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FLOOD INSURANCE RATES FOR 11 NFIP COMMUNITIES LOWERED



Past OFMA Chair Ronald D. Flanagan, CFM, was the master of ceremonies for the CRS Recognition Ceremony held Friday September 12, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa, as part of the OML conference.

Eleven Oklahoma NFIP communities have gone above and beyond the minimum NFIP standards. All have joined the Community Rating System, allowing flood insurance holders in Zone A areas to reap the benefits of reduced insurance premiums.

Lonnie Ward presented each community with a handsome certificate suitable for framing. The eleven communities recognized were:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| • Bartlesville - Class 7. | • Dewey - Class 9 | • Sand Springs - Class 8 |
| • Blackwell - Class 8 | • Edmond - Class 9 | • Stillwater - Class 9 |
| • Broken Arrow - Class 8 | • Enid - Class 9 | • Tulsa - Class 2 (lowest in the Nation) |
| • Chickasha - Class 9 | • Lawton - Class 8 | |

For each Class below Class 10, an additional 5% reduction in flood insurance rates is passed on to premium-holders that are located in FEMA's SFHA. For more information see <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/crs.shtm>

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Tulsa 1st NFIP Community to Earn a CRS Class 2 Rating

Flood insurance rates will drop again in Tulsa thanks to the City's award-winning stormwater management and flood control program. The premium for a policyholder whose property is in designated Special Flood Hazard Area will go down 5 percent to a total of **40 percent** off regular rates.

Tulsa moved up this fiscal year from Category 3 to 2, making it the first city to attain that ranking and the nation's leading floodplain management community. Tulsa's achievement is the best among the almost 1,000 communities that are in the program.

Congratulations, Tulsa!



13th Annual OFMA Conference Summary

“Getting the Word Out”

Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Conference Summary

Sunday, September 22: Sunday morning included a meeting of the OFMA Board of Directors. Dianna Herrera taught a special session on “How to Survive a CAV.” The 7th Annual Golf Tournament was rained but the well-attended welcome social for members Sunday evening made up for it. Many thanks to Gavin Brady for organizing the golf tournament. We’ll try again next year!

Monday, September 23: A new format for the conference included three training sessions on Monday, including Floodplain 101 taught by our fearless leader, Ken Morris. Jim Orwat (FEMA) and Scott Edelman (Watershed Concepts) provided training for CTP, Enhanced DFIRM Production and MNUSS. Dorothy Martinez (NFIP) led the Elevation Certificates training. Bill Baker (ISO) provided CRS training. A session on Funding Opportunities was provided by Connie Dill (OEM), Robert Gregory (Land Legacy), Scott Myers (ODOC) and Ivan Graves (USDA). And finally Lonnie Ward (FEMA) presented a training session on RSDE.



A vendor’s social was held at the Redrock Canyon Grill at Lake Hefner.

Tuesday, September 24: Chair Janet Meshek opened the conference. Representative Purcy Walker sang the National Anthem. Keynote speakers included Ross Richardson (FEMA Region VI) and Fred Liebe (Deputy Director, OEM).

The committees met following the opening plenary session, including Legislative, Education and Public Information, Mapping and Engineering, Certification & Mitigation.

Three breakout sessions were held Tuesday afternoon, including Regulatory, Flood Insurance and Stormwater Management. Each session included four one-hour topics. All were well attended.



The Annual OFMA Awards Banquet began at 6:30 pm with Vice Chair Andy Kincaid presiding. Anna Waggoner received the Charles Don Ellison Memorial Award for her support of the highest goals of OFMA, and her significant long-term contributions of leadership and support that clearly influenced and advanced the Association. Jick Grant, Washington County Floodplain Manager received the Floodplain Manager of the Year Award. Jick, like many others, was given the duty of floodplain administrator as a secondary task to his main job.

With little support and training, he taught himself the rules of floodplain management and the duties of a floodplain administrator, despite some political difficulties.



The Washington County Flood Control Board won the “Public Official of the Year”



award. Board member Lyle Disch accepted the honor on behalf of the board. The board was honored for its decisions in a case involving a private landowner’s request for a floodplain permit after a project was finished. The landowner built a dike as part of a wetlands restoration project in an area that required a floodplain permit. None was obtained. The Board refused to issue the permit until the owner could prove that the project did not adversely affect other properties. Surrounding property owners had complained of increased flooding due to the project. The property owner was given a deadline to submit an engineering

study to the Board, but none was presented. The property owner argued that, since the project was federally sponsored through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, it was exempt from local permit requirements. The Washington County Floodplain Board recognized the importance of the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding property owners and denied the floodplain permit request.

The City of Tulsa's Elm Creek/Centennial Park Project received the Platinum Project Award. The recipients were City of Tulsa's Department of Public Works, Parks Dept., Dept. of Urban Development, Sixth Street Task Force, Swift Water Resources Engineers, R. D. Flanagan & Associates, Guy Engineering Services, Inc., LMM Architects, Gralla Architects, & Alaback Design.

The banquet participants were treated to a PowerPoint presentation honoring the recipient of the first "Ken Morris



Award", which replaces the Lifetime Achievement award. The first recipient was, of course, Ken Morris himself. Ken has dedicated himself to a lifetime of excellence in public service, and has been a leader in floodplain management not only in Oklahoma, but in the nation.



Oklahoma has one of the best floodplain management programs in the nation, due in no small part to Ken's commitment to excellence and his dedication. He has been an untiring advocate for training and has pioneered the professional certification of the State's Floodplain Managers. He has overseen the implementation of the NFIP in 363 Okla-

homa counties and communities. Through a lifetime of service, Ken Morris has dedicated himself to the protection of the life and property of Oklahomans from floods and natural disasters.

Plaques were presented to all officers including outgoing Regions 3 and 4 Regional Representatives David Sprouse and Tom Graham.

Wednesday, September 25: A Past Chair's Breakfast was held at 7:00 pm. Wednesday's program began with breakout sessions in Hazard Mitigation, Floodplain Mapping and Public Information & Education. At noon, the annual OFMA business meeting was held with reports by all regional representatives and committee chairs, as well as the Treasurer and Executive Director. The keynote speaker was Jason Donham, Arkansas NFIP Director and ASFPM Vice-Chair.



The OEM was presented with a Special Recognition Award for the tremendous job they have performed this year, administering the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance work, for helping get new NFIP communities and for getting 70 to 80 counties to compile All Hazard Mitigation Plans. Connie Dill, State hazard Mitigation Officer, accepted the award for the agency.

The new chair, Andy Kincaid, was welcomed in. The new vice-chair is Jim Coffey, City Planner from Bixby. The secretary and treasurer, Lynne Stevenson and Carolyn Schultz, were re-elected. Regions 1, 2 and 5 Representatives, John Harrington, Nancy Wade and Robert Hitt were reelected. Region 3 voted in Cliff Pitner, the floodplain administrator for McAlester. Region 4 elected Dennis Woommavovah, the floodplain administrator from Cache.

The Closing Plenary Session began at 2:00 pm with some opening remarks by Janet Meshek. Lanny Miller presented a program on Natural and Beneficial Uses of the Floodplain, followed by Donnie Blanlot on Disaster Assistance Efforts during the Tornado Recovery Process. Laureen Gilroy presented the OFMA Strategic Plan. The Chair gavel was passed to Andy Kincaid who thanked all for attending and adjourned another very successful OFMA conference.

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FEMA www.fema.gov
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OEM www.odcem.state.ok.us
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www.fema.gov/forms/forms.htm
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Calendar of Educational Opportunities

- **OWRB Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP**; January 12-16, 2004, Contact: *OWRB*, 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118; for more information, call 405-530-8800; website: www.owrb.state.ok.us.
- **NFIP Agent Training**; January 14, 2004 Moore/ Norman Tech. Center, May 11, Tulsa and May 12, Miami; Contact *Dorothy Martinez*, (281) 829-6880.
- **Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**; May 16-21, Beau Rivage Hotel, Gulf Coast, LA Contact: *ASFP 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
- **Floodplain Managers 101 Training**; One day sessions in each Region to be announced later; for more information, call 405-530-8800.
- **NFIP 2004 National Flood Conference**; May 2-5, Westin Holte., Seattle Washington. Contact Catherine King at 301-918-1439.
- **OML Annual Conference**; to be announced
- **OFMA Annual Fall Conference**; to be announced
- **CRS Training Class**; to be announced

OFMA Helps Members Get the Word Out, Sponsors Statewide Poster Contest for 4th-graders

By Laureen Gibson Gilroy, CFM
 Education and Legislative Committee Chair

The Association is sponsoring a statewide poster contest this year to help local floodplain managers get the word out about flood safety. **Each and every member** is expected to take part in the contest. You do this by visiting one or more fourth-grade classrooms by Friday, February 13 to discuss the "Turn Around Don't Drown" campaign sponsored by the National Weather Service and asking students to draw an original poster using the "Turn Around Don't Drown" theme. (<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tadd/>) Entries are due by February 20. Cash prizes will be awarded at the state level; and school and regional winners will earn other prizes provided by OFMA. All student participants will receive a certificate designed by OFMA and printed out on paper provided by the local floodplain manager. Teachers of winning students also earn prizes. A toolkit with rules and other information about the contest is available from your Regional Representative.

Contact your rep today to order a toolkit! (Contact info and which region your county is in are shown below.) This is a chance for you to get the word out to your community about floodplain management. The Education and Legislative Committee hopes you will take advantage of this opportunity. Whether or not you can take part in the poster contest, we encourage you to order a free copy of the 8.5 minute-video called "The Hidden Danger, Low-

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Water Crossings” for your use in public outreach activities. Log on to <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oh/tt2/xwater/index.shtml> for details on how to order. To contact your local regional representative, see the back cover of this newsletter. The following list identifies the region number for each County:

Adair #2	Delaware #2	Lincoln #1	Pittsburg #3
Alfalfa #5	Dewey #5	Logan #1	Pontotoc #3
Atoka #3	Ellis #5	Love #4	Pottawatomie #1
Beaver #5	Garfield #5	Major #5	Pushmataha #3
Beckham #4	Garvin #1	Marshall #3	Rogers #2
Blaine #5	Grady #1	Mayes #2	Rogers Mills #5
Bryan #3	Grant #5	McClain #1	Seminole #3
Caddo #4	Greer #4	McCurtain #3	Sequoyah #2
Canadian #1	Harmon #4	McIntosh #3	Stephens #4
Carter #4	Harper #5	Murray #4	Texas #5
Cherokee #2	Haskell #3	Muskogee #2	Tillman #4
Choctaw #3	Hughes #3	Noble #2	Tulsa #2
Cimarron #5	Jackson #4	Nowata #2	Wagoner #2
Cleveland #1	Jefferson #4	Oklahoma #1	Washington #2
Coal #3	Johnston #3	Okmulgee #2	Washita #4
Comanche #4	Kay #2	Okfuskee #2	Woods #5
Cotton #4	Kingfisher #1	Osage #2	Woodward #5
Craig #2	Kiowa #4	Ottawa #2	
Creek #2	Latimer #3	Pawnee #2	
Custer #5	LeFlore #3	Payne #2	

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Vision

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

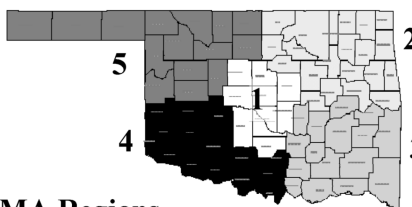
Mission

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 \$30.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

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New Member: ☐ Renewal: ☐
 Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5
 Committees:
☐ Mitigation
☐ Mapping and Engineering
☐ Education/Legislative
☐ Certification
☐ Conference

Dues Schedule:

First-Year dues are probated depending on the quarter during which you join. The fiscal year start October 1st and ends September 30th.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
Student Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Associate Membership	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
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

November CFM® Corner

Correct Use of CFM

In 2002 ASFPM was issued a registered trademark on CFM®. Unlike a P.E. where periods are used after the letters, CFM is written without periods. Please check your business cards & email signature block to make sure you are using CFM correctly. Thank you.

Thanks

A big Thank You to all you CFMs that responded to the recent survey on the certification program. This information will be very helpful for ASFPM Certification Board of Regents and FEMA to use as they plan future training topics & delivery methods for CFMs.

RedVector.com

ASFPM has added more pre-approved courses for CECs! Go to ASFPM's website at www.floods.org and, under the certification menu, click Online Training-RedVector.com. Here you will find the listing of the courses pre-approved for CECs by ASFPM. Click on a course to go directly to RedVector.com to read more about it or sign up to take it. Use 'ASFPM' for the referral coupon when you sign up for a course and you'll enjoy a 10% discount off the listed course price!

Success Story; Rod Renkenberger, CFM

"All it took was a big flood for my CFM certification to be recognized" declares Rod Renkenberger, Executive Director with the Maumee River Basin Commission in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This past summer, after a rainfall of 4" in 2 ½ hours Rod found his CFM designation getting a lot of attention. He was actually referred to as the local flood expert. "Nothing like it for job security!"

And from Management perspective . . .

"In this world of performance based measures, certification is a true measure of the results of training." says Todd Davison, Division Director, FEMA Region IV. "Region IV has included CFMs as a performance measure in our Regional Management Plan. We have a goal of 100 per year (region-wide) and to increase the % of our own staff who achieve CFM. We also use CFM as a selective placement factor in hiring FPM staff."

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.

To Order: OFMA
P.O. Box 8101
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Or Call Carolyn Schultz (918)
669-4919



OFMA Golf Shirt (S, M, L, X-L)	35.00
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