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Abstracts

Title: Partnering with your Local Emergency Manager to Improve your CRS Rating

Length: 45 minutes

Subject: Community Rating System (CRS)

Target Audience: Floodplain & Emergency Managers

Presenter Name: Jim von Rintel, MA, CEM, FPEM, CFM
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Biography: Jim von Rintel has over 35 years of Emergency Management and Floodplain experience, much of which is in Florida as an emergency manager and floodplain manager. Jim has extensive experience in flood warning and response, having served as the emergency management operations Chief and as a Floodplain Coordinator for Collier County, Florida from 1996 – 2014. Since then he has been a Senior Floodplain Manager with J. R. Evans Engineering headquartered in Estero, Florida. Jim is certified in Florida as a Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM), internationally by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), by FEMA as a Professional and Advanced Professional in Disaster Operations and by the State Association of Floodplain Managers as a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

Co-Presenter: None

Biography:

Abstract: A community's local emergency manager is an excellent partner to enhance your floodplain and Community Rating System (CRS) program. Often, emergency managers are reluctant to partner with a community floodplain program mainly due to misunderstandings regarding how each programs activities can mutually support each other, or due to fears of having to take on the responsibility for the floodplain. Many emergency management activities directly support activity 610 (Flood Warning and Response), especially the requirement for an annual flood exercise which can be easily conducted jointly with an emergency management annual hurricane exercise. Other areas of mutual support are Activities 330 (Outreach), 410 (Hazard Mapping), 420 (Open Space), 510 (Flood Management/Mitigation Plan) and 530 (Flood Protection).

Also, emergency managers are often stewards of a community's Storm Ready (Activity 612.e), Tsunami Ready (Activity 612.f), 620 (Levees) and 630 (Dams) programs.

This presentation will provide an overview of how to establish a partnership with your local emergency manager, or how to improve the one you already have towards a more flood resilient community that will also receive more CRS credit for the things they are already doing, or could be doing in a more coordinated manner.