# National Capitol Region Hazus User Group Conference Call
## Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 2pm

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**Thanks:**

- Thanks to everyone who is attending the call today
- Also, thanks to everyone who filled out the original Survey, your input was very helpful.

**Role Call:**

- DC
    - o Philip Schneider
- DE
    - o Silvana Croope - DE HUG
- MD
    - o Zack Baccala  - Atkins
- PA
    - o Michael McGeehin - RAMPP RSC Region 3 – GIS Lead
- VA
    - o James Mobley - Dewberry/RAMPP
    - o Jenna McGee – AMEC
- WV
    - o Mohiuddin Shaik - Baker

**Goals:**

- Increase HAZUS user networking in the NCR
- Partnerships with Universities
- Providing Regional Tech Support and Training
- Organize monthly conference calls
- Quarterly groups meetings – Potentially meeting in DC
- Update Hazus Inventory for FEMA Region 3
- Outreach and Social Media
- Data Sharing

**Speakers:**

- James – glad to see group is reviving
- Mohiuddin - is a Certified Trainer and would be glad to help with training and tech support.

- o   Help make people more aware of upcoming EMI training courses that are free
- o   Get data holders trained so they would be more willing to offer their own data to the Hazus update.
- Zach– Has training room without computers (40 Seats), Calverton MD
  - o   GIS Classroom at Salisbury University with computer lab for training
  - o   Stated there was interest for attending training courses
- James – has computer lab (12 seats) in Fairfax VA for training
- Silvanna – Used HAZUS for PhD research.  Working with DOT and DEMA
  - o   Collected road elevations to track flooding
  - o   Trying to integrate between multiple agencies
  - o   Working on Inventory updates
  - o   State has website for hosting Geospatial data
    - ▪   Has some base data already.
    - ▪   Hoping to have Hazus data hosted there eventually as well.
  - o   Trying to get funding to continue updating and sharing data
  - o   Wants to let everyone have access to the data
- Zach – SC has a state data portal that has data from multiple agencies
  - o   Melissa Potter – SC EMA in Columbia
  - o   Might want to check out as a prototype

## To Do Tasks:

- Get list of certified trainer within Region 3 from Philip Moore
- Develop a list of available training locations
- Get list of upcoming EMI courses posted on our Website
- Get a membership list contacts to circulate
- Send out survey to determine best day and time to have our call each month
- Organize project presentation for next call – James Mawby

## Leadership:

- Cynthia will follow up with a list of who was interested in each role

## Future Call Topics:

- Hazus Uses with Risk MAP
- Stewardship of HAZUS runs & inventories
- Something about what is going on in the local universities in terms of risk management and HAZUS.
- Current Hazus projects being conducted in the area.
- How states are collaborating with multiple agencies to maintain the best data for Hazus...ex. Risk MAP, Hazard Mitigation plans, etc.

- Technical lessons learned on data uses and analysis methods.
- Discussion of how educators and emergency managers can work together using HAZUS.
- Risk MAP HAZUS usage.
- Past events that have impacted the Region where HAZUS has been utilized. To discuss scenarios for future weather events where HAZUS can be utilized.
- How can Veterans help?
- Case Studies
- Silvanna Croope offered to share about her current project involving modeling losses to transit infrastructure in Delaware.

## Final Comments

At the end of each call, there will be an opportunity for someone to volunteer to present on a project, best practices, innovative idea for the use of HAZUS, etc. for the next call.

For the future, there will be a presentation prepared and distributed in advance.

## Next Call

**Please fill out the survey to determine our schedule for future Calls:**
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P9PPRQM

- James Mawby, will be presenting on Risk MAP, an Early Demonstration in Binghamton NY.
  UDFs developed for all Census Blocks intersecting flood zones, protected by the levees.
- Follow up on discussion from first call and dividing HUG roles and mission.
- Discuss idea of developing "How to…." Presentations through a Webex or recorded presentation.
- Discuss possible topics and outreach for interest in these presentation.  Please come with ideas!