Chapter District 3
Annual Status Report

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Introduction

Chapter District 3 includes the following chapters:

Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers
Florida Floodplain Managers Association
Georgia Association of Floodplain Management
Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi
North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers
South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation
Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management
Virginia Floodplain Management Association

North Carolina Association of National Floodplain Managers

Accomplishments

- The NCAFPM hosted the 2023 ASFPM Annual Conference. This event had the largest attendance at an ASFPM Annual Conference on record. ALL NCAFPM Board Members attended.
- The NCAFPM hosted the NCAFPM Fall Floodplain Institute October 11-13 in Asheville. Largest attendance at our Fall Floodplain Institute on record.
- Awarded three (3) NCAFPM Berry Williams Scholarships to university students totaling $4,000. The NCAFPM received the largest applicant pool for the NCAFPM Scholarship on record.
- The NCAFPM developed a Charter to commission Student Chapters and began discussions to form our first student chapter at East Carolina University.
- The NCAFPM developed a Charter to commission development of a Mentoring Program.
- The NCAFPM began planning for our 2024 Annual Conference and our 2024 Fall Floodplain Institute.
- The NCAFPM began discussions with SCAHM regarding hosting a joint SCAFHM / NCAFPM Conference in Wilmington, NC during the Spring of 2025.

Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers

On June 7, 2023 Governor Kay Ivey signed into legislation Senate Bill 284 which established the State’s first dam safety program. One of AAFM’s members, State Senator Clyde Chambliss, P.E. was instrumental in getting this legislation passed. They have been updating the members on the role this new legislation will have and the benefits it will bring to each member’s community. Through
workshops and conferences they have focused on educating the members on the topics of disaster preparedness, post-disaster assessment, and recovery. In addition, AAFM sponsored training workshops throughout the state on substantial damage/substantial improvement assessments and using the FEMA SDE tool.

AAFM’s priority for the upcoming year is to focus on training and presentations related to flood mitigation grants with the desired outcome of increasing the mitigation funding coming to our state. Their challenges with this are finding individuals in the State or nearby who have been involved with successful grant applications to present or provide training opportunities, and most likely we will need to reach out to other chapters for assistance with this.

**South Carolina Association of Hazard Mitigation**

**Accomplishments**

- SCAHM held their annual conference in Clemson, SC on March 19-21.
- Held an in-person training about the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program on June 16th that was conducted by Insight Planning and Development
- Partnered with the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a virtual training titled “Understanding 2D for Floodplain Management”
- SCAHM made a $500 donation towards rain barrels to be placed in public locations for the Gullah Gichee community located in Beaufort, SC
- Began planning the 2024 Annual conference to be located in Myrtle Beach, SC

**Priorities**

- SCAHM is partnering with NCAFM to do a joint annual conference in Wrightsville Beach in 2025
- SCAHM would like to conduct more trainings including utilizing resources from an existing partnership with the International Codes Council to provide training for Building Officials
- Organizing a training committee to plan more trainings throughout the year

**Challenges**

- SCAHM has no staff and is an all-volunteer board. Planning the annual conference takes a substantial amount of time leaving little time for planning training throughout the year.
- Challenges with getting member involvement and feedback