# Security First MANAGERS

Specialty Programs
Surplus Lines Training

#### **Overview**



- Introduction to Surplus Lines Insurance
- Surplus Lines Insurance is Different
- Capacity
- HO5/Superior Home Coverages
- Optional Coverages
- Quote to Issuance Processes
- Premium Payments
- Claims



#### **Statement of Diligent Effort**

 Surplus Lines Law requires that you make a "reasonable effort" to place coverage in the admitted market.

#### Reasonable Effort is different depending on the:

- Area or state where the home is located
- Value of the home
- Proximity to coastal waters
- Underwriting characteristics such as prior losses or construction class and;
- The companies you represent



- There is a minimum earned premium (usually 25%-30% depending on occupancy), plus all fully earned fees and applicable taxes.
  - There are no flat cancellations.
  - Policy fee, inspection fee, and some state assessments are fully earned.
- Policies are NOT continuous they expire.
  - SFM handles these renewals just like the admitted policies.
  - We issue renewals 45 days in advance and bill your client directly for your convenience.
- Risk can be mitigated.
  - Losses, age, construction; Coverage and deductibles can be amended to accommodate most risks.
- Producers do not have the authority to bind coverage. Only the surplus lines agent (SFM) can bind coverage.
  - SFM can bind instantly with receipt of signed documents and request from the retail agent.
- Premium, taxes and fees must be paid in full, up front.
  - SFM will bind with confirmation of payment from the agent.
- Escrow billing is not allowed we do not bind then bill the mortgagee.
  - Agent may request binding with confirmation from mortgagee that payment is issued.



#### Almost everything is negotiable

The sales experience is much different than in the admitted market. Coverage is tailored to the specific client and to the specific risk. The client buys what they need- not a pre-determined percentage or limit.

This is not an off-the-shelf product.



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- Price The expiring policy or another quote is lower than our initial price
   give us the detail and we may be able to meet the competitor's price.
- Deductible Frame home on the coast with no hurricane protection Is the client willing to accept a higher wind deductible?
- <u>Limits</u> The dwelling must be at 100% replacement cost but the other coverages (B, C, D, E, and F) are negotiable- If the client has multiple residences, do they need contents or ALE at this location?
- Options The client has 2 prior water losses- Would they be willing to accept a policy with no water coverage or a higher AOP dediuctible?

## Capacity





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#### We will be offering coverage in seven (7) states:

- Florida
  - New York
    - New Jersey
      - Rhode Island
        - Connecticut
          - Massachusetts
            - South Carolina

#### **Occupancy**



- Primary: Owner occupied on a full-time basis
  - Minimum Coverage C (5% of Coverage A) required for owner/primary occupancy.
- Secondary: Owner occupies residence on an intermittent basis; may have seasonal or weekly rental.
  - Secondary occupancy requires either a property manager or other fulltime caretaker for the property to be eligible. Rental exposure is acceptable.
- Vacant / For Sale:
  - Vacant and/or for sale have a 30% MEP and require a property manager or care-taker for the property to be eligible. Minimum AOP deductible of \$10,000 applies.
- Rental: Weekly, monthly, annual accepted. Weekly or monthly must be managed.
  - Minimum deductible requirements applied based on Coverage A limit.

#### **HO5/Superior Home Coverage**



#### The HO5 Difference

The HO5 removes many of the limitations of the HO3, adds new coverage, and expands existing coverages such as a higher limit for jewelry items and business personal property. Many coverages that are available by endorsement on the HO3 are automatically included on the HO5. For example, the HO5 automatically includes replacement cost coverage on contents.

#### **HO3 / HO5 Comparison**



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HO-3 ("Broad" Form)

**Named Perils –** provides coverage only for those Perils listed, or specifically named, in the policy.

- Fire or Lightning
- Windstorm or hail
- Explosion
- Riot or civil commotion
- Aircraft
- Smoke
- Vandalism or Malicious Mischief
- Theft
- Freezing
- Vehicles
- Falling Objects
- Volcanic Eruption
- Damage due to weight of Ice, Snow, or Sleet
- Sudden & Accidental Tearing Apart, Cracking, Burning, or Bulging
- Sudden & Accidental Damage from Artificially Generated Electric Current
- Accidental Discharge or Overflow

HO-5 ("Special" Form)

**Open perils -** Provides coverage against almost all forms of risks that can cause damage to a property. Certain exclusions are however mentioned even in an open perils policy, which are not covered.

#### Superior Home Coverage – Higher Special Limits:

- \$2,500 on money, bank notes, bullion, gold.
- \$10,000 on watercraft
- \$5,000 on trailers or semitrailers
- \$10,000, not to exceed \$5,000 per article for furs or jewelry that are stolen, misplaced, or lost.
- \$10,000, not to exceed \$5,000 per article for firearms and related equipment that are stolen, misplaced, or lost.

#### **Optional Coverages**



#### Primary Flood

• Must be underwritten to determine acceptability. Not eligible if the risk is subject to storm surge (direct ocean front, barrier islands, or bays/inland waterways).

#### Excess Flood

 Coverage may be endorsed with company approval. A completed and signed application is required. (Available for policies including the Primary Flood Insurance endorsement or an NFIP policy).

#### Scheduled Personal Property:

Items over \$10,000 require an appraisal dated within the last 3 years. Blanket coverage available with a \$10,000 per item limitation. Schedules available up to \$40M in total value.

#### Watercraft

Underwriting approval for vessels 27' and greater in length or more than \$25,000 in value.



**The High Value Program** may be accessed through our website under the High Value Policy System tab with your user ID and Password. The information is input and submitted for an Underwriter to review and rate. The quote is then emailed to the Agency Principal-unless an alternate email address is entered in the "agent remarks" section of the Underwriting tab.

<u>SpecialtyPrograms@SecurityFirstFlorida.com</u>

or

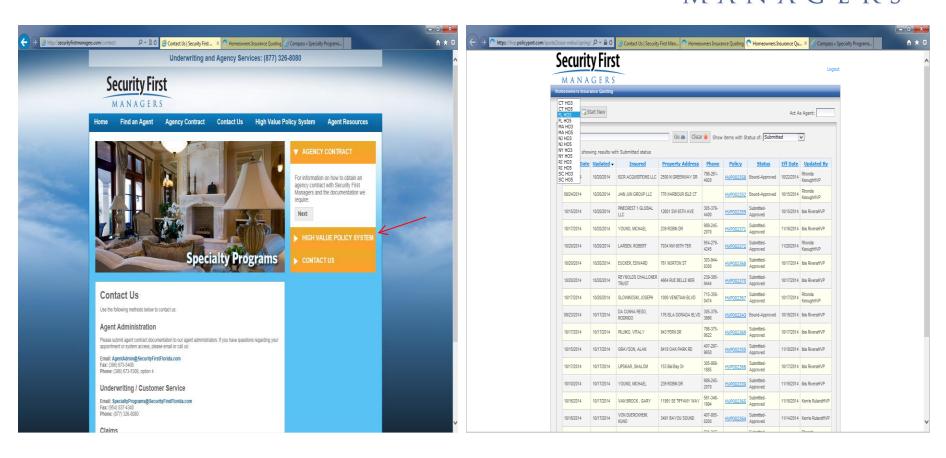
Fax: (954) 837-4340

If you have questions, or want to discuss terms, pricing, or eligibility call the Specialty Programs Underwriting Team:

Phone: (877)326-8080

And remember, this is <u>not</u> the same contact information as Security First Insurance Company.

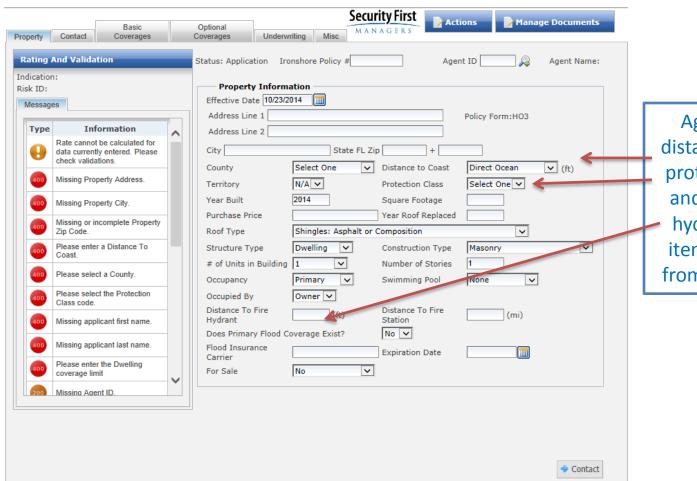




Go to <a href="www.SecurityFirstManagers.com">www.SecurityFirstManagers.com</a> and select 'High Value Policy System'; enter User Name and Password assigned.

Select the state and policy form desired to quote.

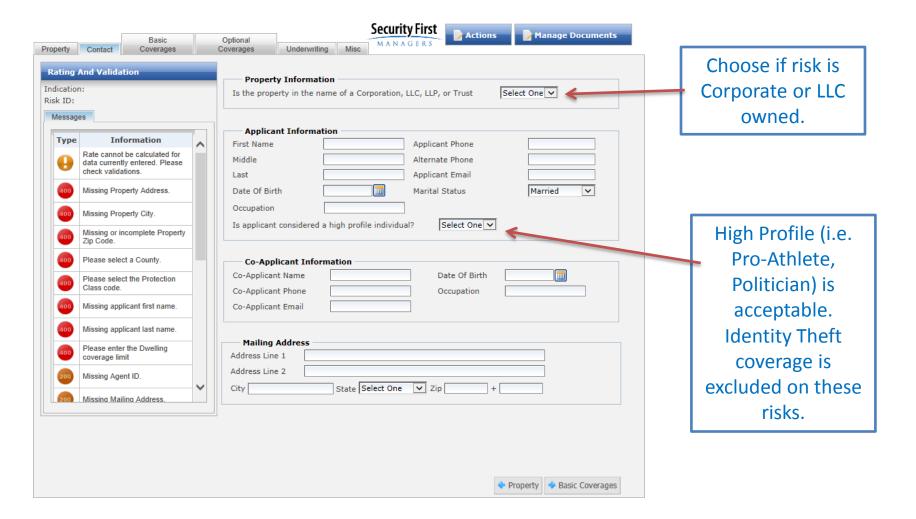




Agent enters distance to coast, protection class, and distance to hydrant. These items do not fill from geo-coding.

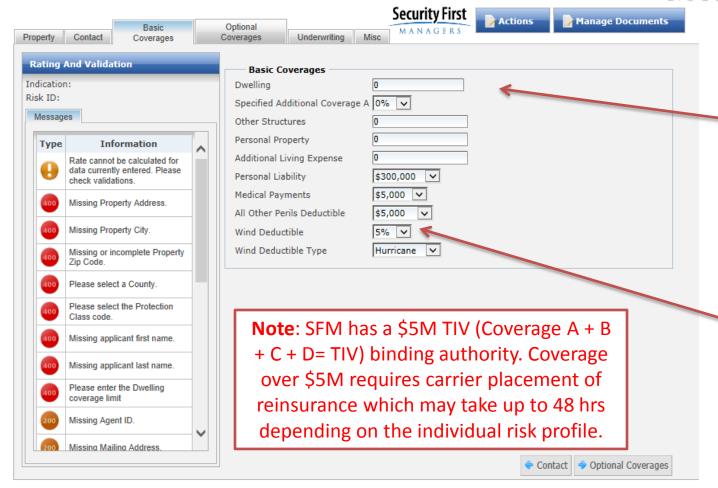


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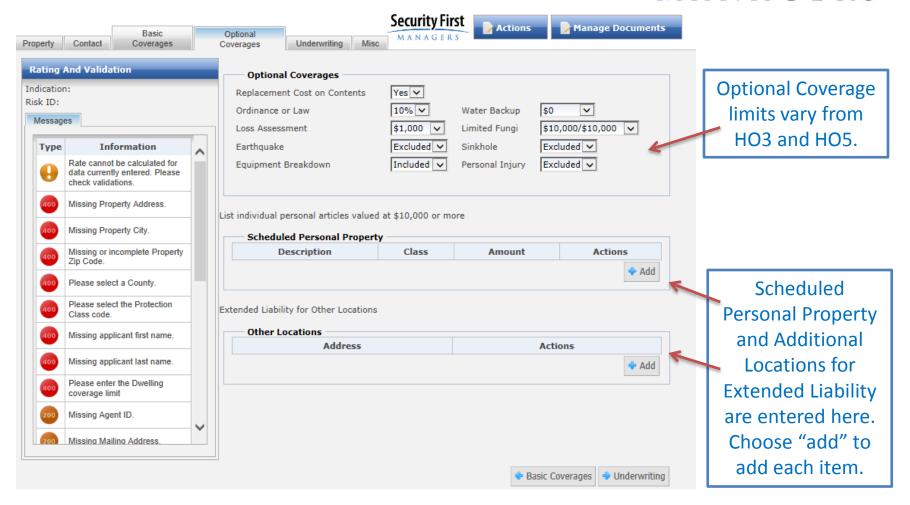


Coverage A must be 100% RCV. Coverage B, C, and D are selectable limits. They will not pre-fill.

Deductible options may be affected by occupancy and location of risk per UW guidelines.



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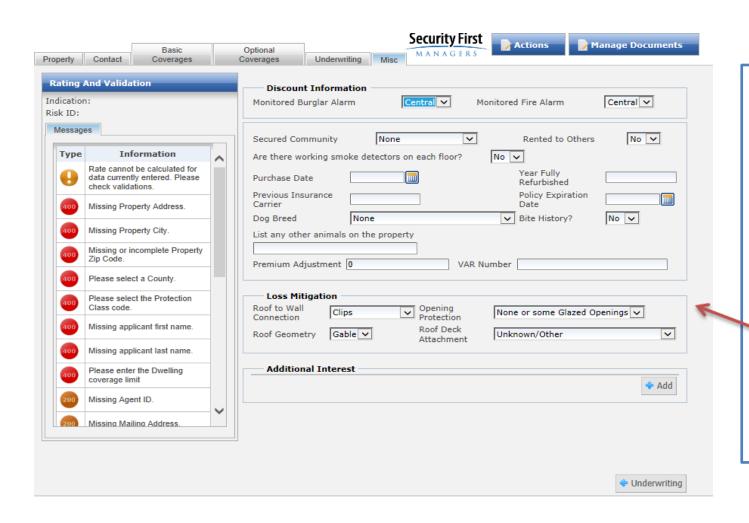


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Carrier will accept
2 losses or one
large loss over
\$50,000.
Additional losses
or Liability Loss
requires carrier
approval.





Wind Mitigation credits do not default by year or location, All credits must be entered. A Mitigation Inspection is not required as we will conduct a mitigation verification as part of our comprehensive inspection.



Once all information is input, the Agent will click on the Action Tab and choose "Submit **Application**". This will not bind the application. It will transfer ownership from the Agent to the Underwriter. The Underwriter will model the risk and confirm the terms and rate. A hardcopy quote is then emailed to the Agent for presentation to the client.

#### **The Binding Process**



After requesting and completing the Binding Package and collecting the premium, you may scan and email, or fax to us at:

<u>SpecialtyPrograms@SecurityFirstFlorida.com</u>

or

Fax: (954) 837-4340

The Binding Package consists of a fully completed, signed application and a Diligent Effort Form. In addition, you may be required to provide a disclosures form, signed exclusions, coverage forms, or acknowledgements. These will be provided to you during the quoting process if required for binding.

**NOTE:** Binding cannot be requested without a COMPLETE binding package.

Once the completed package is received, a binder will be emailed to you. The policy will be issued within 10 days and sent to you via "Share File". This is a program designed to send "oversized" email attachments. You will receive an email with a link to download the full policy in PDF format.

The original is mailed to the insured via US Postal Service and any required documents to the mortgagee or additional interests.

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#### **MEP Example- FL**



Base(Pure) premium:	\$10,000.00 (Pro-rata return)
Policy Fee:	35.00 (Fully earned)
Inspection Fee:	300.00 (Fully earned)
EMPA (assessment)	2.00 (Fully earned)
FHCF (assessment)	134.36 (Pro-rata return)
CPIC (assessment)	103.35 (Pro-rata return)
Stamping Fee:	18.09 (Pro-rata return)

The client would receive a pro-rata return of premium for the items in highlighted in *red*. The balance are fully earned.

#### **Payment Information**



We reserve the right not to bind the policy until the check is received and cleared.\*

Payments <u>must</u> be made payable to Security First Managers and mailed to 140 S Atlantic Ave, Ste 200-SP, Ormond Beach, FL 32176.

- Accepted forms of payment:
  - Check from the insured
  - Check from the mortgage company (but we do not bill the mortgagee)
  - Agency check
  - Premium Finance draft

\*For producers that have built a good reputation with SFM we may agree to bind coverage upon receipt of the check copy.



#### **Endorsements and Cancellations**

• Fax or email endorsement and cancellation requests to us at:

(954) 837-4340

or

**SpecialtyPrograms@SecurityFirstFlorida.com** 

**NOTE:** Producers do not have binding authority – this includes coverage changes.

#### **Claims**



- A document titled "What to do in the event of a claim," is located on our website under the "Agent Resources" tab.
- If you are unsure of the carrier, call us directly. We can direct you or your client to the appropriate Claims Department.
- The adjuster will respond within 24 hours—usually within hours of receiving the first notice.



#### **Questions?**

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