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Local firm to aid with post-Sandy insurance claims

Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo announced Nov. 29 new actions to expedite Sandy-related insurance claims.

One of these actions is to allow for expedited, temporary licenses to qualified out-of-state public insurance adjusting teams, and local Grass Valley firm Lincoln, Long, and Roman Architectural (L2R), Engineering and Construction Forensics is stepping up to the plate.

The temporary licenses will increase the number of adjusters available to New York consumers to help get their claim settlements faster.

L2R has been retained by a New York-based company, D'Amore Adjusters, in an effort to aid victims of the superstorm Sandy aftermath.

David Long, engineer and co-principal of L2R, will join a California team of public insurance adjusters from Paladin Consulting to serve the needs of people who have suffered property loss and are dealing with insurance claims.

The scope of work will include dissecting insurance policies, conducting building damage assessments, determining loss of contents and loss of business income and ensuring insurance settlement offers are fair and equitable for policy holders.

“We were contacted by the D'Amore group, as they are completely overwhelmed with phone calls by people wanting representation,” Long said. “The demand is simply too great, and D'Amore cannot even return phone calls. We expect to leave for New York the week of Dec. 10 for a preliminary assessment and are expected to be there initially for a week and a half.”

Assisting Lincoln, Long, and Roman will be a number of local contractors and staff from L2R, which will remain in California to prepare the documentation required, based on the information provided by the team in New York.

Working in both locations will minimize the turn-around time for the high volume of claims

that will be expected over the next two years.

“We are excited at the prospect of helping these families and ensuring their insurance companies treat them fairly,” said Dave Lincoln, engineer and co-principal of L2R. “It will be business as usual for Lincoln, Long, and Roman as Tom Roman, our staff and I will remain in California to handle all local projects.”

Lincoln, Long, and Roman Forensic Architecture and Engineering can be contacted at www.settlementDefenders.com or (530) 273-0503.

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