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South Carolina Department of Insurance announces Free How-to Workshop

Scott H. Richardson, South Carolina Insurance Director announced today that the Department's new grant initiative, SC SAFE HOME, is partnering with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), The Home Depot, The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and the Member Companies of the South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association to offer two free how-to clinics Friday, June 29th. The clinics will be held from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Home Depot located at 1100 Fording Island Road, Bluffton, SC 29910.

"We know that our coastal properties are vulnerable to the damaging effects of high winds and raging waters brought by hurricanes but we also know that there are steps that we, as individuals, can take to strengthen and protect our property," said Director Richardson. "We are pleased to partner with these organizations in offering these informative clinics and urge property owners to attend."

Engineering and Construction experts in Hazard Mitigation techniques will provide hands-on demonstrations for the following steps toward a wind-resistant home:

- Construction and installation of plywood shutters
- Use of rafter glue to strengthen roof connections
- Installation of weather-stripping for windows
- Throw lengths of dead bolts
- Reinforcement of garage doors
- Installation of head and foot bolts for French and Double Entry doors

These events are a part of the Insurance Department's program, SC SAFE HOME, which is a component of Governor Sanford's recently enacted Coastal Omnibus Act of 2007 that focuses on the availability and affordability of insurance coverage for coastal South Carolina.

For more information about hazard mitigation techniques, the Coastal Omnibus Act of 2007 and SC SAFE HOME, please visit www.scsafehome.com.

For questions concerning these events or about the information in this Media Advisory, please contact Ann Roberson, 803-737-6207.

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