

FEMA: Week in Review



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Louisiana Recovery Office
Serving Recovery Needs from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
New Orleans, LA



Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 7-13)

Fire Safety—Have Two Ways Out!

Plan and practice home fire drills at least twice a year. Make sure you know two ways out of each room. More fire safety information at www.usfa.fema.gov.

Calendar

Oct. 18: [Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill](#)

Oct. 22 – 26: [National School Bus Safety Week](#)

Oct. 26: Deadline for applying for [Community Resilience Innovation Challenge](#)

Oct. 29: St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Ribbon Cutting, 2225 Congress St., New Orleans, LA, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 30: FEMA [Think Tank](#) call, 3:15 p.m. EDT

Congratulations!!!



To the 2012 Individual and Community Preparedness Award Winners!

These Awards recognize the innovative practices and achievements of individuals, Citizen Corps Councils, and non-profit, faith-based, and private sector organizations working throughout the nation to make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to manage any disaster or emergency event.

Click [here](#) to view this year's award winners.

October 12, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cameron Parish Flood Maps to Take Effect on Nov. 16



Cameron Parish, incorporated communities, Louisiana homeowners, business and residential renters, and business owners who do not have flood insurance are encouraged to buy coverage now to get the best possible premiums before new flood insurance rate maps go into effect. The new Cameron Parish flood maps become effective on **Friday, Nov. 16**.

"While many people are required by mortgage and lending companies to have flood insurance, FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program strongly recommend that everyone have flood insurance," said Acting Region 6 Administrator Tony Robinson. "The reason is simple: You don't have to be in a mapped floodplain to flood."

Those who purchase flood insurance prior to **Nov. 16** may be able to grandfather the current flood zone, saving money on flood insurance. For more information on estimated rates for flood insurance, eligibility for grandfathering, the Preferred Risk Policy extension or to locate an agent in your area, visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Millions to Participate in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

One week from today, on Oct. 18, 2012, at 10:18 AM local time, more than 12 million people across the country and the world will participate in the Great ShakeOut. This worldwide earthquake drill helps people in homes, schools and organizations improve preparedness and practice how to stay safe during an earthquake or even stronger aftershocks. Take 90 seconds to Drop! Cover! and Hold On! To ensure if there is an earthquake, you know the proper protective action.

Twelve states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, British Columbia and Southern Italy will hold official ShakeOut drills in their respective state, territory or country. And now, for the first time, all additional individuals, communities and other whole community partners will also be able to participate in the drill, even if their state, territory or country are not formally participating. Find your location at [ShakeOut.org](#) or if not officially listed, click "Other States and Countries" and register today!



To learn more about what to do before, during and after an earthquake, including information for seniors and those with disabilities, visit <http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>.

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