

FEMA honors Tillamook's flood efforts



Tillamook Mayor Robert McPheeters, left, accepts an award May 21 from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative Mark Carey, recognizing Tillamook for working to lower federal flood insurance rates. Carey said city officials' actions have reduced the risk of property damage and death, resulting in a 10 percent decrease in insurance rates, or an average of \$53. "This is certainly — because it's a national award — something that we will treasure," McPheeters said.

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