Summer Floodplain Management Training 2-Day Workshops for Community Floodplain Administrators
The workshops are recommended for new and experienced floodplain managers to review important floodplain management issues and to learn about modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program. Attendance at one of the workshops by at least one representative from each community is advised. Planners, building inspectors, zoning officials, elected officials, or other interested parties are encouraged to attend. The fee is $40 for all workshops. Breaks and lunches will be provided. BRING REGISTRATION FEE WITH YOU TO THE WORKSHOP.
Training dates & locations are as follows:

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Make Fee payable to the NC Association of Floodplain Managers [NCAFPM, Federal ID #56-1802736].
Contact Milton Carpenter at (919) 715-8000, ext. 281 or Mcarpenter@ncem.org for more details or to register.

Pandemic Influenza Summits
The Coastal Area Health Education Center in partnership with NC Office of Emergency Medical Services, NC Public Health, Mountain Area Health Education Center and the Greensboro Area Health Education Center are holding pandemic influenza summits. The summits will facilitate the dissemination of critical information in regards to state and regional planning for a pandemic. Presentations will focus on pandemic flu planning at the local, state and regional levels, including a presentation on the revised North Carolina Plan. The Summit will also focus on the potential healthcare surge capacity and the development of model plans.
Upcoming Summit Dates are as follows:

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For more information:

Summer National Flood Insurance Program Training Information
The North Carolina Emergency Management Office of Geospatial and Technology Management will bring FEMA’s Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)(E-273) course to Pinehurst, North Carolina from July 30 – August 3, 2007. This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course will focus on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, flood maps and studies, ordinance administration and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance. The course will be held at Sandhills Community College located at 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 in the Van Dusen Hall, Room 103. **There is no registration fee, but class size is limited to 35 registrants.** Attendees must provide their own transportation and make their own room reservations. Please contact Ed Curtis at (919) 715-8000 ext. 369 or Ecurtis@ncem.org to obtain a copy of the Course Registration Form and the FEMA EMI Application Form. Return both forms to Ed Curtis no later than July 2, 2007.
National Conference of State Hazard Mitigation Officers to Be Held This Month
From July 16 – 20\textsuperscript{th}, the National Conference of State Hazard Mitigation Officers will be held in Stowe, Vermont. State Hazard Mitigation Officers from across the United States will be in attendance to hear topics on the following highlights: Ice Jam Mitigation Presentation, FEMA HQ Update, Flood Plain Management/Hazards Management Regulations, Earthquake/Landslide Issues, Wildfire Issues & Mitigation and various others. NCEM’s Hazard Mitigation Section Chief and North Carolina State Hazard Mitigation Officer Chris Crew will be teaching the “Program Overview” and “Project Application” segments of the State Hazardous Mitigation Officer (SHMO) 101 Course. The SHMO 101 course is usually attended by new State Hazard Mitigation Officials. North Carolina is a national leader in hazard mitigation, having developed and implemented over $500,000,000 worth of State and Federal funded mitigation projects in the past decade.
For more information, contact Chris Crew at (919) 715-8000, ext. 277 or Jcrew@ncem.org.

SBA Loans Available for Crop Damages and Losses Following Weather Conditions April 6 - 9, 2007
As a result of the Disaster declaration issued by the US Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced June 13, 2007 that Federal disaster loans are available to small businesses located in all North Carolina counties except Cherokee, Clay, Currituck, Graham, Granville, Pamlico and Vance. The loans are made available as a result of damages and losses to crops caused by the abnormally low temperatures and freezing conditions April 6 - 9, 2007. Under this declaration, SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to farm-related and nonfarm-related small business concerns and small agricultural cooperatives that suffered economic injury. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA. Eligible small businesses may qualify for loans up to $1.5 million with a 4 percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years. SBA will determine eligibility, loan amounts and terms. Under this disaster declaration, SBA cannot provide loans to agricultural producers. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than January 24, 2008. For More Information contact the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired). For Business loan applications: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

Volunteers are still The Answer For Disasters & an way To Train Volunteers
NC State Animal Response Team partners, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and State Emergency Management have been working with County Emergency Management to develop consistent animal sheltering plans for the upcoming Hurricane Season. The Federal requirements of the PETs Act require County and State emergency planners to make adequate preparations for companion pets during emergencies, especially during evacuations. The success of the operation of an animal shelter depends on the amount of trained volunteers readily available. One innovative training that is being used in consideration of volunteers time and wallets (travel expense) are webinar trainings. These webinars provide information on how volunteers can participate on local, state, and national levels. These trainings are provided through UNC! The webinar can be accessed via website on your computer and can be heard on your home phone. These webinars are free including the phone call. Webinar’s were conducted in June with participants including Animal Control, County and State Emergency Management, Cooperative Extension Service, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Veterinarians, local Humane Groups, Rescue Groups and volunteers such as Boarding Kennel owners. Registration is required and participants can register at http://www.sph.unc.edu/nccphp/agPETS/. When you register, you will receive an email confirmation with access directions. Training will next be offered on July 10.

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and a time to be announced in August.
For more information:  www.ncsart.org
http://www.sph.unc.edu/nccphp/agPETS/.
Contact: Robert Mann at (919) 715-4077, Rmann@ncem.org.

**Information on the PETs Act and Other Post Hurricane Katrina Legislation affecting North Carolina**

1) All Counties and States must make provisions for pets of the people who evacuate and are sheltered in disaster response plans.

2) Reinforcement of the policy that all Service animals are to accompany their owners during disasters including evacuation and sheltering.

3) FEMA will provide reimbursement funding through the Stafford Act to assist States and Counties responding to animal needs during disasters. Provision is also there for pre-event preparation funding but none has been appropriated this year.

4) NC counties are mixed in their planning efforts for pet sheltering. Some counties have planned to do Co-located sheltering and others have not. Co-located shelters are emergency shelters for animals and humans that use the same site but separate the sheltering areas of the animals from the humans.

5) Red Cross will provide food and shelter to volunteers that serve in co-located shelters.

For more information, contact Robert Mann at (919) 715-4077 or Rmann@ncem.org.

**Public Assistance: FEMA Implements Pilot Program for 2007 & 2008 Hurricane Seasons**

North Carolina Emergency Management- Public Assistance Section has announced The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007 has directed FEMA, in coordination with State and local governments, to implement a Public Assistance (PA) Pilot Program from June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. The legislation sets three goals for the PA Pilot Program: reducing the costs to the Federal Government of providing assistance to State and local governments, increasing flexibility in grant administration and expediting the provision of assistance to States and local governments. Participation in the PA Pilot Program is open to State and local governments on a voluntary basis, and can be implemented on an applicant-specific or project-specific basis. The four key elements of the PA Pilot Program are:

1. Providing grants on the basis of estimates for large projects up to $500,000 for Categories A and C-G.
2. A 5% increase in the Federal cost share for Category A debris projects for applicants that have a FEMA-approved debris management plan and at least two pre-qualified debris and wreckage removal contractors identified prior to a disaster.
3. Allowing the applicant to retain any revenue from the salvage value of recyclable disaster debris as an incentive to recycle debris, with no corresponding reduction in project funding due to the revenue.
4. Reimbursing the straight- or regular-time salaries and benefits of an applicant’s permanently employed staff (i.e., force account labor) that perform eligible debris-related Category A activities.

Public Assistance is currently conducting Subgrantee training classes throughout the state that address the normal PA eligibility and reimbursement processes, as well as the specific provisions of the voluntary PA Pilot Program. In addition, Joe Stanton, Public Assistance debris coordinator, has been meeting with counties and municipalities to discuss debris management planning and the PA Pilot Program. For additional information on the PA Pilot Program...
North Carolina FOP Foundation and Husqvarna Forest & Garden Co. From Partnership For Disasters
On June 15, 2007, the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Foundation (FOP) and Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company announced a partnership to assist law enforcement officer’s families during times of disasters. The NC FOP created the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to provide trained (FOP) volunteers and assistance to respond to the affected areas and provide home stabilization and other needed immediate assistance to law enforcement officers’ families while the officers are away on duty during disasters. Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company, a manufacture of outdoor power equipment, will supply equipment and training to DART members. This meeting was attended by Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company President David R. Zerfoss, NCFOP President Ron Wyatt, Charlotte Mayor Patrick McCrory, NCEM Manager Warren Moore, Husqvarna Forest & Garden Company Staff, NC FOP DART Project staff and NC FOP Officials. For More information, contact Warren Moore at (919) 733-3817, Wmoore@ncem.org.

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