

THE FUTURE OF THE ILLINOIS CFM PROGRAM (OR TO “V” OR NOT TO “V”)

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BACKGROUND

- IL CFM Program and ASFPM CFM Program developed in parallel
 - IL Pilot CFM exam March 1999
 - ASFPM Pilot Exam 1998
- Initial Guidance from ASFPM was for states to develop state-specific exams
- IL followed that lead
- IL exam had no coastal questions



MOVING FORWARD

- IL and ASFPM CFM programs see rapid growth
- Concept of CFM is idea whose time had come
- As programs grew...
 - ASFPM agrees to administer IL CFM program
 - 5 other states develop state-specific exams (TX, AR, NC, NM, OK)
 - ASFPM “certifies” state-specific exams
 - Reciprocity, other issues arise



SO THEN

- ASPFM exam emerges as “national exam”
- Six “certified states” allowed to continue, subject to periodic audits by ASFPM
- New state-specific exams encouraged to be in the format of “rider” to “national exam”
- What about other CFMs moving to IL?
- Reciprocity policy not consistently applied
- Liability issues and concerns



HERE WE ARE TODAY

- ASFPM CBOR initiates “reliability & validity” testing
- CBOR drafts white paper on reciprocity
- CBOR meets with certified states at Reno conference 2008, discussed issues
- Current estimates for “r + v” testing \approx \$92 K



OH, BY THE WAY

- Four ways certified states do exam:
 1. Use ASFPM questions (CBOR 120)
 2. Use CBOR 120 + 10 to 20 state-specific questions (130 to 140 total exam questions)
 3. Use CBOR 120 but replace some with state-specific questions (120 total questions)
 4. Combination of CBOR 120 and state-specific questions (120 total questions)
- Illinois uses #4



ON THE TABLE

- Reciprocity is an issue between states using options #3 and #4
- Reciprocity is an issue between certified states and ASFPM, due to differences in fees, membership dues requirements.
- CBOR White Paper strongly recommends reliability & validity testing of exam and process – ASFPM/CBOR is doing this as we speak...



MOVING FORWARD

- IL CFM Program Options
 - Stay w/ #4, but undergo r&v on your own
 - Go with #1 or #2 (and rely on ASFPM's r&v testing)
- Implications of going with #1 or #2
 - Current CFMs – no implication
 - Future exams – testing includes coastal questions (specifically excluded from current IL exam)



WHY GO COASTAL?

- Stuff CFMs need to know!!
- V-Zones are equivalent of floodways
- Coastal AE zones different than riverine
- IL CFMs are more versatile serving disasters in coastal areas
- Great Lakes are coasts!!!



VOICE YOUR OPINION!!

- Future of IL CFM Program is in hands of IAFSM membership
- Voice your opinions to Matt
- Don't be V-phobic!!



THANK YOU!!!

- And keep up the GREAT WORK!!
- Any questions????

