



**Emergency Management  
Tribal Newsletter  
March 2015 Report**

**A. Tribal storm shelter program.**

As of March 31, there have been 38 shelters completed for tribal members which began in December. Once the shelters have been completed, the homeowner will need to **register their shelter with their local fire department.** Notices have gone out to each homeowner as a reminder to take this important step. If you need help finding your local fire department contact the Emergency Manager at 405-740-1562.

We were funded for 92 shelters and we now have completed all 92 applications that have been submitted. **WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SHELTERS.** The shelter installations should move along faster with the warmer weather and we hope to be finished by the end of September. Our program is only for one year and Red Cross has targeted October 31 as the close out date for the project.

**B. Red Cross, Weather Radio Distribution**

Plans have been made for Red Cross volunteers to have three distributions of weather radios at the Tribal Complex on Thursday April 9, which will be placed in each Tribal Department at the Complex, including the Shawnee Tribal Clinic; the other distribution on Friday April 10 at the Title VI Building during the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This distribution will be for tribal employees and any tribal members who did not get a radio during the Little Axe Clinic distribution in February. The third one will be at the Horse Shoe Bend Community Building at a date to be determined.

**Community Outreach.**

The February ITEMCM (Intertribal Emergency Managers Coalition) meeting was hosted by the Kaw Tribe at the Tribal Casino in Kaw City, OK to finalize plans for the Annual Emergency Management Summit to be held in June. The Absentee Shawnee Emergency Management will be providing the conference bags which will be given to each attendee at the Summit.

The March meeting will be hosted by the Muscogee Tribe at Okmulgee on March 14.

**E. Training/Meetings.**

- OK First Weather School Course, National Weather Service, Norman, OK, March 2-5.
- FEMA L583 Class/Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders, Choctaw Tribe, Durant OK, March 11
- Pottawatomie County Emergency Management Team Meeting, Shawnee, OK, March 30
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