floodplains. Some communities, such as Tulsa, regulate larger floodplains than FEMA's minimum national standard. Tulsa also notifies floodplain residents of their floodplain location and the availability of flood insurance annually. Tulsa's flood insurance participation and coverage is twice the state and national average.

Helpful Web Sites

OFMA www.okflood.org
ASFPM www.floods.org
OWRB www.state.ok.us/~owrb
FEMA www.fema.gov
Corps of Engineers www.swt.usace.army.mil
EMI Independent Study
www.fema.gov/home/emi/ishome.htm
Advanced Study Institute
<http://web.uccs.edu/geogenvs/NATOASI>

Calendar of Events

Mar.	19-25	Lightning & Severe Storm Awareness Wk
Apr.	20	OFMA Bd. Dir. Mtg., Jamil's/OKC
May	2	OWRB Flood Mgt. Workshop, -OKC
May	4	OWRB Flood Mgt. Workshop, -Tulsa
May	8-10	NFIP National Flood Conf.- Austin, TX
May	11	OFMA Bd. Dir. Mtg., Jamil's/OKC
May	16	OWRB Fld. Mgt. Workshop, -Woodward
May	18	OWRB Fld. Mgt. Workshop, -Lawton
May	24	FEMA/NFIP Okla. Flood Forum-Lawton
June	15	OFMA Bd. Dir. Mtg., Jamil's/OKC
June	19-23	ASFPM National Conf., Austin, TX
July	20	OFMA Bd. Dir. Mtg., Jamil's/OKC
August	17	OFMA Bd. Dir. Mtg., Jamil's/OKC
Sept.	13-15	Okla. Municipal League Conference and Exposition-Tulsa Convention Center
Sept.	24-27	OFMA Fall Conference, Lake Texhoma

OFMA's *Spring 2000 Technical Training* A Big Success

March 8, 2000 Moore-Norman Technology Center- More than 110 Floodplain Managers attended OFMA's *Spring 2000 Technical Training*, held at the beautiful facilities of the Moore-Norman Technology Center in Norman, Oklahoma. This was OFMA's most ambitious and successful conference ever. The training consisted of three separate tracks: Floodplain Management, GIS-Geographic Information Systems, and Flood Hazard Mitigation.

Opening Welcome Address- Former Tulsa Mayor Terry Young kicked off the day's training with an inspirational keynote speech. Young was mayor of Tulsa during the disastrous 1984 flood, which left 14

Emergency Management, and a past-chairman of OFMA, gave the luncheon keynote speech. Mr. Ashwood emphasized how important Floodplain Managers and OFMA are to the state's efforts to reduce loss of life and property due to flooding.

Floodplain Management- The basic 6 hour class on floodplain management and the NFIP was taught by Ken Morris and Hank Elling, OWRB, Lonnie Ward, FEMA, and Dorothy Martinez, NFIP.

GIS- Geographic Information Systems- An introductory overview class on the emerging computer mapping and information systems was requested by many OFMA members and floodplain managers.



Former Tulsa Mayor Terry Young opened the training with an inspirational welcoming address.



Ken Morris instructs the Floodplain Management session in the amphitheater facilities of the Moore-Norman Technology Center

dead and over \$180 million in flood damages.

Luncheon Keynote Speech- Albert Ashwood, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Civil

The class was taught and facilitated by Tulsa Community College instructor Merredith Reeder, Meshek and Associates. Other GIS experts making presentations were Dr. David Brown, University of

Oklahoma, Terry Felkerson, USGS, Anna Lee, Woodward, OK, Jackie D'Amico, Midwest City, OK, Jim Leach and Russ Wyckoff, US Corps of Engineers. Jack Quarles, updated the conference on the status of FEMA's map modernization program.

Flood Hazard Mitigation- The Flood Hazard Mitigation course was taught by State Hazard Mitigation Officer Fred Liebe. Dorothy Martinez, and FEMA's Lonnie Ward and James Orwat assisted Mr. Liebe. Eric Wiles presented a case study on Skiatook, OK's mitigation program.

The Floodplain Manager Certification Exam was given to five pre-qualified floodplain managers, and was proctored by Linda Reed, CFM, Grand Gateway.

Everyone who was interviewed stated that they loved the facilities, and benefited greatly from the technical sessions.

New Certified Floodplain Managers

Oklahoma has another five new, nationally accredited Certified Floodplain Managers. These new CFMs took the two-hour comprehensive exam, consisting of 120 questions and practical exercise after completion of the 6 hour Floodplain Management 101 Course, given at the *Spring 2000 Technical Training*, held at the Moore/Norman Technology Center, March 8, 2000. The new Certified Floodplain Managers, entitled to the "CFM" designation, are:

Ruben Haye, P.E. City of Tulsa

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congratulates and welcomes its newest members:

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OFMA Membership

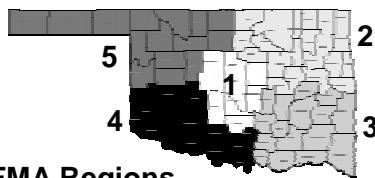
An Invitation to Join

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 is staffed entirely by member volunteers, and all time required for activities, functions, training, conferences and communications is donated by dedicated members. OFMA does not have a paid staff.

Membership in OFMA is open to anyone interested in the promotion of wise use of the floodplains, and reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding, including public officials, engineers, professionals, lenders, real estate and insurance agents, students, and environmentalists.

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



OFMA Regions

Benefits of OFMA Membership-

There are many benefits of membership in OFMA, including:

Annual Professional Conference-

OFMA sponsors an annual 4-day



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floodplain management conference at one of the state lodges each year.

Spring Training- Each spring a one-day professional technical training conference is sponsored by OFMA for members and other interested parties. Technical topics include Basic Floodplain Management, Geographic Information Systems, Hazard Mitigation, and other timely subjects of interest to floodplain managers.

OFMA Newsletter, "The BFE"-

The OFMA newsletter is sent to all members and floodplain managers. "The BFE" contains the latest news and information about floodplain management in the state and nation.

Networking- One of the most valuable functions of OFMA is to provide opportunities to meet and network with other professionals interested in floodplain management. OFMA members include mayors and other elected officials, city managers, planners, engineers, emergency managers, building code officers, surveyors, planning commissioners, and citizen leaders.

You are invited to make a contribution to your state and community by joining OFMA.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is to promote the common interest in flood damage abatement, to enhance cooperation and to exchange information among the various related private organizations, individuals, local, state and federal agencies to encourage appropriate and effective approaches to managing the state's floodplains, and to educate the public about floodplain management.

OFMA Membership Application

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____

Title: _____ Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Detach and Mail To:

OFMA

P.O. Box 8101

Tulsa, OK 74101-8101

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



CONFERENCES

OFMA FALL CONFERENCE PLAN NOW!

When: September 25-28, 2000
Where: Lake Texoma State Lodge

Sunday, Sept. 24, Golf Tournament
Tracks: Floodplain Management 201
Geographic Information Systems
Flood-Hazard Mitigation 201
Municipal Stormwater Management
Certified Floodplain Manager's Exam

Western Cook-Out/Bar-B-Que
Awards Breakfast
Keynote Speakers
Important Plenary Sessions
Election of Officers 2000-2001
Exhibits

Oklahoma Water Resources Board Regional Floodplain Management Workshops

The OWRB's Annual 1-Day Workshop for
Floodplain Administrators & Public Officials

May 2	Oklahoma City
May 4	Tulsa
May 16	Woodward
May 18	Lawton

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FEMA/NFIP OKLAHOMA FLOOD FORUM

Public Officials, Insurance Agents,
Real Estate Agents, Lenders,
Floodplain Managers

One-Day Workshop for Southwestern
Oklahoma Area Professionals

May 24, 2000

Great Plains Area Vo-Tech Center
4500 West Lee Blvd., Lawton, OK
Information: NFIP Region VI (218) 829-6880

Association of State Floodplain Managers

24th Annual Conference

Floodplain Management: 2000 and Beyond
A New Beginning in a New Millennium

Austin, Texas
June 18-23, 2000

For Conference Brochure or more information:
Association of State Floodplain Managers

2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Suite 204
Madison, WI 53713

Phone: (608) 274-0123 Fax: (608) 274-0696
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Oklahoma Municipal League's Annual Conference and Exposition

September 13-15, 2000

Tulsa Convention Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma

In association with the
Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma
American Planning Association, Okla. Chapter
Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society

For more information and brochure, contact:
Oklahoma Municipal League

Profile: OFMA Executive Director

W. KENNETH MORRIS, CFM

State NFIP Coordinator

William Kenneth (Ken) Morris, CFM, is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association, Chair of the OFMA Professional Development and Certification Committee (PDCC), and the State of Oklahoma National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB).

Ken Morris was born in Lindsay, OK, in 1949, and has been with the OWRB since 1977. He brings a strong environmental background to Oklahoma's floodplain management program, having received his Bachelors Degree in Biology from Central State University in Edmond, and completing his Masters in Environmental Sciences from the University of Oklahoma.

Ken is the recipient of numerous professional awards. He received the OFMA 1994 *Flood-plain Manager of the Year* award, and was presented with FEMA's *Outstanding Public Service* award for recognition of the OWRB's distinguished floodplain management programs and promoting the NFIP goals and objectives. He served two terms as Treasurer of the national Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), and served on its Professional Development and Certification Committee for Certification of Floodplain Administrators. Ken received the prestigious *Charles Don Ellison Memorial Award* for long-term leadership in OFMA. He is an OFMA and National Certified Floodplain Manager.



W. Kenneth Morris, CFM, OFMA's Executive Director, Professional Development and Certification Committee Chair and State NFIP Coordinator.

Mr. Morris resides in Norman with his wife Donna, and their two sons, Jeff, 20 and Matthew, 16. Donna has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for 30 years, where she is Director of Personnel Services.



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