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[ClickHere](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FLists%252FHow%2520are%2520we%2520doing%252Foverview%252Easpx) | **A ShakeOut Success! FEMA's continued support of the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill Rocked the Nation**  On Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at 10:21 a.m. local time in all time zones, millions of participants in homes, schools, and organizations across the world participated in the annual Great ShakeOut earthquake drill. During this time, people practiced the safety actions of “Dropp, Cover, and Hold On” as if there was a major earthquake occurring. FEMA has supported ShakeOut since the first event was held in 2008. Participation in this drill helps the nation reinforces two of FEMA’s Strategic Goals -- Build a Culture of Preparedness and Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters --as well as assists in reducing disaster suffering.  With more than 333 million people living and working in the United States, a major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation. Knowing what to do before a big earthquake will determine how well someone survives and recovers. FEMA’s Earthquake and Wind Programs Branch along with External Affairs and Risk Management Division Communications were successful this year with their communication plan and outreach strategy for ShakeOut. This year, messaging emphasized that those participating in the drill could join in whether they were working from home, in the office, with others at an off-site location or alone due to the Covid-19 pandemic.  Banners were placed on the front pages of FEMA.gov and the agency’s intranet site. Articles featured the Great ShakeOut in several FEMA publications including the RMD News Flash, and an email was sent to the FEMA Earthquake listserv with over 20,000 subscribers. In addition, FEMA Administrator Criswell posted a video of herself [practicing the drill](https://twitter.com/FEMA_Deanne/status/1451191613611413507?s=20) and encouraging participating. Risk Management’s Deputy Assistance Administrator Nick Shufro also shared a personal message about [earthquake preparedness](https://login.microsoftonline.com/2863bcaf-4433-4a95-89dd-302e4b0159a1/oauth2/authorize?client_id=00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-000000000000&response_mode=form_post&protectedtoken=true&response_type=code%20id_token&resource=00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-000000000000&scope=openid&nonce=2D300680EE2E699E40CF772E1A0CCEE197EC3250DE2357B9-8A5DE764E12A2EB397F467AB02C673F9CB3E3BB75F68C7C8311A207F3C97603F&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fusfema.sharepoint.com%2F_forms%2Fdefault.aspx&state=OD0w&claims=%7B%22id_token%22%3A%7B%22xms_cc%22%3A%7B%22values%22%3A%5B%22CP1%22%5D%7D%7D%7D&wsucxt=1&cobrandid=11bd8083-87e0-41b5-bb78-0bc43c8a8e8a&client-request-id=af9afe9f-00ac-1000-2c94-76ea4564b582). On the day of the event, FEMA pushed notifications to computer desktops, texts and email messages to nearly 20,000 FEMA employees.  FEMA Regions also had their own plans for the drill and shared a multitude of messaging via social media:   * The National Preparedness Division in FEMA Region 1 developed a short video reminding people what to do during the drill and that preparedness starts at home. Additional ShakeOut activities were also conducted at the Region. * An Emergency Notification System (ENS) was sent through the Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) to all FEMA Region 2 employees (Approximately 1,300 employees, including staff from the Regional Office and the Joint Recoveries Offices at Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands). There was an all hands meeting in regard to Great ShakeOut that was coordinated by National Preparedness Division and the Office of the Regional Administrator. * FEMA Regions 8, 9 and 10 collaborated and published a two blogs promoting ShakeOut and [earthquake awareness](https://www.fema.gov/blog/we-live-earthquake-country-0) and [preparedness](https://www.fema.gov/blog/earthquake-awareness-next-steps). Regional representatives also did an interview with the [Disaster Tough Podcast,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mddmIc97JiE) as well as an All-Hands presentation on why it’s important practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On and how other programs within the regions can coordinate on earthquake awareness, mitigation, and disaster-related efforts. * Each of the earthquake program managers also did an #IAMFEMA video that was shared on social media accounts for each FEMA region. You can view the recorded videos by [Sean McGowan](https://twitter.com/femaregion8/status/1450848706505453576), Region 8 and [Amanda Siok, Region 10](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion10/status/1450607802024697862).   EWPB’s Jon Foster, who spearheads FEMA’s ShakeOut efforts, presented earthquake safety to his daughter’s classroom, distributed several ShakeOut and preparedness materials to the class, and participated in the ShakeOut Drill with them.  Please see below for a collection of images.   |  | | --- | | ShakeOut Drill |   *Figure 1: FEMA Administrator Criswell participating in the ShakeOut Drill.*   |  | | --- | | ShakeOut Drill |   *Figure 2: Region 8 EQ Program Manager (Sean McGowan) shows you how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On!*   |  | | --- | | ShakeOut Drill |   *Figure 3: Region 4 showing great form in the Great ShakeOut Drill.*   |  | | --- | | ShakeOut Drill |   *Figure 4: First Graders Drop, Cover, and Hold on!*   |  | | --- | | ShakeOut Drill |   *Figure 5: EWPB's Jon Foster explaining earthquake risk to first graders.*  **FEMA Employee Supports Dam Safety Education**  FEMA continues its commitment to building a diverse emergency management by reaching out to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).  On Sept. 16, FEMA employee and 20-year civil engineer Preston Wilson presented at Tennessee State University, an HBCU in Nashville, on dam safety and how it plays into FEMA’s mission of helping people before, during and after disasters.  Wilson – a civil engineer from the [FEMA National Dam Safety Program](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety) -- spoke with 19 seniors about dam safety and how the dam safety industry requires civil engineers to use skills and resources from multiple civil engineering subdisciplines. He also discussed the important role civil engineers have in emergency management, including critical infrastructure and helping communities understand the importance of dam safety.  Wilson answered questions and spoke with students how to work in the dam safety field. Specific examples he provided were as a state regulator, dam owner or operator, and contractor or consultant within an emergency management agency or professional organization.  In addition, Preston attended the [Association of State Dam Safety Officials 2021 National Conference](https://damsafety.org/training-center/demand-conference/dam-safety-2021-demand) in Nashville. As a means of providing a firsthand look into the dam safety and dam risk management industry, the National Dam Safety Program invited four graduate and doctorate level Civil and Architectural Engineering students to attend the conference.  To learn more about the National Dam Safety Program, visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety).   |  | | --- | | Students |   *Tennessee State University Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering students and Preston Wilson.*   |  | | --- | | Students |   *Students, from left to right, Yang, Israr, Khaibarullah and Sylvia Kirwa joined the conference to meet with alumni and industry engineers.*  **The New FEMA Building Sciences Resource Library**  FEMA is excited to announce the launch of its new resource library dedicated to building science. The new library contains all available materials that focus on creating disaster-resistant communities.   |  | | --- | | [Button Screenshot](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/publications?utm_source=gd&utm_medium=ces&utm_campaign=newlibrary) |   **New functionality** empowers users with **enhanced search capabilities**. Users can now use combinations of the following to get the information you need:   |  | | --- | | Building Science Resource Library |  1. **‘Search by Document Type”**is a text field that allows users to enter either:    * Find exact matches.      + Want to find FEMA P-1000? Enter “P-1000” with the quotations to search for an exact match.      + Want to find FEMA P-1000 and FEMA P-312? Enter “P-1000” “P-312”.        - Spaces operate as an*OR*.      + Find multiple resources based on key terms.        - Not too familiar with specific resources but looking for anything related to schools or hospitals? Type in “School” “Hospital” and find all resources that feature those word. 2. **“Filter by Disaster Type”**allows users to narrow down on the subject matter of most interest to them. Live in an earthquake prone community and want to know how to strengthen a home's performance to reduce damage? Easily filter all the resources by earthquake or one of numerous other topics. 3. The**“Filter by Document Type**” drop-down menu allows users to search for specific types of resources. Interested in short fact sheets or prefer to find a video game? This filter sifts through hundreds of resources in seconds to find exactly what's needed. 4. The**“Filter by Audience“** filter lets users sort through all building science resources by the resources’ target audience. A teacher looking for resources to educate their students? Find all education resources with one simple selection.  |  | | --- | | Screenshot FEMA 395 |   After a user fills in all inputs, they can hit the blue “Search Media” button and scroll down to the results. Any resource presented will be accompanied by a healthy summary and an easy to find download button.  Please note that this new library has replaced the hazard-specific pages that existed previously. While it’s easier than ever to sort the library, a list of links featured below will open the new library by hazard:   * Earthquake Resources * Flood Resources * High Wind Resources * Hurricane Resources * Other Hazards (Wildfire & Snow Load) Resources * Multi-Hazard Resources   **FEMA Celebrates National Community Planning Month**  Patrick Kraich, patrick.kraich@fema.dhs.gov  This October community planners around the country join the American Planning Association (APA) to recognize National Community Planning Month (NCPM). The month highlights the importance of planning in creating great communities that are safe, resilient, and more equitable. Planning that emphasizes inclusion and equity provides all residents an opportunity for to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community.  Effective community planning considers both where and how we build. Disaster resilience of a community is guided by plans, policies and regulations that govern both where and how communities, buildings and infrastructure are located and built. Mitigation planning can influence both “where”, by considering natural hazards in land-use planning and the “how” by promoting mitigation action, like adopting building codes, to increase protection of buildings from hazards. In this era of more frequent and severe natural hazard events due to climate change, it is especially important to consider mitigation planning as part of the community planning framework.  FEMA encourages communities to explore the vast planning and funding resources that the agency provides. Below is a list of resources to help communities produce effective hazard mitigation plans and information on funding programs to implement them.   * Visit FEMA’s [National Risk Index](https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/products-tools/national-risk-index) and learn more about the hazards in your local community. * Get inspired by others’ mitigation actions by viewing [FEMA’s Mitigation Planning Success Story Map](https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=d50f03a118974dc8b90026d29aa70721). * Hazard mitigation plans are stronger and more effective with more diverse perspectives and points of views at all stages of the planning process. Contact your [FEMA Regional Planner](https://www.fema.gov/about/contact) for more information and to get involved. * Read FEMA’s definition of equity to make its programs more accessible. * Learn to make equitable and resilient practices a part of your day-to-day planning work with [Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rnpn_building-alliances-for-equitable-resilience.pdf). * [The Mitigation Resource Guide: Federal funding, technical assistance, and other resources to support hazard mitigation](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_mitigation-resource-guide.pdf) provides a comprehensive list of federal resources, including grants, technical assistance, loans, and other means of support. * Discover how to use natural systems to increase resiliency in [Building Community Resilience with Nature Based Solutions](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_riskmap-nature-based-solutions-guide_2021.pdf). * Explore how communities can better support hazard mitigation projects and planning by engaging other sectors in the [Guides to Expanding Mitigation](https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/region-2/guides-expanding-mitigation). * Learn how to integrate future conditions, such as climate change, into your hazard mitigation planning process to increase overall resilience. Watch the Webinar: [Addressing Future Climate, Population, and Land Use Changes Through Hazard Mitigation Planning](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHHGtCt7ZMM). * Learn about the essential role that land use planning and building codes play in reducing disaster risk. Watch the [Webinar: Where and How We Build: Using Land Use and Building Codes to Increase Resilience.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=QENhikka7ME)   Learn more about FEMA programs that work with community planners every day here:   * [Hazard Mitigation Planning](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/hazard-mitigation-planning) * [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation) * [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation) (HMG). Provides funding to state, local, tribal and territory governments to rebuild after a disaster in a way that reduces future disaster losses, including developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans. * [Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities](https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities) (BRIC). Supports state, local, tribal and territory governments as they undertake hazard mitigation projects to categorically shift the focus from reactive disaster spending toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. * [National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program](https://www.nehrp.gov/) * [Floodplain Management](https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management) * [Building Science](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/publications?utm_source=gd&utm_medium=ces&utm_campaign=newlibrary) * [Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP)](https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/tools-resources/risk-map) * [National Dam Safety Program](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety)   Visit APA’s NCPM [page](https://www.planning.org/ncpm/) for more information.  Join the conversation with [#planningmonth](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23planningmonth&src=typed_query&f=live).   |  | | --- | | National Community Planning Month |   *FEMA and APA celebrate the role that planning plays in creating great communities each October with National Community Planning Month.*  **RMD Procurement Update**   |  | | --- | | MAP |   The Risk MAP program recently awarded two of their major acquisitions at the conclusion of the FY21 Fiscal Year. The contracts awarded were the Production and Technical Services (PTS) contract and Community Engagement and Risk Communications (CERC) contract. The contract numbers and ceilings are as follow:  Table  The PTS contract is part of a multiple award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract that awarded one (1) IDIQ to each of the three (3) regional zones as outlined in the above graphic. The PTS contract provides architectural and engineering services to generate and evaluate flood hazard and risk information and support for the development and implementation of mitigation, planning, flood mapping and modeling activities.  PTS contractors provide FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program flood mapping and modeling. These activities support floodplain management regulations and flood insurance requirements. The National Flood Insurance Program maintains and updates flood hazard information through flood insurance rate maps and risk assessments for the United States and its territories under the PTS contracts.  The CERC contract is a single award IDIQ contract that covers the entire country. The CERC IDIQ supports all Risk Management Directorate (RMD) programs and three other Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) Programs: Floodplain Management, Federal Insurance (FID), and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA).  CERC’s goals are to synchronize communications and engagement, increase public awareness and promote actions that reduce risk to life and property. They also enhance natural hazard risk awareness by increasing understanding about mitigation and risk communications. The first Task Order has been awarded to support Risk MAP communications and engagement.  **FEMA Region 3 Supports State-Level Risk Reduction Brainstorm in Maryland**  Maggie Dunn, [Margaret.Dunn@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.Dunn@fema.dhs.gov)  On July 14, FEMA Region 3 met with Maryland state officials for the annual **Maryland Risk Reduction Consultation**. The virtual discussion this year focused in part on advancing the state’s draft 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan’s (HMP) goal of promoting the development of “…policies, programs, initiatives and projects which prioritize diversity, equity and environmental justice.”  Annual risk reduction consultations provide an opportunity for federal and state partners to come together to discuss how to mutually advance the state’s adopted priorities for reducing natural hazards risks.  Discussion at the Maryland consultation began with a facilitated large group session focused on defining and understanding the differences between terms like equity, environmental justice, social vulnerability and inclusive planning as they relate to risk reduction and mitigation.  Afterwards, small group breakout sessions focused on how to incorporate consideration of these topics into the mitigation action categories included in the draft 2021 state Hazard Mitigation Plan: local plans and regulations, structure and infrastructure projects, natural systems protection, education awareness programs and public health.  These discussions will continue in six months when state partners, with continued support from FEMA Region 3, will again be reaching out to participants to hold a six-month check-in webinar where participants will discuss any progress made, or challenges faced, in advancing efforts discussed during this year’s consultation.  For more information, contact Maggie Dunn at [Margaret.Dunn@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.Dunn@fema.dhs.gov).  **FEMA’s Resilient Nation Partnership Network Releases “Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience” Audio Stories**  Bradley Dean, [bradley.dean@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:bradley.dean@fema.dhs.gov)  The [Resilient Nation Partnership Network](https://www.fema.gov/business-industry/resilient-nation-partnership-network) (RNPN) recently released a series of [audio stories](https://www.fema.gov/business-industry/resilient-nation-partnership-network/resources) about equity and resilience, featuring four diverse voices who contributed to the “[Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_rnpn_building-alliances-for-equitable-resilience.pdf)” resource that was published earlier this year.  This is the latest step in a massive collaboration made possible by the reach and power of partnerships. “Building Alliances for Equitable Resource” and the corresponding audio stories offer insights, reflections and resources that organizations can use to build and apply equitable practices in their day-to-day work.  The audio stories feature four of the authors of the original guide orating the narratives that were featured as “Partner Voices.” The authors/orators include:   * Nikki Cooley, Diné Nation/Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. * Anna Marandi, National League of Cities. * Valerie Novack, Formerly of the Center for American Progress. * Jake White, National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders.   Narrated by FEMA’s Director of External Affairs Justin Knighten, these original anecdotes describe why resilience is important to the speakers, their livelihoods and communities. The stories highlight the need to act to create a more resilient future.   “We cannot continue to only write and talk about building networks, practices and communities that are prepared for and resilient to disaster events,” Valerie Novack said. “We must actively engage in the changes necessary to make them so, and we hope that resources such as these are the start to that work.”  The audio stories, with English and Spanish transcripts, are  available on the [RNPN website](https://www.fema.gov/business-industry/resilient-nation-partnership-network/resources). For more information, please reach out to Bradley Dean at [bradley.dean@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:bradley.dean@fema.dhs.gov).   |  | | --- | | Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience |   *The cover of the “Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience” resource*  **New Engagement Tools Help CTPs Meet Communities Where They Are**  Diane Howe, [Diane.Howe@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Diane.Howe@fema.dhs.gov)  FEMA Region 6 recently hosted a special edition of its monthly Readying for Risk MAP training for Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs) titled, “Integrating Equity and Inclusion into Rural and Base Level Engineering (BLE) Engagement during Risk MAP.”  For the 60 attendees, the goal was to discuss strategies for mitigating communication, trust and relationship-building barriers that can affect communities’ understanding of their flood risks and their ability to take informed action.  The training was led by the CERC provider’s equity and rural engagement team members, who shared new and soon-to-be-released tools that support more customer-centered approaches to risk communication. The training included tools for:   * Using plain language * Planning accessible virtual and hybrid public meetings * Creating equitable alliances for building resilience   During the Q&A and Open Discussion, attendees were asked how they can leverage public meetings as an opportunity for equitable considerations when sharing technical data.  CTPs openly shared learnings from their efforts to integrate equity and accessibility into their engagement efforts:  Always listen for communications and messaging gaps. Stakeholders may not get the message the first time; and we may not be aware of whether our message actually got through. Be sure to make the meeting a safe place to ask questions.  Respect contrasting cultural differences within the same community. In very large watersheds you’ll find a variety of characteristics. Therefore, we must adjust our engagement approach to meet their respective needs.  Deliver Resonating Messages – Everything we say matters, even the jokes and stories we use in our presentations. We need to ensure our messaging resonates with that community.  Build credibility by showing empathy can be enhanced with familiarity. If someone on your team is from the community where your meetings are held, bring them, as they may help stakeholders see that we are empathetic to their circumstances.  Meet in a Unifying Location – Every community has gathering places, i.e., town centers, where information is commonly shared. Where possible, hold your public meetings there. Involve children where appropriate.  For more information, please get in touch with Diane Howe, Risk Analysis Lead, FEMA Region 6, [Diane.Howe@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Diane.Howe@fema.dhs.gov).  **High Water Mark Photographs**   |  | | --- | | High Water Mark |   This year’s [Floodplain Management Association](https://floodplain.org/) conference included a novel contest on high water mark pictures.  The call for entries went out, photographs were submitted, judges debated, and the winner is … Lea Adams with the United States Army Corps of Engineers  (USACE) Hydrologic Engineering Center.  The high-water mark (photographed in September 2015 as seen to the right) is a stainless-steel plate with a blue line. It’s found on a wall in a residential area in Hoa An, Vietnam.  This sign shows the need to recognize flood hazards is international as well as local.  Second place went to Alex Tardy, with NOAA/National Weather Service, and Steve Bier, Anza Borrego State Park Ranger.  Submitted photos show the flood of record along Fish Creek in eastern San Diego County. This extreme event deposited rock debris as high as 8 feet. Eyewitness reports indicated a wall of water along the creek during the flood of record on July 30, 2012.  Sharing high water mark pictures support floodplain management.  Discussion at the “High Water Marks as a Public Information Tool” panel at this year’s Floodplain Management Association conference revealed how communities embrace their flood marks as points of public interest.  Knowledge is power and signs are effective at conveying flood hazards information.  **New National Outreach Templates Now Available**  Jaime Santucci, RMD Communications Strategy Branch  FEMA’s Outreach and Engagement Community of Practice (CoP) has produced standardized versions of multiple communication tools to support regional outreach around natural hazards and Risk MAP open houses. Adapted in collaboration with regional representatives for use across FEMA regions, these tools include:   1. [Open House Customizable Flyer](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FOpen%255FHouse%255FCustomizable%255FFlyer%255FEnglish%255F08132021%252Edocx) 2. [Open House Customizable Postcard](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FOpen%255FHouse%255FCustomizable%255FPostcard%255F5x7%255F08132021%252Epdf) 3. [Earthquake Hazard Poster](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FEarthquake%255FHazardPoster%255F08132021%252Epdf) 4. [Tornado Hazard Poster](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FTornado%255FHazardPoster%255F08132021%252Epdf) 5. [Wildfire Hazard Poster](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FWildfire%255FHazardPoster%255F08132021%252Epdf) 6. [Post-Wildfire Flooding Hazard Poster](https://ep.msc.fema.gov/adfs/ls?wa=wsignin1.0&wtrealm=urn%3asharepoint%3armd&wctx=https%3a%2f%2frmd.msc.fema.gov%2fO_Comms%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252FO%255FComms%252FCERC%2520Lib%252FNational%2520Templates%252FPostWildFireFlooding%255FHazardPoster%255F08132021%252Epdf)   Two of the templates – the Open House Flyer and Postcard – are fillable and allow for regional customization. They also include space to insert a community or partner logo. The four natural hazard posters have been adapted for a national audience and include causes, impacts and suggestions for reducing risk at both personal and community levels. Spanish versions are under development for each template.  The CoP encourages you to share these new tools with your staff, partners and communities.  FEMA’s Risk Management Directorate launched the Outreach and Engagement CoP in 2019 to accelerate cross-regional sharing of outreach and engagement activities, advance innovation opportunities and provide a forum for cross-regional and regional-headquarters collaboration.  For more information on these templates, the Outreach and Engagement CoP or to share additional ideas or tools for community engagement, please contact Jaime Santucci and the CoP team at [FEMA-HQ-RMD-Comms-COP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-HQ-RMD-Comms-COP@fema.dhs.gov).   |  | | --- | | Postcard |   *Page 1 (of 2) of the customizable Open House postcard.*   |  | | --- | | Flyer |   *View of the Post-Wildfire Flooding hazard poster.*  **Federal Alliance for Safe Homes Releases Pioneering Homebuyers Guide Advancing Resilience Nationwide**  The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) Buyer's Guide to Resilient Homes is now available as a first-of-its-kind resource for home protection against natural disasters. 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Check out the Buyer's Guide to Resilient Homes now and download a free copy today.   |  | | --- | | FLASH Buyers Guide |   **CTP Mentoring Network Program – Sign up to Participate and Connect with Your Fellow Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs)!**  Laura Algeo, Laura.Algeo@fema.dhs.gov  The peer-to-peer network is hosted on [Basecamp](https://basecamp.com/) (a cloud-based team communication software) in conjunction with the Association of State Floodplain Management (ASFPM). The goal of the CTP Mentoring Network is to provide a professional platform so that CTPs can make connections, share information and experiences, and discuss relevant topics through an accessible, peer-to-peer channel.  All current CTPs are eligible to participate.  How to join:   1. If you are interested, please fill out the survey at  <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTPMentoringNetwork>. 2. 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