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User Group calls:

March 12
April 16
May 14

Leaders calls:

May 7
July 9

More information on the User Group calls can be received by signing up for [GovDelivery](#) emails or becoming a member of the [Hazus group on LinkedIn](#)

2013 Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is busy planning the 2013 Florida Statewide Hurricane Exercise. FDEM's exercise has grown to include three exercises overall, overlapping in both space and time with two other exercises – NORTHCOM's Ardent Sentry 2013 and the National Guard's Vigilant Guard 2013.

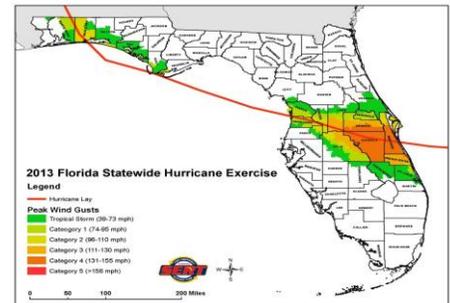
Late last year, FDEM was also contacted with a request from the DHS Geospatial Management Office looking for opportunities to, "exercise the DHS Geospatial Concept of Operations" with a state exercise.

For those not familiar with the DHS GeoCONOPS, the CONOPS is an effort focused on the geospatial communities supporting DHS and emergency management activities per the National Preparedness Goal and other homeland security legal authorities addressing geospatial mission support, geospatial data and geospatial production and delivery.

As the exercise has grown in scope and participating agencies, geospatial activities have been aggressively pursued, involving staff from the DHS Geospatial Management Office, FEMA Geographic Information Office, FEMA Region IV, FEMA National Exercise and Simulation Center, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and AFNORTH in regards to modeling, remote sensing, data sharing and exchange, and play during the exercise.

FDEM looks forward to working with the FEMA National Exercise and Simulation Center and the FEMA Modeling Task Force using Hazus as an integral tool for exercise planning, response and recovery.

For more information, please contact **Richard Butgereit**, GIS Administrator, Florida Division of Emergency Management, at Richard.Butgereit@em.myflorida.com.



Higher Education Resources Consortium (HERC) Group Revival

The Hazus Higher Education Resources Consortium (HERC) group is being re-established. The HERC's **mission** is to increase Hazus-related training and accessibility in higher education settings, facilitate research into furthering the Hazus tool or model, and to act as an important conduit for ideas and feedback between the higher education community and FEMA.

The HERC is in the early stages of revitalizing the group and will begin working on goals and initiatives in order to grow membership and create a strong impact on the higher education community. The group is looking for more people within the higher education community who would be interested in joining and participating in the growing group.

If anyone is interested in joining, please email Apostolis Sambanis, asamba2@uic.edu, or hazus@arcaspicio.com and you will be added to the distribution list and informed of future activities.

2013 EMI Training Courses

E0190: ArcGIS for Emergency Managers
March 25 – 28

E0313: Basic Hazus-MH
April 29 – May 2

E0172: Hazus-MH for Flood
May 13 - 16

To download the course schedule and enroll, visit <http://training.fema.gov/EMICourses/>

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Coming Soon! Download Hazus Software Online

Hazus software will soon be available to download online! In addition to ordering Hazus on DVD, users can visit the Map Service Center (MSC) site (<https://msc.fema.gov>) to download Hazus software and state datasets.

The download option allows users to receive Hazus software instantly instead of waiting for a DVD in the mail. International users are not eligible to download Hazus software and must order Hazus software on a DVD.

Benefits of online download versus ordering Hazus on a DVD:

- No wait time – instant download instead of receiving a DVD in the mail
- Choice of downloading Hazus software and/or individual state datasets
- Easy access to customer service

This new and convenient way to receive Hazus software will be available in mid-April.

The software and state datasets are the same as the information on the DVD and users will still need ArcGIS 10 Service Pack 2 to run Hazus.

If users have issues downloading the Hazus software or the state datasets once the site is live, they can contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) by calling 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

International users will need to continue ordering Hazus software on a DVD and can contact the FMIX by phone (1-877-FEMA-MAP) or email: MSCServices@riskmapcdis.com.

National Capital Region (NCR) Hazus User Group Revival

Cynthia McCoy, FEMA Region III, and Jennifer McGee, AMEC, recently revived the National Capitol Region (NCR) Hazus User Group. Their goal is to improve and grow the group and to get more participation from people in the NCR area.

They created a new NCR group page on LinkedIn and have increased the number of Hazus resources on the usehazus.com NCR page.

During the most recent NCR User Group call, the group developed **two goals**: Develop training opportunities region wide; Develop a region wide database of Hazus data to be used by States, Counties and Educational Institutions.

If anyone is interested in joining the NCR Hazus User Group, please email cynthia.mccoy@fema.dhs.gov and jenna.mcgee@amec.com.

Tracking Regional Training Courses

Regional training courses are an effective way to bring Hazus curriculum to local areas and to people who may not be able to travel to the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) campus for training.

These courses have a significant impact on building capabilities and local networks. In order to publicize and coordinate regional training courses, if anyone is hosting or helping facilitate a Hazus regional training course, please let the Hazus Outreach team know by emailing hazus@arcaspicio.com with the title of the course, location, and dates.

The Hazus Outreach team will also be soliciting Hazus users to collect this information. We appreciate your help making Hazus the premiere loss estimation tool!