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## Marcia Shivers named Ascension Parish Employee of the Month

Ascension Parish President announced that his administration had reinstituted the Employee of the Month program for Parish Government employees, and the first recipient of the honor is Floodplain Manager Marcia Shivers.

"I want to recognize the unsung heroes of the Parish," said Cointment, "the people who come to work every day and get things done for the people. Marcia is one of those employees who really makes a difference, so the choice was an easy one."

Marcia Shivers is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM). She is also a member of the CRAFT (Capital Region Area Floodplain Taskforce) Group. CRAFT is composed of the following communities: Ascension Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, City of Central, City of Denham Springs, City of Gonzales, City of Walker, and the City of Zachary. These communities meet regularly to discuss the Community Rating System (CRS), which is a voluntary program that offers incentives for communities to enforce higher floodplain management regulations in exchange for reductions in flood insurance premiums for their residents.

Marcia is the Parish's expert dealing with Community Rating System (CRS), which is part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements, and encourages a comprehensive approach to floodplain management. The recertification of the CRS application is very intense and she has to submit information to get the best rating for the Parish.

Marcia has been recognized by FEMA, particularly after the 2016 Flood, for her knowledge, her responsiveness, and her work ethic.

Marcia has been employed by Parish Government since May of 2003. She has two sons – Marcus and Chantz – and one daughter, Madison.

Congratulations to Marcia Shivers, Employee of the Month for February.

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Photo #1 – Marcia Shivers with President Clint Cointment.

Photo #2, Left to Right – President Clint Cointment, General Manager Ricky Compton, Marcia Shivers, Planning & Development Director Jerome Fournier, and Zoning Official Lance Brock.

Photo #3 - Marcia Shivers shows surprise at being named Employee of the Month