

#### National Hurricane Conference Workshop Hurricanes as Teachers: Lessons Learned to Minimize Future Losses

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#### **Presentation Overview**



- Insurance and Hurricanes
- Lesson Learned from Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, Ike & (Andrew)
- Current State of Preparedness
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- I.I.I. Resources
- Questions

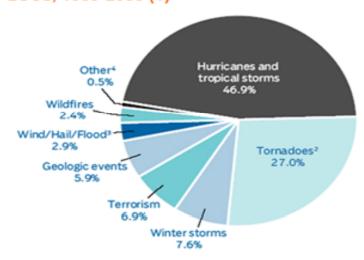


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#### INFLATION-ADJUSTED U.S. CATASTROPHE LOSSES BY CAUSE OF LOSS, 1989-2008 (1)



- Catastrophes are all events causing direct insured losses to property of \$25 million or more in 2008 dollars. Adjusted for inflation by ISO.
- (2) Excludes snow.
- (3) Does not include flood damage covered by the federally administered National Flood Insurance Program.
- (4) Includes civil disorders, water damage, fires other than wildlfires and utility service disruptions.

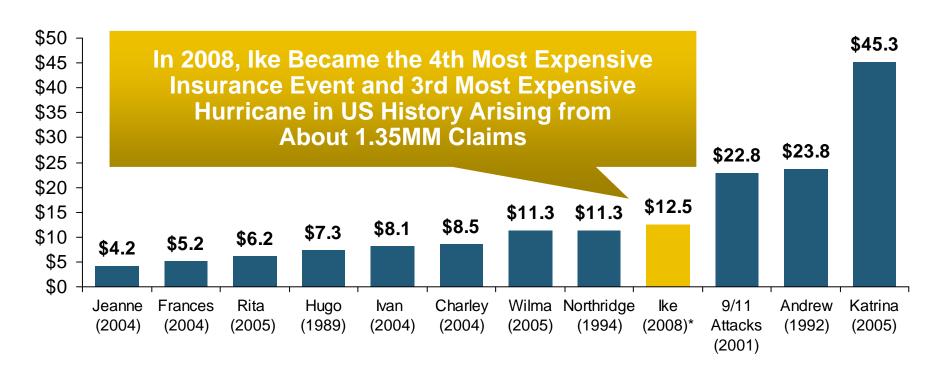
Source: ISO's Property Claim Services unit (PCS).

#### **Lesson 1: Hurricanes are Costly!**

## **Top 12 Most Costly Disasters** in US History



(Insured Losses, 2008, \$ Billions)



8 of the 12 Most Expensive Disasters in US History
Have Occurred Since 2004;
8 of the Top 12 Disasters Affected FL and 10 have been
Hurricanes

<sup>\*</sup> PCS estimate as of August 1, 2009. Sources: PCS; Insurance Information Institute inflation adjustments.

#### **Cost of Hurricanes**



#### TOP 15 MOST COSTLY HURRICANES IN THE UNITED STATES

(\$ millions)

				Estimated loss (	
Rank	Date	Location	Hurricane	Dollars when occurred	In 2009 dollars (2)
1	Aug. 25-30, 2005	AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, TN	Katrina	\$41,100	\$45,148
2	Aug. 24-26, 1992	FL, LA	Andrew	15,500	23,702
3	Sep. 12-14, 2008	AR, IL, IN, KY, LA, MO, OH, PA, TX	lke	12,500	12,456
4	Oct. 24, 2005	FL	Wilma	10,300	11,315
5	Aug. 13-14, 2004	FL, NC, SC	Charley	7,475	8,489
6	Sep. 15-21, 2004	AL, DE, FL, GA, LA, MD, MS, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV	Ivan	7,110	8,075
7	Sep. 17-22, 1989	GA, NC, PR, SC, VA, U.S. Virgin Islands	Hugo	4,195	7,258
8	Sep. 20-26, 2005	AL, AR, FL, LA, MS, TN, TX	Rita	5,627	6,181
9	Sep. 3-9, 2004	FL, GA, NC, NY, SC	Frances	4,595	5,219
10	Sep. 15-29, 2004	DE, FL, GA, MD, NJ, NY, NC, PA, PR, SC, VA	Jeanne	3,655	4,151
11	Sept 21-28, 1998	AL, FL, LA, MS, PR, U.S. Virgin Islands	Georges	2,955	3,889
12	Oct. 4, 1995	FL, AL, GA, NC, SC, TN	Opal	2,100	2,956
13	Sep. 14-17, 1999	NC, NJ, VA, FL, SC, PA, 10 other states	Floyd	1,960	2,524
14	Sep. 11, 1992	Kaui and Oahu, HI	Iniki	1,600	2,447
15	Sep. 5, 1996	NC, SC, VA, MD, WV, PA, OH	Fran	1,600	2,188

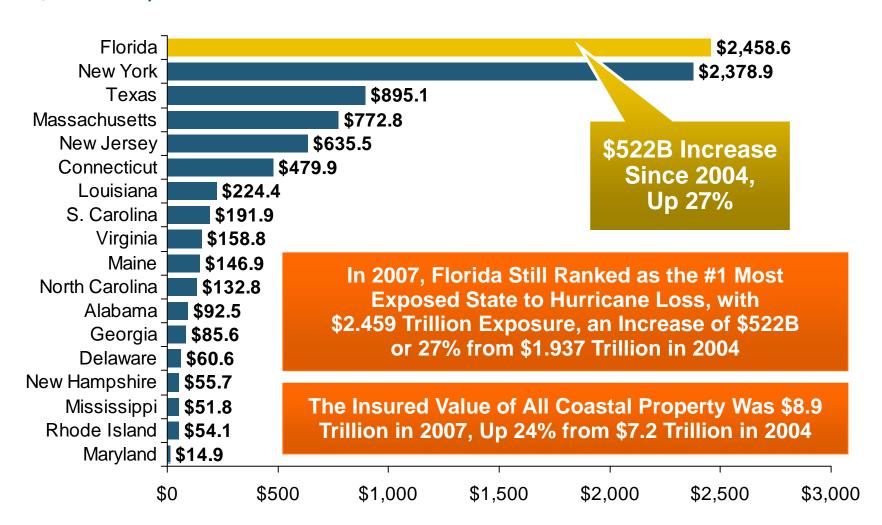
 Property coverage only. Does not include flood damage covered by the federally administered National Flood Insurance Program. As of September 2009.
 Adjusted to 2009 dollars by the Insurance Information Institute, using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Inflation Calculator.

Source: ISO's Property Claim Services unit (PCS); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### Total Value of Insured Coastal Exposure Insurance Insura



(2007, \$ Billions)



Source: AIR Worldwide



# Lesson Learned from Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, Ike (and Andrew)

#### **Lessons Learned from Hurricanes**



#### **Hurricane Andrew**

- Watershed event that proved that hurricanes are far more destructive and costly than experts predicted. It led to a far better understanding of what could happen if a hurricane hit a major metropolitan area. It was the costiest disaster in U.S. history until Hurricane Katrina.
- Importance of both strong building codes and effective enforcement. Insurers now incorporate this into rate making in all coastal states that way they take into account quality/proximity to a fire department.
- Created a greater awareness of the importance of building and/or retrofitting a home to withstand a disaster.

#### **Lessons Learned from Hurricanes**



#### **Hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Ike**

- Hurricane Katrina exposed many of the weaknesses in the nation's preparedness for megadisasters. It left more devastation and a higher reconstruction bill because of extensive commercial and residential development along the Gulf coast and the record breaking storm surge – reportedly as high as 29 feet.
- The 2005 hurricane season (Katrina, Rita, Wilma) showed many people in flood zones failed to purchase flood insurance, many communities in harm's way had failed to enforce building codes and there needs to be greater attention placed on land use patterns in areas most vulnerable to storm damage.

#### **Lessons Learned from Hurricanes**



- Hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Ike demonstrated the need for coastal residents to heed the warnings about evacuating their homes and plan to leave for a long time – possibly for good. Pets are also an important component in the planning and are a good way of motivating people to do the right thing.
- There is a cost associated with coastal living hurricane deductibles, higher insurance costs all need to be considered.







42%

60%

40%

80%

100%

Source: Insurance Research Council: Public Attitude Monitor, 2003.

Homeowner has an inventory

of household's contents

This is the good news about disaster preparedness!

20%



19. Q. Do you have a written or photographic inventory of your possessions to help document losses to your insurer in case of a disaster?

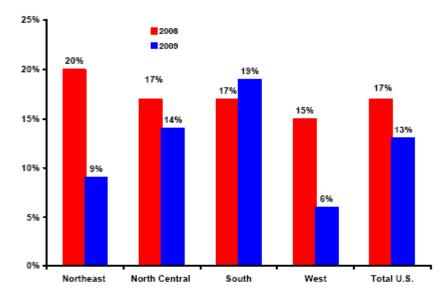
	May 2009	May 2008	
Yes No	47% 52	54% 45	
Don't know	1	1	
		t who have an inventory	
	Percent who have an i	inventory	
Northeast	Percent who have an i	inventory 49	
Northeast North Central			
	36	49	

According to the I.I.I.'s Insurance Pulse, the portion of Americans who an inventory of their possession dropped in May 2009 compared with 54 percent a year ago. This marks the first time less than half of respondents said they have an inventory of their possession since the I.I.I. began asking this question in The south is the only region where more than half took the time to create this important document.



## Fewer people now have a flood insurance policy than a year ago, especially in the Northeast and the West



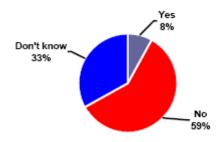


About a quarter from of Americans still believe their homeowners policy covers damage from flooding during a hurricane



About 60 percent of Americans say that the government will not pay for damage to their homes that is not covered by their home insurance policy, the same as a year ago.

 Q. Will the government pay for damage to your home that is not covered in your homeowners policy? (Asked of those who have homeowners insurance.)





## Key Consumer Education Messages

#### **Key Consumer Education Messages**



- I. Review Insurance Coverage *Before* Hurricane Season
- II. Create a Home Inventory
- III. Take steps to Make Your Home More Hurricane-Resistant
- IV. Plan your Evacuation Ahead of time
- V. Test your Evacuation Plan by Taking the Ten Minute Challenge

Consumers, media and others have amnesia when it comes to past disasters. Repetition, innovation and many methods of distribution are needed to make a difference.

#### I.I.I. Resources





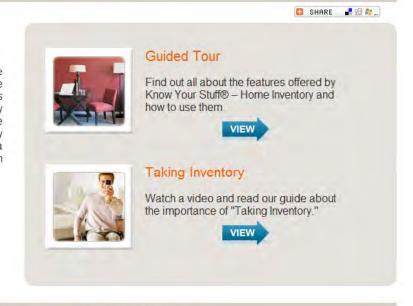
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START NOW



ABOUT I.I.I.

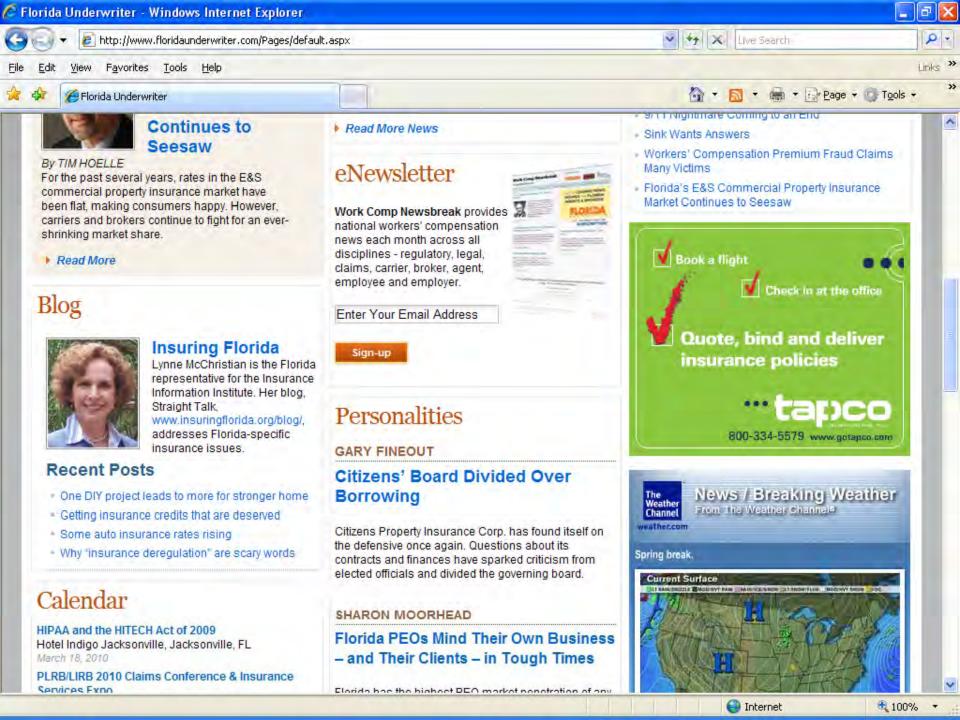
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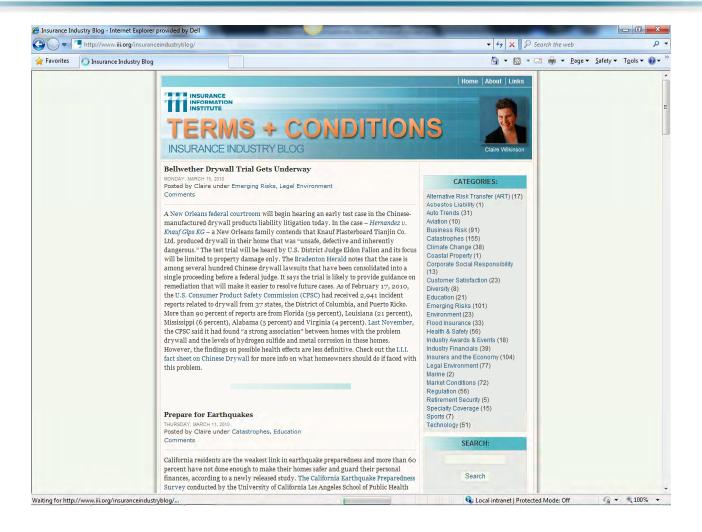
#### **Tactic: Social Media**





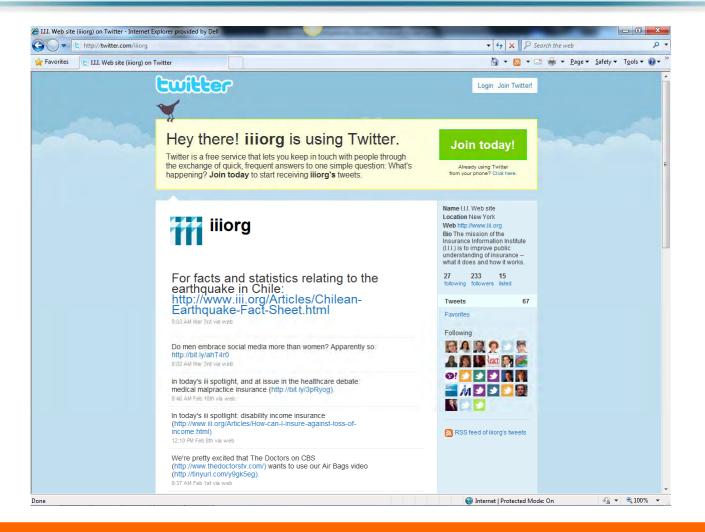
#### Social Media: I.I.I.'s Blog





## Social Media: I.I.I. has several Twitter Accounts





Reach individuals, trade press, consumers and general media



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