

**Community Service 2011 Company of the Week: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.
Week of October 2, 2011**

**RenaissanceRe Brings Disaster-Safe Building Message to Congressional Black Caucus
Institute**



U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS), the U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin, and other Tunica participants at the event.

On August 12, RenaissanceRe partnered with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH), Clemson University, the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Tunica, MS to educate attendees of the Congressional Black Caucus Institute Annual Policy Conference on disaster-safe building.



Investigating a NSSA Storm Shelter.

RenaissanceRe and its partners set up an information center to provide attendees information on the importance of mitigating against high-wind events like tornadoes and hurricanes. RenaissanceRe also moderated a Department of Homeland Security panel focused on disaster-safe building, science and planning.



Cannon missile test of hurricane-rated shutters.

FLASH and the NSSA brought several full-sized tornado safe rooms to the event giving attendees an opportunity to see how they work and how they can be incorporated into a residence. Representatives from FEMA provided insights into site-built safe room options. Conference attendees also appreciated learning directly from FEMA about valuable grant programs to make their communities safer.

The afternoon was capped off with a missile test performed by Clemson University that clearly illustrated the importance of using hurricane-rated shutters to protect homes and those inside from dangerous flying debris. Attendees witnessed the damage a two-by-four wood plank causes when launched into an ordinary home window at a mere 29 mph.

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