



Florida CRS Initiative

August 2016

Education:

Mark your calendars!

Preparing an Annual Recertification— August 16, 2016
www.CRSResources.org/training

EC Course Schedule:

FFMA New Elevation Certificate
 2016 Training Class Schedule

CEUs: CFM, PE - 6;
 PLS/PSM, CBO - 4

Latest schedule and to register:
www.FLfloods.org/calendar

Date	Location
Aug 09	Jacksonville area*
Aug 24	Clearwater
Aug 25	St. Petersburg
Aug 26	Manatee Co.
Oct 12	Hendry Co. area*
Oct 19	West Palm Beach
Nov 15	Panama City
Nov 16	Fort Walton Beach
Nov 17	Jefferson Co. area*

*tentative, pending identifying host

Florida Leading the Way with New and Improved Ratings:

The newest numbers have been released. Please join us in congratulating the following communities for improvements or gaining entry into the CRS Program.

May 2016

Community Name	Effective Date	Current Class	Comments
Clearwater, City of	May-16	6	Improved from 7 May 2016
Longboat Key, Town of	May-16	5	Improved from 6 May 2016
Marco Island, City of	May-16	5	Improved from 6 May 2016
Melbourne Beach, Town of	May-16	8	New community May 2016
North Lauderdale, City of	May-16	9	New community May 2016
Panama City Beach, City of	May-16	8	New community May 2016
Parkland, City of	May-16	9	New community May 2016
Pinellas Co.	May-16	5	Improved from 7 May 2016
Port Orange, City of	May-16	5	Improved from 7 May 2016
Riviera Beach, City of	May-16	9	New community May 2016
St. Johns Co.	May-16	5	Improved from 6 May 2016
St. Pete Beach, City of	May-16	6	Improved from 7 May 2016
Surfside, Town of	May-16	8	New community May 2016
Tequesta, Village of	May-16	7	Improved from 8 May 2016

October 2016

Community Name	Effective Date	Current Class	Comments
Crystal River, City of	October-16	7	New community October 2016
Dunedin, City of	October-16	5	Improved from 6 October 2016
Flagler Co.	October-16	6	Improved from 7 October 2016
Key West, City of	October-16	7	New community October 2016
Mary Esther, City of	October-16	6	Improved from 7 October 2016
Miramar, City of	October-16	8	Improved from 9 October 2016
Monroe Co.	October-16	6	New community October 2016
Pensacola Beach, City of	October-16	5	Improved from 7 October 2016
Pinecrest, Village of	October-16	8	New community October 2016
Punta Gorda, City of	October-16	5	Improved from 6 October 2016
Putnam Co.	October-16	8	New community October 2016
Sanford, City of	October-16	7	New community October 2016
St. Petersburg, City of	October-16	5	Improved from 6 October 2016
Valparaiso, City of	October-16	7	Improved from 8 October 2016
Walton Co.	October-16	5	Improved from 6 October 2016

Outreach:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has developed a series of rack cards for use by local officials in providing outreach materials to the residents and property owners of their floodplains. The links below are print-ready versions that can be used by the print shop of your choosing. The rack cards cover 5 of the 6 priority topics found in Activity 330 of the CRS Coordinator's Manual. If the rack cards are displayed at 5 locations within your community, the 5 topics times 5 locations will yield 25 points for Outreach activities for your community's CRS program

You can find the downloadable version of the rack cards for printing (print on cardstock for best result if not having professionally printed) at:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/CRS/>

Contact Us

The Florida CRS Initiative provides services to Florida Communities such as education, one on one assistance, User Group participation or technical assistance with navigating the CRS Cycle visit.

Have questions?

Contact us, we are at your service!

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Elevation Certificate Information:

The new elevation certificate has arrived, and with any new form questions arise as the product begins to be used. The Florida Initiative is utilizing the CRS User Group email distribution list to get out answers to questions in real time as they come up. These questions are vetted through ISO and FEMA. There are a few fields that ISO no longer looks at for CRS purposes.

FEMA is encouraging everyone to use the electronic fillable version of the new EC form. CRS state staff has received a question regarding the new fillable PDF version of the FEMA Elevation Certificate. Danny Hinson reached out to ISO and received the coordinated response (below) from Insurance Services Office (ISO) and FEMA Headquarters. Please see the communications below:

Question from community:

I have just received an email from a local surveyor with an issue on the new EC. I'm including his message and would like your guidance on how to reply.

Surveyor: I know you like for us to write "N/A" for A8(a) and A9(a) if appropriate, but the new FEMA form published 6-13-16 will not allow "alpha" characters in the fields, only numerical.

I hope it will be ok for us to put "0" instead, since we cannot type "N/A"?

Will this be acceptable for CRS purposes?

Answer from ISO:

Yes, we just discovered this same issue recently on our end, too. We have updated our EC checklist to say that you can either leave the A8 and A9 fields blank if they are irrelevant or place a "0" in there if "0" is the correct value to place there. Of course, we will always accept "N/A" as well if the fillable function of this form is not being employed.

The final Elevation Certificate is now available on FEMA's website at:

Elevation Certificate 2016 (<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160>)

This link will take you to the current ISO EC Checklist:

CRS Elevation Certificate Checklist

(http://www.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/CRS/documents/2015%20EC%20Highlighted%20Checklist%207-12-16_print.pdf)

Florida User Groups

Are you a new CRS Coordinator? Networking with other coordinators offers invaluable opportunities.

Florida currently has the largest number of CRS – User Groups. Make plans to attend the next user group meeting nearest you.

Central Florida ~ Wednesday, July 27th at 2 pm in the Orange County Public Safety Building.

South Florida/ Pinellas ~ Wednesday September 21st, 1:30 PM @ TBRPC

If you have meetings scheduled and would like them included in the newsletter, please send that information to Liz Todak or Gina Lambert.

The complete list of Florida User's groups can be found at: <http://crsresources.org/crs-users-groups/> or Email Liz Todak at: Elizabeth.Todak@em.myflorida.com
