

National Storm Shelter Association

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He also served as Tenured Professor for the Civil Engineering Department at Texas Tech for over 40 years. He and his colleagues developed the In-Residence Storm Shelter, an aboveground storm shelter capable of providing a very high degree of protection from extreme winds. Texas Tech provided shelter designs and other input in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publications on storm shelters. He was instrumental in the founding of the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) and has served as Executive Director since 2001.