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### FLASH Team Member Gets FORTIFIED

As the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from disasters, FLASH team members strive to maintain knowledge through continuous education and training opportunities. Along those lines, Mike Rimoldi attended the [Institute for Business and Home Safety](#) (IBHS) FORTIFIED Home™ training program at the IBHS Research Center in Richburg, S.C. during February. The two-day program covered the FORTIFIED certification program and detailed how to evaluate homes at three different levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

"I knew what the FORTIFIED program was about, but learning the details helped me understand how it works," Rimoldi said. "This knowledge will be beneficial as we work with families and communities to improve overall resilience."

FLASH, BASF Corporation, Huber Engineered Woods, LLC, Portland Cement Association, Simpson Strong-Tie Co., and architect Illya Azaroff from +LAB architects are building a [#HurricaneStrong home](#) in Breezy Point, N.Y. for a homeowner affected by Superstorm Sandy. The home will attain FORTIFIED Home™ - Hurricane Gold designation.