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Homeowner's Insurance Policy Review Workshop and Public Input Session

Columbia, S.C.- The South Carolina Department of Insurance will host a free Consumer Homeowner's Insurance Policy Review Workshop and Public Input Session for individuals residing in the greater Bluffton, South Carolina area. The workshop will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Technical College of the Lowcountry, New River Campus, located at 100 Community College Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909. A public input session will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the same location for those individuals wishing to discuss the status of the coastal property insurance marketplace.

"Hurricane season begins June 1st and everyone should take time to review their insurance policies and prepare for the upcoming season," said Acting Director Gwendolyn McGriff. "We encourage consumers to review their policies annually to ensure that their coverage still meets their financial needs and to stop by our Policy Review Workshop to ask questions regarding their insurance coverages." South Carolina Department of Insurance staff will have analysts available by phone and in person to answer questions and provide helpful tips and information about property insurance and related issues.

ABOUT INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW

An annual homeowner's policy review should include a review of home inventory, emergency evacuation plan and preparation of an emergency kit. If consumers don't have a complete inventory of their home and property, there are several tools that can help develop a comprehensive list. For example, the *myHOMEScr.APP.book* app lets users capture images, descriptions, bar codes and serial numbers of personal possessions and stores the information electronically for safekeeping. The app organizes information by room and creates a back-up file for e-mail sharing. To download the free app, go to the iTunes® or Android® Market app stores and search "NAIC." For those without a smart phone, the South Carolina DOI has included a link to the form on its website. The link includes the home inventory checklist and tips for effectively cataloguing possessions. Both are available at <http://home.insureuonline.org>.

This is also a good time to compare coverage and prices to determine the best coverage at the best price. The consumer's insurance agent should be able to assist with this. Questions concerning this information should be directed to the Department of Insurance at 800-768-3467 (toll free only in SC) or by e-mail at consumers@doi.sc.gov. Visit www.doi.sc.gov for more storm preparedness tips and information.

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For more information about this event please visit www.doi.sc.gov or call 803-737-6207.

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