



**Emergency Management  
Tribal Newsletter  
April 2015 Report**

**A. Tribal storm shelter program.**

As of March 31, there have been 41 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. The shelter program is for one year and Red Cross has targeted October 31 as the close out date for the project.

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

Red Cross volunteers were at the Tribal Complex Friday April 10 to give out weather radios to tribal employees and tribal members, and on Thursday April 9, radios were placed in Tribal offices at the Complex, including the Shawnee Tribal Clinic, All Nations Bank, and Thunderbird Casino. There will be another radio distribution at the Horse Shoe Bend Community Building at a date to be determined in May. It will be posted on the tribal website and in the tribal newspaper.

**Community Outreach.**

The March 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 April meeting will be hosted by the Muscogee Tribe at Okmulgee Green County Vocational Center on April 14. We will have speakers from FEMA and Oklahoma Emergency Management on upcoming training for Emergency Managers and changes in disaster response.

**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
- Incident Commander Oklahoma City, Emergency Management Institute, April 27-May 1