

# FEMA: Week in Review



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## Announcements

**Important Note: For disaster survivors affected by the recoupment efforts who have not submitted debt waiver requests, you have 60 days** from the date of the Notice of Waiver to submit a waiver request, and for a majority of disaster survivors who have received Notices, the deadline to submit your waiver request is between April 16 and 23. As an additional measure, FEMA will also be mailing reminder letters to those who have yet to request a waiver, urging them to do so.

### PLAN NOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS!

Businesses can do much to prepare for the impact of the many hazards they face in today's world including natural hazards like floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and widespread serious illness such as the H1N1 flu virus pandemic. Human-caused hazards include accidents, acts of violence by people and acts of terrorism. Examples of technology-related hazards are the failure or malfunction of systems, equipment or software.



Ready Business will assist businesses in developing a preparedness program by providing tools to create a plan that addresses the impact of many hazards. This website and its tools utilize an "all hazards approach" and follows the program elements within [National Fire Protection Association 1600](#), Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. NFPA 1600 is an American National Standard and has been adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The five steps in developing a preparedness program are: [Program Management](#), [Planning](#), [Implementation](#), [Testing and Exercises](#) and [Program Improvement](#). To learn more about how to protect your business in the event of a disaster, go to [www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business).

### APPLICATION PERIOD FOR FY 2011 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS ENDS APRIL 27, 2012, 5 P. M. EDT

For information on how to apply, visit the FP&S Grants Web page on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Website ([www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants)). The first step is to read both sections of the FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit. These two sections describe how to apply for a grant, activities that will be funded, types of organizations that are eligible to receive awards, the evaluation criteria for making awards, and the federal requirements for grantees.

[Section I—FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit: Application and Review Information](#). Includes a description of key changes to the FP&S Program since FY 2010.

[Section II—FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit: Award Administration Information](#).

#### Activities Eligible for Fire Prevention and Safety Grants:

- **Fire Prevention and Safety Activity:** Projects designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards.
- **Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity:** Projects aimed at improving firefighter safety, health and wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries.

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## MITIGATE AGAINST FLOODING!!!

There are steps you can take to prepare yourself and mitigate against flood damages. The first thing you can do is **know your risk**, and we have information on risk, including a [One-Step Flood Risk Profile](#). Next, you should create an [emergency communications plan](#) and [build an emergency kit](#) to ensure you and your family are prepared for a flood.

**REMEMBER:**  
**Most homeowner's insurance does NOT cover damage from flooding. Visit [FloodSmart.gov](http://FloodSmart.gov) to learn more.**

## Calendar

**April 18-20:** Louisiana Floodplain Management Association 29th Annual Technical and Business Conference; Baton Rouge, La.

**May 20-25:** Association of State Floodplain Managers 2012 National Conference; San Antonio, Texas



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## Housing Update

Gustav: 2 units

