



NFIP/CRS UPDATE

Special Bulletin February 2012

2012 CRS Coordinator's Manual Webinars

The 2012 edition of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* will take effect no sooner than July 1, 2012. This allows all communities time to review their programs and see how they can improve their CRS classification under the new *Manual*.

A new series of one-hour webinars will be held February through April to explain the changes (including credit points). The webinars are free and are open to everyone.

You must register at least two days before the webinar you wish to attend. Remember that you need to access the site (at the URL that will be sent to you after you register) five minutes before the starting time. To get complete instructions on registration, click on "Webinar Info" at the 2012 *Manual* website www.crs2012.org. For questions, e-mail NFIPCRS@iso.com.

One Continuing Education Credit (CEC) will be provided by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) for those Certified Floodplain Managers who attend.

Webinars scheduled so far are listed on the next page. Check the website for later additions.

2012 CRS Award Nominations Sought

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has established an award to recognize individuals who have actively advanced the vision of the NFIP and the Community Rating System (CRS). While all CRS participating communities are taking steps that improve their flood safety and resilience, certain communities stand out.

As in all serious endeavors, outstanding results do not just happen. They are due to the efforts of specific individuals, who through their knowledge, commitment and passion, have made their communities safer. In an effort to recognize such individuals the NFIP is seeking nominations for the 2012 CRS Award for Excellence.

FEMA is asking organizations and their members to help identify worthy individuals. In particular FEMA is looking for nominees who have provided leadership in the area of alerting residents to the dangers of flooding and promoting the purchase of flood insurance through the NFIP. Such an individual could be an insurance or real estate professional, local official, floodplain manager, or other community leader.

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The nominee should be:

- Actively involved in a CRS community and knowledgeable about local flooding.
- Active in promoting the use of flood insurance as a key tool in helping individuals prepare for the contingency of flood damage to their properties.
- Active in encouraging community leaders to continually improve the community's safety and resilience related to flooding and other disasters.
- Recognizable as having noteworthy achievements in the area of alerting residents and businesses to potential flood dangers and promoting the purchase of flood insurance.

If you know of any such individuals, please help to recognize their achievements. Complete the attached form on the next page and mail, fax or email it as directed thereon. Please submit the form no later than February 24, 2012. Individuals affiliated with the CRS Task Force and Employees of FEMA or Insurance Services office are not eligible. Additional information is available at the following link <https://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3805>.

Spring 2012 CRS Webinars

Date	Time				Subject	Sponsor
	Eastern	Central	Mountain	Pacific		
Feb 14	1:00	12:00	11:00	10:00	Open space and natural functions	Colorado association
Feb 15	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00	Review of all changes	FEMA/ISO
Feb 17	1:00	12:00	11:00	10:00	Review of all changes	FEMA/ISO
Feb 20	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00	330/370 public information program	FEMA/ISO
Feb 21	Afternoon				Review of all changes, 330	Palm Beach County Users Group
Feb 23	10:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	General overview of changes	Volusia County Users Group
Feb 23	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	Open space, natural functions, 330	Oklahoma Users Group
Feb 27	1:30	12:30	11:30	10:30	330/370 public information program	Tampa Bay Users Group
Mar 1	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	330/370 public information program	FAST – Houston area Users Group
Mar 2	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00	Review of all changes	FEMA/ISO
Mar 14	1:00	12:00	11:00	10:00	330/370 public information program	FEMA/ISO
Mar 15	11:30	10:30	9:30	8:30	330/370 public information program	FLOAT – New Orleans Users Group
Mar 20	10:00	9:00	8:00	7:00	Review of all changes, 330/370	Virginia Users Group
Mar 20	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	Review of changes, 540, 610	Illinois association
Mar 21	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	540 in Florida	SW Florida Users Group
Mar 22	11:00	10:00	9:00	8:00	TBD	CHOST – Coastal MS Users Group
Mar 22	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	330/370 public information program	Illinois association
Mar 29	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00	540/610	Colorado association
Apr 5	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	540/610	FAST – Houston area Users Group
Apr 12	11:30	10:30	9:30	8:30	540 – drainage maintenance	FLOAT – New Orleans Users Group
Apr 24	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00	330/370 public information program	Colorado association
Apr 26	11:00	10:00	9:00	8:00	TBD	CHOST – Coastal MS Users Group
May 3	2:30	1:30	12:30	11:30	Open space and natural functions	FAST – Houston area Users Group

2012 CRS Award for Excellence Nomination Form

Please attach additional pages if more space is needed. Other materials in support of the nominee are welcome but not required. Four copies of any extra pages or materials should be submitted with this form.

1. Name of CRS Award Nominee: _____
Title: _____
Approximate Years of Service in this Role: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email Address (optional): _____
Person who will accept award (including title): _____

2. Please describe the flood insurance marketing activities the nominee has performed.

3. Describe any tangible results derived from these activities. _____

4. Describe any flood mitigation or damage avoidance outreach the nominee has conducted.

5. Describe collaboration with other local government, Federal and/or State Agencies that may have occurred.

6. Identify the CRS communities involved. _____

7. Include the names and titles of any local government community officials that were involved with these activities. _____

Submitted by (Name): _____ Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email Address (optional): _____

Submit to: CRS Coordinator, Room 968, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA
1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598-3030
Or by FAX to (202) 646-3074 or email to bill.lesser@dhs.gov.
For additional information call (202) 646 - 2807
Deadline to receive nominations is February 24, 2012.

Training Opportunities

CRS Training on Elevation Certificates

Don't forget that the CRS offers a "remote" workshop to help communities with their elevation certificate requirements. If you are interested in hosting a "webinar" on the FEMA Elevation Certificate or any other activity, contact your ISO/CRS Specialist.

Emergency Management Institute Courses

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) conducts courses on floodplain management and other CRS-related topics. These are oriented to local building, zoning, planning, and engineering officials. Tuition is free for state and local government officials and travel stipends are available. Call the training office of your state emergency management agency, see <http://training.fema.gov/>, call EMI at 1-800-238-3358 or (301) 447-1035, or see <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMICourses/EMICourse.asp>.

- **The Community Rating System (E278)** August 6–9, 2012; September 17–20, 2012

These courses will use the 2012 edition of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual*.

Prerequisite: To enroll in the CRS course, you must be a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) or have completed the National Flood Insurance Program course listed below (E273) or be a full-time floodplain manager with more than 3 years of experience specifically related to floodplain management.

The CRS course is also offered at other sites upon request. Scheduled so far are the same four day courses. These classes may have room for students from other parts of the country. Contact the State NFIP Coordinator for more information.

July 30 – August 2, 2012: Oklahoma

September 24 – 27, 2012: Kansas

October 15 – 18, 2012: Louisiana

- **Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts I (E194)** August 27 - 30, 2012

- **Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts II (E284)** March 5 – 8, 2012

- **Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP (E273)** March 19–22, April 23 – 26, June 11 – 14, and September 24 – 27, 2012

- **Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings (E279)** June 25 – 28, 2012

- **Residential Coastal Construction (E386)** August 13 - 16, 2012

E273 is also field deployed periodically. Contact your State NFIP Coordinator for more information. Find your State Coordinator at www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274.

- Under Section 431.n, Staffing (STF) and its replacement credit in the 2012 *CRS Coordinator's Manual*, five points are provided for each member of a community's floodplain permit staff who graduates from courses E194, E273, E278, E282, E284, or E386 (up to 25 points). Graduating from E279 is worth five points under Activity 360–Flood Protection Assistance.