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# News from Region X

## Cascadia Rising 2016

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) and the resulting tsunami is the most complex disaster scenario that emergency management and public safety officials in the Pacific Northwest could face. [Cascadia Rising](#) is an exercise to address that disaster.



On June 7-10, Emergency Operations and Coordination Centers (EOC/ECCs) at all levels of government and the private sector will activate to conduct a simulated field response operation within their jurisdictions and with neighboring communities, state EOCs, FEMA, and major military commands.

Conducting successful life-saving and life-sustaining response operations in the aftermath of a Cascadia Subduction Zone disaster will hinge on the effective coordination and integration of governments at all levels – cities, counties, state agencies, federal officials, the military, tribal nations – as well as non-government organizations and the private sector.

One of the primary goals of Cascadia Rising is to train and test this whole community approach to complex disaster operations together as a joint team.

*For a list of partners, media resources, answers to frequently asked questions and more, visit [www.fema.gov/cascadia-rising-2016](http://www.fema.gov/cascadia-rising-2016).*

## HMA Cost Share Guide

FEMA has developed a [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Cost Share Guide](#) for Applicants and Subapplicants applying for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).

The Cost Share Guide compliments the [HMA Guidance](#) by providing an overview of the cost share requirements for each program and examples of various approaches for cost share strategies, such as donated resources, for the non-Federal cost share.

The Cost Share Guide is available from the FEMA website: [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Cost Share Guide](#).

### Newsletter Ideas?

Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. Email us at [RXNewsletter@starr-team.com](mailto:RXNewsletter@starr-team.com).

## NORFMA News

### 2016 Annual Conference Call for Abstracts

The NORFMA Annual Conference will be held in Yakima, WA, on September 21-23. The Conference Committee is looking for abstract submittals for presentations, workshops, and case studies that support this year's conference themes.

Submit your abstract to Michelle Gilbert, [michelle.gilbert@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:michelle.gilbert@ecy.wa.gov). The submission deadline is July 1.

For more information visit <http://www.norfma.org>.

### CRS Users Group

If your community is currently, or is interested in, participating in the Community Rating System, you are encouraged to participate in the NORFMA CRS User Group. The next meeting is June 16 from 1-3pm PT at the Tacoma Mall Plaza Pierce County SWM office in Tacoma. Remote connection is available for those not able to attend in person.

For more information (including the teleconference information, contact Dennis Dixon [ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us).

### Ask the Help Desk

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

Send your questions to email at [RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com).



### Online Training

(All times Pacific)

#### NFIP Basics

June 8, 10am  
August 25, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### Introduction to the Community Rating System

June 14, 10am  
July 12, 10 am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### CRS: Drainage System Maintenance (Activity 540)

June 15, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### Elevation Certificates

June 16, 10am  
Online\* - 2 CEC

#### CRS: The Role of the Community CRS Coordinator

July 13, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### Letters of Map Change

July 14, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### Tools for Determining BFE

July 28, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

August 16, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

#### CRS: Developing Outreach Projects (Activity 330)

August 17, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

\*To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site online at [j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).