

[NCBM Disaster Relief Has A Command Unit](#)

North Carolina Baptist Men's (NCBM) Disaster Relief has acquired a Command Unit that can assist on a case-by-case basis for local events when local resources are not immediately available. The Command Unit is self contained with a 20 kilo-watt generator, 1,000 square foot side canopy, 2 berths (beds), full bath, 250 square foot conference room, galley area that consist of a microwave, sink, coffee pot and refrigerator/freezer unit. The Command Unit also has a work station with satellite, wireless fidelity internet, VoIP (voice over internet protocol), amateur radio, printer and copier equipment). NCBM will provide a setup and host teams to assist with operation of the unit. For more information, contact Gaylon Moss at (800) 395-5102 ext. 5605 or Gmoss@ncbaptist.org.



Command Unit



Side Canopy

[The City of Asheville and Mecklenburg County Have Been Approved](#)

The City of Asheville and Mecklenburg County have been approved for grants totaling \$512,230.00 in Federal funding through the FY 2007 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program. Asheville and Mecklenburg will provide \$172,177 in matching funds. Both local governments submitted project applications to the Hazard Mitigation Section for the acquisition of properties that have suffered repetitive flooding. After the properties are acquired, they will be returned to open space. The FMA program provides annual funding for mitigation planning as well as cost-effective mitigation projects for structures that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FMA funding amounts are allocated according to the total number of NFIP insurance policies and the total number of repetitive loss properties within North Carolina. For more information, contact Steve Powers at (919) 715-8000 ext. 268 or Spowers@ncem.org.

[Summer Floodplain Management Training 2-Day Workshops for Community Floodplain Administrators](#)

The workshops are recommended for new and experienced floodplain managers to review important floodplain management issues and to learn about modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program. Attendance at one of the workshops by at least one representative from each community is advised. Planners, building inspectors, zoning officials, elected officials, or other interested parties are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$40 for all workshops. Breaks and lunches will be provided. **BRING REGISTRATION FEE WITH YOU TO THE WORKSHOP.**

Training dates & locations are as follows:

Cullowhee, NC

Western Carolina University

August 7 - 8

Make Fee payable to the NC Association of Floodplain Managers [NCAFP, Federal ID #56-1802736].

Contact Milton Carpenter at (919) 715-8000, ext. 281 or Mcarpenter@ncem.org for more details or to register.

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Pandemic Influenza Summits

The Coastal Area Health Education Center in partnership with NC Office of Emergency Medical Services, NC Public Health, Mountain Area Health Education Center and the Greensboro Area Health Education Center are holding pandemic influenza summits. The summits will facilitate the dissemination of critical information in regards to state and regional planning for a pandemic. Presentations will focus on pandemic flu planning at the local, state and regional levels, including a presentation on the revised North Carolina Plan. The summit will also focus on the potential healthcare surge capacity and the development of model plans. The summits are specifically targeted for hospitals and healthcare facilities with partners to join in.

Upcoming Summit Dates are as follows:

August 7 – 8, 2007	Wilmington, NC
August 9 – 10, 2007	Asheville, NC

For more information:

Wilmington: <http://www.aheconnect.com/registration/coastal/eventdetail.asp?EventID=20415>

Asheville: <http://www.aheconnect.com/registration/coastal/eventdetail.asp?EventID=20416>

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates in North Carolina

Local units of governments in North Carolina that have had a Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted between 2003 and 2007 are scheduled for a plan update during the next five years. The local plan must be reviewed, revised if appropriate, resubmitted for approval within a five year period in order for that unit of government to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant program funding, as well as other FEMA and State mitigation programs.

The local mitigation plan represents the jurisdiction's commitment to reducing risks from natural hazards and serves as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards. Local plans also serve as the basis for the State to provide technical assistance and to prioritize project funding.

The plan updates must include the following:

- (1) Documentation of the Planning Process used to develop the plan.*
- (2) A Risk Assessment that provides the factual basis for the activities proposed in the strategy to reduce losses from identified hazards.*
- (3) A Mitigation Strategy that provides the jurisdiction's blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment based on existing policies, programs and resources.*
- (4) A Plan Maintenance process describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan with the five year cycle.*
- (5) Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction that is requesting approval of the plan.*

Guidance in the development and update of the local and multi-jurisdictional plan is currently being developed jointly between the North Carolina Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Section and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's City and Regional Planning Department and their Center for Urban and Regional Studies. Using FEMA guidance, this partnership seeks to develop guidelines, a technical assistance process, training materials, workshops and other tools to assist communities in updating their plan.

Local governments interested in the status of their Hazard Mitigation Plan and the update process should contact the Risk Assessment, Training and Planning Branch of the Hazard Mitigation Section of NCEM.

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University of North Carolina System Awarded Money For Pre-Disaster Mitigation

The University of North Carolina System has been approved for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) FY 2007 grant of \$749,997 in Federal funding. The UNC System will provide \$249,999 in matching funds. The funds will be used for the development of Hazard Mitigation plans for the following campuses:

Appalachian State University	North Carolina A&T University
North Carolina School of the Arts	UNC- Asheville
UNC- Charlotte	UNC- Greensboro
Western Carolina University	Winston-Salem State University

Both UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Wilmington have received previous PDM funding for Hazard Mitigation plans. The PDM program provides nationally competitive annual funding for mitigation planning as well as cost-effective mitigation projects.

Contact Steve Powers at (919) 715-8000, ext. 268 or Spowers@ncem.org

North Carolina - FY2007 Homeland Security Grant Award

On Wednesday, July 18, NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety Secretary Bryan Beatty, NC's State Administrative Agent, received notification of the FY2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) award for North Carolina. The FY2007 HSGP award for North Carolina is \$25,255,644; the FY2007 NC HSGP application request to Department of Homeland Security was for \$72,718,470.

The award was further broken down into the following categories:

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - \$11,170,000
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) - \$7,980,000
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - \$4,970,000
Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) - \$774,435
Citizen Corps Program (CCP) - \$361,209

State Performance as compared to other States -

The North Carolina FY2007 submission scored higher than 95% of other States and territories and eight of their twelve FY2007 North Carolina investment justifications were among the highest 15% scoring investments of all submissions.

The North Carolina submission received a maximum of eight bonus points for multi-state investments:

- Five points were received for the multi-state enhancement of Fusion Center capabilities
- Three points were received for the strengthening of multi-state and regional interoperable communications

Overall funding wise (including the Urban Area Security Initiative), North Carolina ranked 18th out of 56 among states and territories for funds received. The total award for NC under the FY 2007 HSGP is \$5,228,142 less than the FY2006 HSGP award indicating a continuous trend of reduction. The State has sixty days from date of award, July 18, to complete it's obligation of funds.

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