



Regional Coordinators and their back-ups. The knowledge and experience of these individuals will be of great benefit to the team.

Those who are identified as primary regional coordinators for INSPARK will serve on a decision making council which will have influence over how INSPARK continues in the future. These individuals will help to create a pre-identified job for each INSPARK member based on their education, training, knowledge and experience. There are still openings for these coordinators.

In Northwest Arkansas, please welcome Regional Coordinator Mr. Doug Hurley. Doug is from the Rogers area and is the president of PB2 Architecture and Engineering. Doug is affiliated with the American Institute of Architects and brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to the table. Doug will be accompanied by Mr. Jim Gallagher, also of PB2 Architecture and Engineering to serve the Northwest portion of the state.



In Central Arkansas we have Regional Coordinator Mr. Joe Roddy. Joe is an architect with WER Architecture in Little Rock. Joe is also affiliated with the American Institute of Architects and has been serving on the steering committee for INSPARK. Joe will be accompanied by Mr. Steve Sharp, a retired structural engineer from Maumelle. Steve is also currently our only ATC 20 Course Instructor.

In Northeast Arkansas we have Regional Coordinator Mr. Jordan Lane. Jordan is a structural engineer for Cromwell in Jonesboro. Jordan has taken several ATC20 courses in the past and has a great deal of knowledge and experience to bring forward. We are currently looking for a secondary regional coordinator for the region.



In Southeast Arkansas, we have Mr. Brian Kellum who will be joining us in a few short months. Brian works for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission providing services to the state in the Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Division. Brian is from the Monticello area and will be detrimental to helping us build our INSPARK program in the southeast portion of the state. We are currently looking for a secondary regional coordinator for the region.

In southwest Arkansas we currently do not have any regional coordinators identified. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position and lives within the defined area, please let Katie at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management know. The regional coordinator does not have to be trained, with the right candidate, we will provide training in a timely manner.

## March 2015 INSPARK Exercise

Just a reminder that the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management will be having their monthly exercise on March 18, 2015 that will revolve largely around INSPARK and its practices. You may receive a phone call asking you for your deployment availability. Please respond to the phone call accordingly. This is only a test of our INSPARK call down system and you are not expected to really deploy. This will help us to identify gaps within our new processes that need to be filled. County Emergency Management Officials may be able to receive exercise credit for their participation in this event. Please contact Christie Minner for additional information regarding your requirements.

## Reimbursement

INSPARK is a volunteer program that serves as a resource to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. Since this is a completely voluntary organization, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management has no jurisdiction over whether or not you will receive compensation from your employer during times of disaster. It is up to you and your employer whether or not you will need to take vacation time or can be considered "on duty" for deployments. Please check with your employer to verify their policy on such matters. As previously informed, you will not receive any compensation from INSPARK or the Department of Emergency Management unless informed before a specific deployment.

## Instructors Wanted

We are currently looking at training additional instructors to teach the ATC 20 course as well



at training additional instructors to teach the ATC 20 as an INSPARK specific course. The people who choose to teach this course will attend a one-day train-the-trainer course on how to present the materials and then will be eligible to provide the course to others. This will be on a volunteer basis, and as stated above, you will need to check with your employer to ensure that you are able to do such tasks. We want to continue to keep this course free to participants and

having volunteer instructors helps to alleviate some of those costs. Please contact Katie at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management if you would be interested in becoming an INSPARK instructor.

## Database Information

One of the major struggles through the beginning of INSPARK has been the coordination and updating of the current database system. We want to ensure that we have adequate information on each volunteer to provide prepared and experienced teams in the field for deployments. By gaining additional information about our volunteers, we can confirm that a novice inspector is put on an assessment team with someone who has adequate experience. We know you recently filled out a form regarding your interest in the INSPARK Program, but please provide us with additional information found within this [INSPARK Datasheet](#). Please be sure to use your personal information rather than your employer information to ensure we can still get in contact with you if you switch positions. By clicking "download" from the link attached, you should be able to fill out the form online and send it back through email to [Katie.belknap@adem.arkansas.gov](mailto:Katie.belknap@adem.arkansas.gov).

## Deployment Supplies

We are currently working to make certain that each INSPARK member will have adequate supplies for deployment. This includes safety gear, such as reflective vests, hard hats, caution tape, etc. If you have suggestions of things that you would like to see in these deployment kits, please share that information with your regional coordinator or Katie at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.



## Mailing List

Those who are entered into the INSPARK Database will continue receiving INSPARK information. Those who wish to continue to receive materials from INSPARK, but not volunteer, should indicate that on the attached INSPARK Datasheet, under "Database Information" of this newsletter. Inactive members who do not file a INSPARK Datasheet by 5 p.m. on March 16, 2015 will be purged from the database and mailing list, in an effort to keep our database as up to date as possible.

## INSPARK Calendar

To register for any of the trainings below, please visit the ADEM website at [www.adem.arkansas.gov](http://www.adem.arkansas.gov). Click preparedness, then training and use the registration links on the left side of the page. All trainings are free to the public, unless otherwise noted. INSPARK Courses are not eligible for reimbursement from ADEM. For additional questions, please contact Katie at 501-683-6700.

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| February 9, 2015  | ATC 20 Post Earthquake Safety Evaluations of Buildings<br>Arkansas Tech University – BasTech, Russellville |
| February 19, 2015 | ATC 20 Post Earthquake Safety Evaluations of Buildings<br>Pine Bluff Fire Training Center, Pine Bluff      |
| March 12, 2015    | FEMA P767 Earthquake Mitigation for Hospitals<br>NEA Baptist Hospital, Jonesboro                           |
| March 18, 2015    | INSPARK Exercise<br>ADEM SEOC, North Little Rock   |
| March 20, 2015    | ATC 20 Post Earthquake Safety Evaluations of Buildings<br>Jacksonville Fire Training Center, Jacksonville  |

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