Congratulations M-D LMS You've Got Class!

Well almost. Since 2013 you have heard me talk about how we were working to get uniform credit for the Community Rating System (CRS) through the LMS. This year we submitted for Activity 510 and 610 credit. We received 211 and 269 points respectively. That is 480 points that each CRS community gets just by being a part of the LMS. So what does that mean? In the CRS program each class (10 classifications in descending order) earns you a 5% discount for your flood insurance policy holders. Each class is 500 points, so the LMS is very close to helping each community get to that next class level. We are so close! Don't worry Yahiritza and I are already looking to see if we can scrape up 20 more points.

As of May 1, 2016 Miami-Dade Communities that participate in the CRS program save flood insurance policy holders $33,865,986 annually.   If we reached 500 points for the LMS that would be 5% or $1,693,299.30 that we help contribute! Every year! And even though we don't have enough points for a full class yet, maybe this will help push some communities to the next class level.

LMS Calendar
http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp

Next LMS Quarterly Meeting:

Date: June 15, 2016
Time: 9:30-11:30 am
Location: TBD

All Working Group Members and the public are welcome to attend.

SubCommittee Meetings:
None at this time

Future Quarterly Meetings:

September 21, 2016
December 14, 2016

And all of this is thanks to your participation and hard work in the LMS. We documented your attendance, your projects, your outreach, participation in exercises, how we all share information and convey alert and notification, our maps, our risk, our history and our efforts moving forward. Most of the time people think of the LMS as the gateway to secure disaster mitigation monies, and yes that is one thing we can help do. But on a daily basis your work is making a phenomenal difference to our communities. Every project you do, every meeting you have, every flyer you send out - it all counts. We are helping to document and track that, but each and every one of you that participates in the LMS makes a difference. We are strong because we are represented not only by local government but also by federal, state, regional, educational, medical, utility and private sector partners. LMS is more than a 45 pound plan and four meetings a year.   It is you helping to make our communities stronger and more resilient and saving communities, home owners and businesses money. The flood insurance savings is just a part of it. Your work in reducing damages that could be caused by all hazards helps keep homes and businesses from getting damaged, helps us get back to business quicker, helps keep people safe when we are faced with perilous conditions and reduces hardships and future risk.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for being a part of the LMS. Keep coming to meetings, keep documenting your projects and keep up the great work. **Thank you, thank you, thank you.**

NFIP Policies

In all communities in Miami-Dade County there are 350,582 NFIP flood policies. Currently 338,476 are in CRS communities or 92.5%. If your community is not participating, please consider getting into the program so we can get discounts for the other 7.5%. If you have questions or need help getting started please contact either Cathie Perkins at perkins@miamidade.gov or 305-468-5429 or Josh Overmyer from the State CRS Initiative at 850-519-7955 or Josh.Overmyer@em.myflorida.com

FMA and PDM applications are due to the State by May 3, 2016 5:00 pm

If you are applying please let me know so I can write a letter of support for you. The following conditions must be met to get a letter of support:

- You must be an active member of LMS
- Your project must be on the list and have all of the required fields completed

Please try to give me a two-week notice so I can ensure I get your letter to you in plenty of time. Let me know what your project number is and which grant you are submitting for. Then remember to update your project to "Funding Applied For".

Annual Call Down of EEAP

This year's call down for the Emergency and Evacuation Assistance Program will take place on April 23rd at the EOC. The call down will take place from 8 am to 5 pm and we would love to have you join us all day or even for a few hours. This helps us make sure that our list is up to date and we can prepare to help those who need us most if a disaster hits. Please rsvp to Roberto Cepeda at **305-468-5419 or Roberto.Cepeda@MiamiDade.Gov**

Thank you to those who can assist with the important endeavor.

Annual Hurricane Exercise

The Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management will be hosting the 2016 Hurricane Exercise on May 18th and we will be hosting a special flood workshop component on the 19th. On the 19th we are bringing in speakers from National Weather Service, South Florida Water Management, Transportation and Public Works, Regulatory and Economic Resources and ITD. We will hold an open discussion on forecasting, monitoring and canal operations, alert and notification, and tools you can use to monitor, strategize and document flooding concerns and response. If you have not RSVP'd please send Cathie Perkins an email so I can send you the meeting invite.
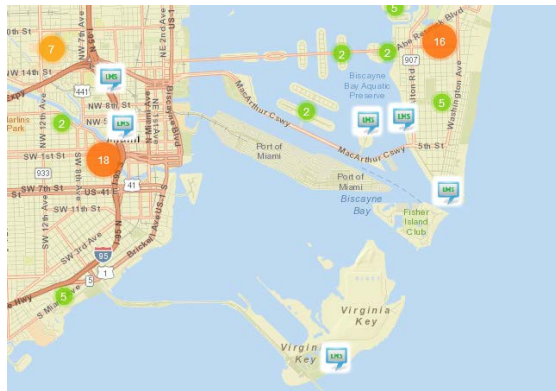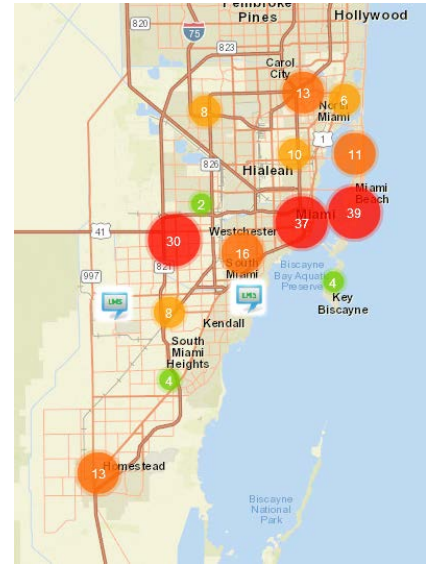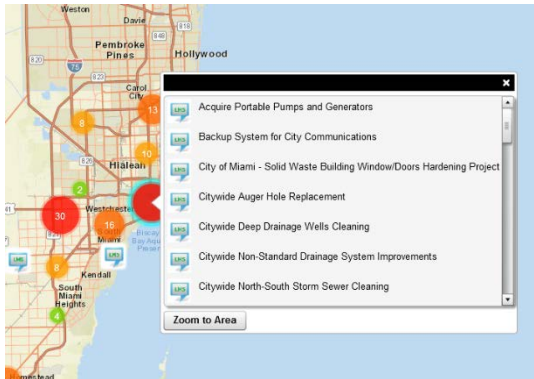
Mapping LMS Projects

As you all know we have been working on the ability to map LMS projects in WebEOC. Why? So we can show all the great work we have done, we are working on and hope to do one day. Thanks to Aimee Bojorquez from OEM this process has gotten easier. If your address does not show up or if you have a project that is an area and not a point you can now select it on the map with a pointer. I am attaching the instructions to this LMS Bulletin and they have been put in the File Library in WebEOC . When you log into your LMS Board account you can find both that and the overall guidance on how to add projects to the

board.   We are still working on the color coding portion of this and we just found out that there will be the ability to display this map publicly as well.   We will keep you posted on our progress.
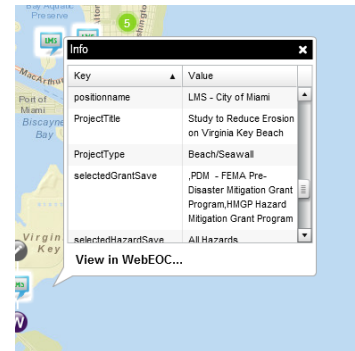
The system had to be re-calibrated due to the high number of projects in areas, so you will see a new look to the map. Due to some geocoding issues, some projects that had been mapped had to be removed* from the mapping tool but the new process is much easier and will reduce any issues with the geocoding. (*No projects were deleted but they may have been "unmapped". We apologize but the system crashed and this was necessary to get it back up and running.)

The new map will show projects in clusters. To the right is a screen shot that shows clusters of projects. As you zoom in closer or click on a cluster you will get more detailed information (see below).

As you zoom in you will see the individual projects (soon to be color coded by status) (Complete, Underway, Future).

If you click on the individual LMS tag you can get the details of that project.

As always if you have any questions, ideas or concerns please feel free to email me at perkins@miamidade.gov or call me at 305-468-5429.