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News from Region 10

The Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program

New contact info for FEMA Region 10

The Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program was developed in 1999 to increase involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through strong, formalized partnerships with Federal, State, regional, and local agencies.

With over 20,000 communities in the NFIP, there is a significant challenge keeping flood hazard maps current. The CTP Program allows communities, regional agencies, state agencies, universities and tribal nations that have the interest and capability to become active partners in the Flood Hazard Mapping program.

The CTP Program is an innovative approach to creating partnerships between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local or regional agencies. CTPs support the establishment or update of flood-risk zone data in areas being updated via Risk MAP projects.

Over 240 communities, universities, regional agencies, tribal nations and state agencies have signed Partnership Agreements with FEMA nationwide and the number is growing. The Partnership Agreement is a broad statement of principle, emphasizing the value of the three components of the NFIP: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management and Flood Hazard Mapping. As partners and FEMA identify specific mapping activities to perform under the Partnership Agreement, they will develop

Mapping Activity Statements (MASs) to define the roles and responsibilities of all partners involved in a study or mapping project.

Federal assistance is provided for CTP Program activities, especially mapping-related activities, which have a direct and substantial impact on the success and sustainability of the NFIP.

Fundable Activities include:

- Program Management
- Base Map Acquisition
- Scoping (up to 10%)
- Outreach (up to 10%)
- Riverine Floodplain Analyses and Floodplain Mapping
- Coastal Flood Hazard Analyses and Floodplain Mapping

Interested in becoming a CTP, or have additional questions? **Contact FEMA Region 10 at the new Regional CTP email address: FEMA-R10-CTP@fema.dhs.gov.**

You can also visit FEMA's CTP Program website to learn more: <https://www.fema.gov/cooperating-technical-partners-ctp-program-training>.

Ask the Help Desk

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Featured Training

The Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD), in coordination with FEMA Region 10, will be hosting 3 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) courses in 2020.

The Target Audience for these courses are: personnel of local jurisdictions, tribal governments, and private non-profit organizations that are eligible applicants for HMA grants; state mitigation staffs responsible for assisting HMA sub-applicants; and staffs of public or private sector organizations that offer consulting services to HMA grant applicants. Tuition is free for those accepted; there are no travel/salary stipends available and all incurred costs are the responsibility of the attendee or sending organization.

L0212: HMA - Developing Quality Application Elements

February 18-20, 2020
Camp Murray, WA

This course is designed to educate students on the process of preparing and submitting quality Unified HMA grant programs planning and project sub-application elements.

L0213: HMA - Application Review and Evaluation

March 10-11, 2020
Camp Murray, WA

This course is designed to give participants the knowledge and skills to effectively review HMA sub-applications, and will provide a general overview of how a subaward is issued.

L0214: HMA - Project Implementation and Closeout

March 11-12, 2020
Camp Murray, WA

This course is designed to provide course participants with the knowledge and skills required to effectively implement and closeout

HMA grant projects.

For more information on how to apply, please contact Lisa Davis at lisa.davis2@fema.dhs.gov, or at (425) 487-7056.

A Fond Region 10 Farewell to Mark Carey

Best Retirement Wishes



Mark Carey, the Mitigation Division Director for FEMA Region 10 will be retiring next month after a lifetime of public service. Mark has been the Mitigation Division Director for the past 12 years and served 7 years as the Community Mitigation Programs Branch Chief (now the Floodplain Management and Insurance and the Risk Analysis Branches). He came to FEMA after 17 years of working in local government in the Pacific Northwest as a land use planner, planning director (Pacific and Kittitas Counties) and Land Use Services Division Manager (King County).

Mark Carey has been a wealth of knowledge for the floodplain management community through the years. On his second day on the job in Kittitas County, he received a letter from the FEMA Region 10 office congratulating him on his new job and letting him know that the county was about to be suspended

from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Through his hard work and ability to navigate the political minefields of running a regulatory program such as the NFIP, Mark was able to avoid the county being suspended from the program. Mark's experience with practical application of the program at the local level always rooted his decisions throughout his career as a supervisor. Mark has always described the NFIP as the nation's premier mitigation program that combats the easiest to predict and most costly natural disaster that we face.

He provided his leadership skills to the Region 10 Floodplain Management Branch in establishing the implementation plan for the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) Biological Opinion on the implementation of the NFIP in Puget Sound. Mark's intuition and guidance proved valuable as the plan was developed and ultimately defended when challenged in the courts.

Mark has also answered the call when our nation needed him most following major disasters in his time at FEMA. Many of his deployments were during some of our biggest flooding events to hit this country: Hurricanes Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne (FL), Hurricane Katrina (LA), and most recently Hurricane Harvey (TX). Mark has been a leader in the development of the FEMA Reservist Cadre for all of mitigation.

Through the years, Mark has been a supervisor, a leader, a regulator, a mentor, and most importantly a friend. The Mitigation Family, Region 10, and the nation will miss him. Mark will retire to his home in Port Orchard, WA at the end of February following a much-deserved vacation.

NORFMA News

New 2020 Conference Dates
Sept 28-30, 2020
Vancouver, WA

The Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA) has updated its 2020 conference dates: The conference will now be held **September 28th – 30th, 2020**. The conference is shifted ahead one day from the typical schedule. Workshops and trainings will be hosted Monday, and the main conference will take place Tuesday and end by Wednesday, in order to accommodate the fiscal year’s end for our federal government agency partners. Registration is not yet open, but will be available online later in the year at www.norfma.org.

CRS Users Group Meeting – WA
Jan 16, 2020
1pm - 3pm

The meeting will be held at the Pierce County Planning & Public Works offices in Tacoma, WA. Contact Dennis Dixon for details at ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us.

There is also a Skype connection available for those who cannot attend these quarterly CRS meetings in person: <https://meet-na.atkinsglobal.com/becca.croft/229NRMHJ>

Oregon CRS Workgroup
Jan 24, 2020
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Attend in person at the Harrisburg Municipal Center in Harrisburg, OR. Contact Ray Joseph at rjoseph@eugene-or.gov for details and directions.

Newsletter Ideas?
Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.
Email RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.



<p>Online Training (All times Pacific)</p> <p>NFIP Basics January 9, 10 am Online - 1 CEC</p> <p>Tools for Determining Base Flood Elevation January 23, 10 am March 12, 10 am Online - 1 CEC</p>	<p>Elevation Certificates February 13, 10 am Online - 2 CECs</p> <p>Floodplain Development Permit Review February 27, 9 am Online - 1 CEC</p>	<p>Inspecting Floodplain Development February 27, 10:30 am Online - 1 CEC</p> <hr/> <p>To register for online courses, visit STARR’s training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.</p>
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