

# Florida Floodplain Managers Association

## 2019 Annual Conference

### Abstract

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<b>Title:</b>	Managing the Floodplain & Disasters Using GIS
<b>Length:</b>	30 minutes
<b>Subject:</b>	Floodplain Mapping & GIS
<b>Target Audience:</b>	FPAs, engineers, Local officials
<b>Presenter Name:</b>	Scott G. Fraser, CFM Floodplain Administrator City of Key West, Florida

**Biography:** Scott Fraser CFM, the eldest, most intelligent and best looking of seven children, has strived for academic excellence since first having been expelled from high school during the early 1970s. At age 17, now unimpeded by educational constraints, he joined the US Army and became a hand-grenade instructor; he's been lighting fuses ever since. After serving for decades in emergency services as a firefighter, EMT, police officer and city commissioner in his native New Hampshire, Fraser wantonly set sail during 2000 for parts unknown to stumble upon the isle of Key West with grand hopes of never working seriously again. Fraser was steadfastly exploring first-hand the upper thresholds of libations upon anatomy, funded by prestigious research grants issued daily by passers-by into his filthy sailor's cap. Upon the disgraceful departure of the city's previous Floodplain Administrator, City staff stood Fraser up, brushed him off, sobered him up for a one-week stint aimed at convincing CAV auditors that FEMA's interests were under the watchful eye of a dedicated staff member. Fraser's new-found sobriety continued past the week-long maximum that could be expected. Figuring this fraud could be perpetuated indefinitely, the City dispatched him to a series of floodplain related classes where - even to his own amazement - he graduated; causing his elementary school teachers to rollover in their graves as squadrons of pigs flew overhead. He's been serving as the FEMA/CRS Coordinator & Floodplain Administrator for the City of Key West, Florida since 2007.

**Co-Presenter:** None

**Abstract:** Cross-training floodplain management personnel with GIS skills has revolutionized how this island community manages its floodplain both daily and when disaster strikes. While the first CRS map can more than pay for an entire GIS system and training, it can also speed federal disaster relief reimbursements.