

NCHUG MEETING

April 28, 2009

11:00 AM

Facilitator / Note Taker: Eric Coughlin **Type of meeting:** Teleconference

Attendees: **Jamie Caplan**, Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC
Eric Coughlin, PBS&J
Moses Wilkins, FEMA Region IV
Darrin Punchard, AECOM
Mike Erickson, AECOM
Rick Burgess, FEMA Region IV
Ricky Hall, Alamance County
Jessica Phillips, Dare County Emergency Management

Minutes

Agenda item: Participant Introductions **Presenter:** All attendees

Discussion: All attendees introduced themselves and their HAZUS experience.

Only new attendees since last meeting are **Ricky Hall**, **Jessica Phillips** and **Rick Burgess** (please refer to last month's meeting minutes for other members' brief bios).

Rick Burgess – is the FEMA HAZUS Education & Outreach Coordinator in Atlanta for FEMA Region IV. Rick is our resource for all HAZUS training questions and outreach opportunities in the region.

Ricky Hall – E/911GIS Mapping Specialist. Has been using HAZUS for about a year. Works on large address mapping projects for the fire department. Wants to explore more HAZUS training opportunities.

Jessica Phillips – Has been involved with HAZUS for three years. Uses HAZUS to assist hazard mitigation plan updates analysis and cartographic production. Taking a 'Train the Trainer' HAZUS class at EMI. Will become a HAZUS Certified Trainer soon. This is good news for NC.

Conclusions: Great to hear from new members...let's add more next month.

Agenda item: NCHUG Meeting at National Conference in August **Presenter:** Roundtable

Discussion: Structure of our first meeting in August

- Our group will have its first meeting at the National HAZUS Conference this August in Raleigh.
- Will be 2-3 hours long.
- Luncheon event.
- Networking, networking, networking.
- Map Gallery: submit your NC posters/maps for display.
- Call for speakers: if you would like to present please contact Eric Coughlin. What work are you doing? What work have you done? Here is your chance to highlight your HAZUS work to other users. Topic tracks are wide open; anything related to HAZUS in NC: mitigation planning, Risk Map, flooding, hurricanes, etc.
- Rick Burgess is coordinating a guest speaker from NCEM.

Conclusions: Let's work together to make this a successful event.

Action items:	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact Eric for any information or to sign up for a speaker slot or to submit a poster	All	ASAP

Agenda item: HAZUS Basic Course Being Taught In NC **Presenter:** Rick Burgess

Discussion: Basic HAZUS course offering.

- There is a HAZUS Basic course being offered at Camp Lejeune this June.
- There is no cost for state/local employees.
- Please contact Rick Burgess at FEMA for more information. (770) 220-5575

Conclusions: Take advantage of this regional training opportunity.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ If you need basic training contact Rick.	Rick Burgess	ASAP

Agenda item: HAZUS Software Updates	Presenter: Rick Burgess
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Discussion: What new with the software?

- HAZUS MR-3 Patch 3 is almost ready for release. This will make HAZUS compatible with ArcGIS 9.3. Stay tuned to this site for release information or watch http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/hazus/hz_orderform.shtm for the download.
- HAZUS MR-4 is slated for release around the National Conference in August. Stay tuned.

Conclusions: MR-3 Patch 3 almost ready for download. MR-4 coming in a few months.

Agenda item: HAZUS Success Story for newsletter	Presenter: Jaime Caplan
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Discussion: Do you have a HAZUS success story?

- If you have a project where HAZUS made it a success you can submit your story.
- The [HAZUS Hot Zone News Letter](#) is a newsletter that highlights new developments, activities and practices associated with HAZUS-MH

Conclusions: Highlight *your* work.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Submit you story to Jaime Caplan (888) 657-3550	Jaime Caplan	Ongoing