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 ≈ $92 K
• 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
• 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????