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Storm Center Brief

Storm Center Advisory Council Named

The Storm Center has selected nine individuals for appointment to its charter Advisory Council. The distinguished members represent a cross-section of business leaders, policy makers, academicians, and nonprofit leaders.

"I could not be more pleased with the caliber of people who have volunteered their time and talents to help guide and support the Storm Center," said Center Director Pat Maroney.

"Their collective expertise of risk management and insurance, financial management, law, disaster preparedness, and meteorology is impressive."

The Advisory Council members are:

David Brooks, CPCU, ARM — Mr. Brooks is the Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer for XL Insurance.

Leslie Chapman-Henderson — Ms. Chapman-Henderson is President and CEO of the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes — FLASH, a nonprofit disaster mitigation organization.

Allan Durham — formerly Executive Vice President with Hunt Insurance Group. Mr. Durham is in the process of forming a new personal lines insurance entity.



The Advisory Council met for the first time on Oct. 24 at the Florida State University Center Club.

Allan Katz — Mr. Katz is a shareholder of Akerman Senterfitt and manages the firm's Tallahassee office. He is a City Commissioner for Tallahassee and on the Board of Governors for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

Jack Nelson, PhD, CFA — Dr. Nelson is Vice President and Relationship Manager for Wellington Management Company.

Jack Nicholson, PhD — Dr. Nicholson is Chief Operating Officer of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

Dennis A. Ross — Mr. Ross served in the Florida House of Representatives, chairing several committees including the House Insurance Committee.

Steve Wilder — Mr. Wilder is Vice President of Risk Management for The Walt Disney Company, where he directs the company's corporate risk management program.

Hugh Willoughby, PhD — Dr. Willoughby is a research professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at Florida International University, where he teaches meteorology.

Learn more about the Advisory Council at: www.stormrisk.org — click 'About the Center.'



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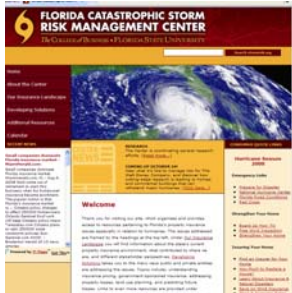
Research Spotlight: *Preparing Libraries for Hurricanes*



Data collected by FSU's Information Use Management and Policy Institute show that Florida's public libraries have provided a range of useful hurricane preparation and response services and activities during past hurricane seasons.

Now, with a grant from the Storm Center, the Institute is undertaking a project that will raise the readiness level of all the state's public libraries to meet the challenges posed by hurricanes.

"This grant offers a great opportunity for public libraries to better demonstrate the range of services and responses they can provide during such disasters," said Charles R. McClure, Ph.D., Francis Eppes professor at the FSU College of Information. Major areas in which libraries played a key role during past hurricane seasons included helping communities prepare, providing emergency information and shelter, providing physical aid, caring for community members in need, *continued on p. 2*



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working with partner government and relief organizations, cleaning up the damage after the storms, and providing continuity of services, stress reduction, and normalcy restoration.

The project will:

- Identify and then organize relevant public library hurricane related information resources, services, roles, and best practices;
- Identify, aggregate, assess and organize successful individual Florida library best practices related to hurricane preparedness and response;
- Develop model plans, standards, guidelines and recommen-

dations, which will be made available via print and through an interactive website;

- Offer strategies to assist state and regional public library and government officials with disaster coordination and organization responsibilities; and
- Disseminate to Florida's public libraries, agencies, and other organizations, via print and a project website, resources, services, experiences, best practices, plans and guidelines to coordinate Florida's public library managers and government part-



Libraries in Florida often provide a range of services to the public before and after a hurricane.

ners to better prepare for and respond to hurricanes.

The project is expected to be completed by August 2009. For more information about the project, contact Charles McClure at cmccclure@ci.fsu.edu.

Mitigation, Insurance, and Weather Headline Upcoming Meetings

Several important conferences are scheduled from now through February 2009, including:

Institute for Building and Home Safety's 2008 Conference on Property Loss Reduction

November 13-14
Tampa, FL

www.disastersafety.org

International Association of Emergency Managers 56th Annual Conference & EMEX 2008

November 15-20
Kansas City, KS

www.iaem.com

Fourth National Floodproofing Conference and Exposition

November 16-20
New Orleans, LA

www.floods.org

American Water Resources Association

November 17-20
New Orleans, LA

www.awra.org

Coastal Cities Summit 2008: Values and Vulnerabilities

November 17-20
St. Petersburg, FL

www.coastalcities.org

American Meteorological Society Meeting

January 11-15
Phoenix, AZ

www.ametsoc.org

10th Annual Windstorm Insurance Conference

January 25-28
Orlando, FL

www.windconference.com

2009 International Disaster Management Conference

February 19-22
Orlando, FL

www.emlrc.org/conferences.htm