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DR4250 - The New Year's Flood Year in Review

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2016 was a year for the books when it comes to flooding. On January 21, 2016 a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4250) was made in Missouri. The disaster was qualified under Missouri Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding. Flooding being the keyword. At least 42 counties and the City of St. Louis were affected, or nearly 40 percent of the state. According to information published by FEMA, a total of 33 counties were granted Individual Assistance and a total of 42 counties and the City of St. Louis were granted Public Assistance.

Individual Assistance provides assistance in the form of funds and loans to individual property owners affected by the disaster. Most of the funding for disaster assistance to individuals comes in the form of loans administered by the Small Business Administration.

Public Assistance provides grants to state, local, and federally recognized tribal governments and certain private non-profit entities to assist them with the response to and recovery from disasters. Specifically, the program provides assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and permanent restoration of infrastructure. assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster damaged property.

In total, approximately \$97 million in federal assistance has been provided to flood survivors and businesses. The money has been approved for Individual Assistance, flood insurance payments, and loans.

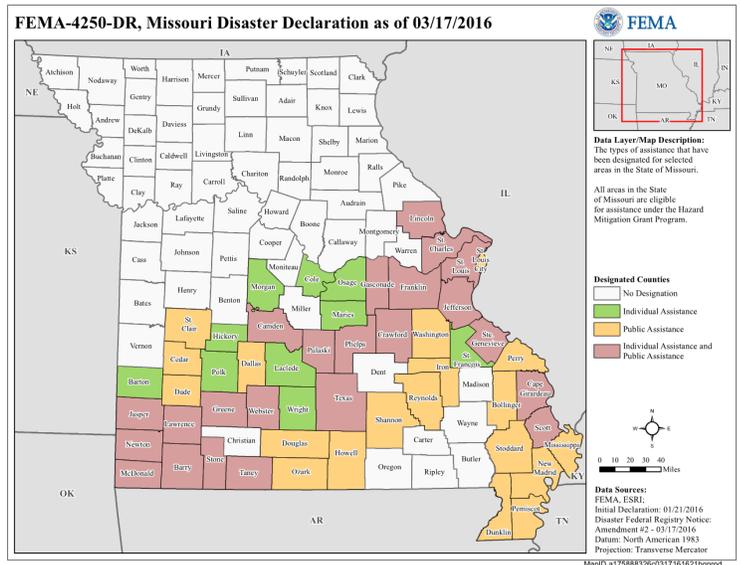
\$12.9 million in was paid for Individual Assistance to 2,452 individuals and families that covered things like emergency home repairs, rental assistance, replacement of essential personal property, and help with medical, dental legal and other disaster related expenses.

410 homeowners, renters and businesses received \$17.4 million in loans from the Small Business Administration. 353 home owners received \$10.7 million while \$6.7 million went to 57 business loans. The largest portion, \$66.7 million, was paid in flood to insurance claims to 1,246 policy holders.

Additionally, ten communities applied for just over \$9 million in federal grants through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, almost all of which are for flood property buyouts. As of this publication, nine grants worth approximately \$6 million were selected for further review by FEMA.

Many communities continue to make repairs and improvements utilizing Public Assistance money. The majority of these improvements should be complete sometime in 2017.

If you are interested in more information and updates on DR4250 you can find it at fema.gov/disaster/4250.



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STATEMENT**

THE ASSOCIATION WILL WORK TO FOSTER A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM ON THE PART OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS; TO DEVELOP PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS AND MATERIALS TO INFORM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR EFFORTS AND HEIGHTEN THEIR AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF THE NEED FOR FLOODPLAIN REGULATION AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT; TO PROVIDE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, AND PROVIDE A UNIFORM INTERFACE WITH OUR FEDERAL AND STATE COUNTERPARTS.

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2017 ASFPM CONFERENCE KANSAS CITY APRIL 30-MAY 5, 2017

MfSMA, along with the Kansas Association for Floodplain Management, Inc. (KAFM) will be the host organizations for the ASFPM national conference in 2017. In lieu of a state conference next year, MfSMA will have their annual membership meeting and there will be special events for Missouri and Kansas members at the national conference. Discounted rates for host members will be available. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend ASFPM's national conference in the past, this will be your chance to attend the nation's premier flood conference. Volunteers from our association and KAFM will be needed. Please consider this opportunity to help MfSMA shine in the national spotlight. Contact your area director or Jan Whipple at jwhipple@sccmo.org if you are interested.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their MfSMA membership for 2017. This is an exciting year for the organization as we co-host the ASFPM Conference April 30-May 5, 2017 with KAFM in Kansas City. There will be plenty of volunteer positions available and the MfSMA Board of Directors has voted to offer partial scholarships to members who volunteer or would simply like to attend the conference. Scholarships will be awarded to members who volunteer first and then to the membership as available. Local government officials are also eligible for full registration scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships must be members of MfSMA and volunteer at the conference. Volunteers assisting at workshops and concurrent sessions will be given CFM credits, so once you are a member, watch your email for opportunities.

If you missed our April 2016 Conference, the membership voted to change the By-Laws of the organization including the make-up of the Board of Directors. We have reduced the number of Area Directors from 9 to 6, with 3 at-large Board Members. The new map is on MfSMA.org along with the current by-laws. I just wanted to thank all of the Board Members who worked on these changes.

Congratulations to our latest Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM's):

Lorie Crandell, CFM
Dave Faucett, CFM
Jennifer Riley, CFM
Matt Wohlberg, CFM

Ron Broxton, CFM
Eric Braun, CFM
James Gillam, CFM
Dan Howard, CFM

Greg Wallace, CFM

To see a listing of all Missouri CFM's, you can go to:

www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=%20811#MO

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager, information can be found at floods.org.

Congratulations to Dan Rahn, who was awarded the George Riedel Floodplain Management Award at our conference in April. Dan is a Senior Project Manager with 21 Design Group and serves as the City Engineer and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Pacific. Congratulations Dan!



Left to Right: George Riedel, Dan Rahn, Scott Edgar

You will see Dan's name a few more times next year, as Dan has graciously volunteered to be our newsletter editor. Funny things happen when you bowl with me at the conference. Just a reminder, we will not be hosting an MfSMA 2017 Annual Conference due to the timing of the ASFM Conference. We will hold our annual meeting the morning of May 4, 2017 at the ASFPM Conference. Details of the time and location will be emailed to the membership and you will not need to be registered for the conference to attend the annual meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City!

Jan Whipple, CFM
President MfSMA