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## News Release

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Editors Note: The media is invited to attend and cover the classes. However, classes are filled to capacity with registered insurance industry attendees.

**Paul Davis Restoration to host FEMA Continuing Education courses for insurance professionals  
- Classes filled to capacity on Sept. 9 -**

Charleston, SC – September 3, 2010 - Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Greater Charleston owners Dianne and Larry Rice recently announced that the upcoming Continuing Education (CE) courses on the subject of Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) guidelines for local insurance agents and adjusters are filled to capacity due to an overwhelming agent response. According to Larry Rice, the course will be taught by Melanie Graham, Senior Territory Training Manager and National Flood Insurance Program Training (NFIP) Provider with H2O Partners, Inc.

The two classes will be held on Thursday, September 9 at the Daniel Island Club, 600 Island Park Drive in Charleston. From 9 am until noon, *Flood Insurance Essentials* will be offered for three CE credits and will address how to better understand FEMA flood maps, an overview of the NFIP policies, the Grandfather Provision, new elevation certificates, summary of coverages, and mandatory purchase guidelines. From 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm, *Advanced Flood Insurance Essentials* will be offered for three CE credits and will address advanced subjects such as elevation certificates and determining the lowest floor of a structure for insurance rating purposes. Attendees will also learn ways they can assist their insurance customers to maintain the lowest possible premium before and after a map change. In addition, attendees will become proficient in rating more uncommon risks such as condominiums, and be kept up to date with upcoming underwriting changes within the program.

The classes are offered free of charge, however are now closed for registration. For more information about future classes, contact Gerri Brown at Paul Davis, 843.216.3331 or email [gerribrown@pdr-usa.net](mailto:gerribrown@pdr-usa.net).

“We are pleased to see the response to these timely FEMA topics. The agents’ response shows that there is a huge need for continuing education on changing FEMA guidelines. Even though we have reached our capacity for the September 9 event, we are planning more classes for the last quarter of 2010 and will send out notices to the insurance community as soon as dates are finalized,” said Rice.

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Since 2000, the Paul Davis Restoration office has provided service for customers in the communities of the Greater Charleston area including Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties. The full time staff includes technicians who are certified by The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC). The office is located at 2300 Clements Ferry Rd., Bldg. A, Ste. 101 in Charleston. For more information, call 843.216.3331. Visit the website at [www.pdcharleston.com](http://www.pdcharleston.com).