

National Hurricane Program

Working for Safer Communities

Community Hurricane Preparedness, IS-324

FEMA offers an Independent Study training course in **Community Hurricane Preparedness** for Federal, state, and local emergency managers and others with responsibilities for or an interest in decision making for hurricane-prone areas. The course provides information about the following topics:

- How hurricanes form
- The hazards posed by hurricanes
- How the National Weather Service forecasts hurricane behavior
- The tools and guiding principles that can help emergency managers prepare their communities

The course is offered in two forms: on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web. Because of limited quantities, the IS 324 CD-ROM is available only to members of the emergency management community and officials with decision making responsibility at the Federal, state, or local level who work with hurricane-prone areas in the following states and territories:

Alabama	Mississippi
Connecticut	New Hampshire
Delaware	New Jersey
Florida	New York
Georgia	North Carolina
Hawaii	Rhode Island
Louisiana	South Carolina
Maine	Texas
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	U.S. Trust Territories

Anyone may complete the web-based version of the course, which is available at <http://meted.ucar.edu/hurricane/chp/index.htm>. On-line enrollment forms (for individual and group enrollment) and the final exam for the course are available on the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/emi/is324.htm>. You must take the final exam and submit it for grading in order to receive a certificate of completion.

