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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Terry Suggs

First of all, let me just say that I felt that the Board's performance was outstanding this past meeting. We covered an array of topics from Strategic Planning to individual committee reports. **Marilyn Crotty** of the IOG kept us on track with our review and update of the Strategic Plan, and communication as well as ideas flowed freely throughout the day. I personally believe that the membership is in good hands with this Board.

Now for my report. The Board of Directors met all day August 21st, and from 8:30am – 1:30pm on August 22nd. The first part of the meeting was dedicated to updating the strategic plan for our organization. The outcomes of our strategic plan are aimed at benefiting the entire membership through assignments and accountability. By working our plan the organization will continue to grow, continue to strengthen, and will continue to be the association that other professional organizations will covet to mirror.

In way of assignments, committee chairs have been tasked to research and provide written reports on how the organization can tackle issues of importance, such as maintaining and/or increasing membership, and how best to reach those not currently in the F.A.C.E. family; acquiring state recognized certifications by forming relationships with League of Cities and Association of Counties and presenting drafted language to state leaders; and increasing revenue sharing from certification courses that may be used to off-set costs associated with maintaining certifications. These are the tasks that the Board gave the highest priority to for this year. The Board will conduct its second quarterly meeting in November and reports from the committee chairs will be due at that time.

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The remaining time was used to cover the agenda items that were sent in prior to the meeting. During the opening comments, I addressed a concern that has been brought to the Board on several occasions relating to re-certification requests. At the heart of the discussion was whether to allow visiting members to remain in the room during presentations and deliberations of these private matters. The Board, after lengthy discussion, unanimously decided that only the Board members, the IOG and the Board Attorney would be present during re-certification hearings. The chief principle behind this decision was to allow for privacy of matters that may be of a personal or sensitive nature.

Under reports, we reviewed the evaluations from the last conference and, as usual, there were both positive and negative comments, but overall the evaluations were very positive and it appears that most attendees enjoyed the conference. I am confident that 1st VP **Frank Cassidy** and his program committee will review all the comments and suggestions and make next year's conference even more successful.

James Acosta, F.A.C.E. Treasurer, presented the Board with a complete and current report that shows we are in great shape financially. James is in constant contact with our accountant and I am confident that our finances are in capable hands.

Continuing under reports, Sergeant-at-Arms **Hector Garcia** will be holding a committee meeting soon, and will focus on the drafted state certification language for FS 162. 2nd VP **Jim Dehne** is working on updating portions of our certification sections while exploring various venues for providing CEH's and 3rd VP **Dot Hird** is working to maintain our membership numbers, which at this time is just shy of 2000. Secretary **Lori Mobley** is well on her way of keeping the minutes and the contracts of our vendors current. Lori presented the minutes of the post conference Board meeting in June 2009 and had copies of vendor contracts prepared for all to review.

Immediate Past President **Shawn O'Rourke** prepared a multi-page report outlining certification courses and associated fees. This report was well received, and spurred much discussion on the need to tie this to our Strategic Plan as a possible solution to offsetting cost for continuing education.

3rd VP, **Dot Hird**, and I represented F.A.C.E. at the Florida League of Cities Conference in Orlando on August 13th and 14th. I would say that we were well received as many City Managers and City Commissioners stopped by the booth and visited. Many expressed their sincere gratitude for the role that code enforcement plays with helping improve upon and ensuring the quality of life for their communities and more importantly for the citizens. Dot and I answered several questions relating to the benefits of code enforcement in the two days that we were at the conference. Although many left impressed with our responses, I would surmise that we still have some areas that we, F.A.C.E., need to reach out to and continue promoting the educational benefits and resources of our organization.

As I wrote in the July 2009 edition of the *INTERFACE*, my role this year is to professionally represent F.A.C.E. at local and state level meetings and to stay on point with our Strategic Plan. With the help of the Board of Directors, we are well on our way to accomplishing these tasks.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to each Board Member for working as hard as you did during the August work session. It was a long two days but we got through it together, thank you.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Frank Cassidy

Your Program Committee had its first meeting in August. This was a very productive meeting held at the Buena Vista Palace, the location of next year's conference. The facilities are great! Location is great! We feel the initial outline of the conference is great! This year we are paying particular attention to budgets and quality of training. We reviewed the last conference's evaluations and have taken them very seriously. With your suggestions and input from agencies across the state, next year's conference is going to be both directly related to code enforcement at every level and designed for maximum training in minimum time.

We are also working hard to benefit from the location of next year's conference. This is on Disney property, right across the street from the Disney Village, and this lends itself to many discounts on activities for families to participate in while we are in sessions and after our sessions. We are excited about this conference, so I hope we all start now at working on attending the conference understanding the budgeting challenges we are facing.

So, some good stuff: this will be a "by code enforcement for code enforcement" conference. We are soliciting all F.A.C.E. and code enforcement trainers to contact us if you are interested in conducting any sessions. We are also taking advantage of current opportunities: we will be exploring green code enforcement, technology in the code enforcement field, and experimenting with track sessions that hold a common theme. We have pinned this conference as "21 Years-Turning a New Leaf."

I hope you all are as enthusiastic and excited about next year's conference as we are! We will be updating you all with program and session updates as we continue through the year so pay attention and feel free to let us know what you think.

I will continue to solicit articles for the newsletter. We have come a long way at trying to provide industry information and helpful hints through this medium. It is not meant to be a one-person show, so please submit articles or at least ideas for articles so we can share your valuable information.

As always, I encourage and solicit all feedback on training and the F.A.C.E. courses. Training is the backbone of F.A.C.E., so we all need to be involved. Please contact me with suggestions, questions, ideas, and feedback-thank you!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Dehne

It has been a busy time for your certification committee since the last INTERFACE. There have been several continuing education hour (CEH) requests, legal paper topics submitted, and a committee meeting held to organize a plan to move forward with this year's agenda.

I was very impressed with the committee's enthusiasm and ideas for implementing the F.A.C.E. Trainer Program and revising the Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II).

I would like to thank **Gwyn Herstein** and **Mike Titmuss** for all their work on the trainer notebook and their dedication to complete it.

F.A.C.E. needs trainers. With the addition of the Trainer Program, all new trainers will have the assurance that they will become comfortable teaching the material before they teach on their own. If you ever thought of becoming a trainer, please contact any of the committee members or me. Train the Trainer courses will be made available when we have enough interested members.

We are also reviewing the Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II). I hope that we will have this completed and approved by the Board by the 2010 conference. There is a lot of research that needs to be done, and we are moving in the right direction.



Certification Committee

Back Row (l-r) **Mike Titmuss, Jim Dehne, Allen Berg, Skip Margerum.** Front row (l-r) **Gwyn Herstein, Monica Anderson, Teresa Myrick.**

The Board of Directors met and discussed many issues, including looking over our Strategic Plan, membership, certification, and a multitude of items to increase knowledge and awareness of our association. It was interesting as a new member to see how well everyone works together for you.

Finally, I would ask that everyone please check to see when your certification needs to be renewed and that you have the CEH's you need. Also, remind others you work with. You never know, you may be helping them maintain their certification.

Please be safe & train.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Dorothy Hird

Hello to everyone. We had our first Board meeting and it went very well. I was hoping to see more of you there, but I know it is a very busy time for most of us. We reviewed our Strategic Plan, changed some of the priorities from last year and updated some of the verbiage. I would like to thank **Marilyn Crotty** with the Institute of Government for all of her help with this. We hope to get our Strategic Plan updated on the web site very soon.

We went over the evaluations from the conference, and overall, the majority of you liked it. The hotel and the food were fabulous. Of course, there are some things we have no control over, but in all, the hotel was very

accommodating and helpful. The Program Committee has already started looking into classes, speakers, and outings for those of you who will be attending in 2010. I'm sure it will be another great conference.

My committee and I called and sent e-mails to those of you who are in danger of losing your certifications. If you heard from one of us, please contact Susan at the IOG (407.235.3960) and find out what you need to do so you won't lose your certification(s). I also sent emails to the Chapter Presidents asking for one of the Chapters to host a F.A.C.E. Board meeting. Check with your Chapter President and ask if he or she is interested in doing this.

One of the Boards goals is to have the sitting Board members visit different areas of the State and meet with the membership. Hector Garcia and I are planning a trip to south Florida. If you can provide me with any contact information of the supervisors in that area, please email me or call me with it. We would like to set up a meeting with all the people down south and inform them of the benefits of belonging to F.A.C.E. and possibly discuss setting up a Chapter in the Miami-Dade County area.

Again, I am asking for any news articles you may have from your area to be forwarded for publication in the INTERFACE.

Now, take care of yourselves and if you ever need my assistance for anything, I will be glad to help you or get you to someone on the Board that can. Thanks again for your continued support.

TREASURER

James Acosta

Time sure is fun when you are having flies! Here it is on the downhill side of the year 2009 and before we know it, we will be once again at our annual conference. I have the figures for the 2009 annual conference and for all our accounts. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail them to me and I will answer each one.

All three of our accounts have been balanced and reconciled with the bank statements, for the period 6-01-09 to 08-17-09 and the

amounts are as follows:

Checking account – Expenses – \$38,419.27,
Income – \$21,957.29, Balance – \$134,361.45
Savings account – Expenses – \$0.00, Income
– \$6,637.44, Balance – \$8,585.41.
Reserve account – Expenses – \$0.00, Income
– \$742.54, Balance – \$5,215.64.

The Board continues to be mindful of your dollars not only how they are spent but looking for different ways to increase revenue. I promise to keep them in check (no pun intended) on the spending of your money.

I attended my first (outside of the conference) Board of Directors and Strategic Planning meetings. Wow! Unless you've attended one or both of these meetings you would have no idea what goes into running this organization we call F.A.C.E. We really had some lengthy discussions on each of the topics on each agenda. A decision, when made, is always made with you, the membership, in mind. Someone on the Board, or in the audience sitting as a guest, would eventually ask the question what would be best for the membership as a whole. Then the decision became easy.

On August 25, 2009, I visited James A. Long Elementary School in Putnam County to donate (with Board approval) 88 backpacks that were left over from the 2007 annual conference held in Jacksonville (See photo below). The Principal, Ms Libby Weaver (right), Assistant Principal, Ms. Sarajeon McDaniel (left), and several school employees were very enthusiastic about the donation and advised that the backpacks would be welcomed by the students with open arms. Students who attend the school have been known to use hand me down backpacks from older siblings and the donated backpacks will give them something new that is their own.



SECRETARY
Lori Mobley

On August 21 and 22, the F. A. C. E. Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting. We spent quite a bit of time reviewing the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Planning went well and we decided on a few goals to work on for this year. One of our main goals is to continue working on state recognition of our certification program. Given the state of the economy, we know it's going to be a huge undertaking, but we are all up for the challenge!

As Secretary, I presented the minutes from the post-conference meeting held on June 20, 2009 for approval. I have made a few minor changes, as requested by the Board, and forwarded them on to the President for his signature and for publication on our web site for the membership's review.

I was asked by the Board to be responsible for maintaining all of the contracts for various vendors, companies, the IOG, PTI, and our lobbyist. As each contract comes up for renewal, I will present the Board with the contract to make any changes they feel will benefit F. A. C. E.

I have completed the minutes from this meeting. The minutes are ready for approval at the next Board meeting, and will be published on the website upon approval.

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me at howeycodenf@comcast.net.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Hector Garcia

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer. It has been a very interesting one. The F.A.C.E. Board of Directors has met and we had a busy two days going over the strategic plan and setting goals for this upcoming year.

The Legislative and Judicial committee and I will be working on the verbiage for state recognition as part of FS 162. We will be monitoring all legislative changes having to deal with code enforcement and bring that information to you all. We have been tasked to reach out to the Florida League of Cities as well as the Florida Association of Counties to build a working relationship with both organizations.

We are always looking for information from our members regarding incidents that happen while performing your duties. We will continue to gather information for the actuary. My committee and I are committed to this organization and to its members. We are available to everyone, and will help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

I look forward to serving you all throughout the year.

PAST PRESIDENT

Shawn O'Rourke

As your Immediate Past President, I am going to suggest to all of you reading this to get involved. I am responsible for putting together a slate of officers for next years Board. If you are interested in serving – or if you know someone whom you think would be great for

the Board – communicate that information. We have three brand new members on this years Board - that is very significant. All you really have to do is put yourself out there for consideration.

At this past Board meeting, I presented a report on F.A.C.E. Certification fees and touched on the need for us to examine alternative ways to deliver our training. The report fell right in line with several of the topics discussed in our Strategic Plan update. The report was really a prompt or starting point for discussion. There are many different ways to address the issues but the important thing to me is that the issues have been formally stated and the Board is open and willing to address them and our members needs. That is extremely positive.

My other report was an update on my communications with the Past Presidents. I have, and will continue, to send correspondence to our Past Presidents and bring any questions, comments or suggestions they have to the Board of Directors.

I also provided the Sergeant-at-Arms with some suggested language for State Certification recognition. Our attorney, **Bob Hamilton**, briefly reviewed it, so I think the Legislative Committee is ready to evaluate that and other options.

Other than that, I can tell you that the new Board was very vocal and very participatory. That's a good sign and bodes well for the membership, as each of them (us) is a steward for the membership. The update of the Strategic Plan went very well as did the Board meeting itself. Each Board member has shown a willingness to jump right in and get started.

News from the UCF IOG:

The UCF IOG has established on-line registration for F. A. C. E. Classes (in Orlando) and F. A. C. E. Examinations (statewide). No more forms to fill out! You can pay online with a credit card! Please visit <http://www.iog.ucf.edu/face.html> and familiarize yourself with the site. **Effective 1.1.10, we will no longer be using paper registration forms for classes or exams.** The other IOG's have websites also, see page 10 for their addresses and upcoming class information.

Secondly, F.A.C.E. membership renewal notices were recently sent via e-mail. This saved F. A. C. E. a great deal in printing and postage costs. If you did not receive one, please contact **Susan Pruchnicki** at 407.235.3960 or spruchni@mail.ucf.edu . **Renewals are due 10.1.09. Checks or money orders only, payable to F. A. C. E, please!** Many of you did not provide an e-mail address with your previous membership application. You cannot receive the INTERFACE directly or other notifications if you do not provide a valid e-mail address.

In closing, many of you are checking the F. A. C. E. website looking for your certifications and continuing education hours. It is wonderful that you are utilizing this system, however, there are a lot of you whose information is not there yet – PLEASE, be patient. We are working on transferring this data as quickly as possible. If your data is not there yet, call or e-mail Susan at the IOG. She will be happy to check her records and provide you with the information you need.

Some Local News Articles about Code Enforcement

**by
Frank Cassidy, 1st Vice President**

From Cape Coral Daily Breeze/ by: McKenzie Cassidy

City code enforcement officers, staff from the Community Redevelopment Agency and other volunteers decided to improve the entrance to the city on Saturday by mowing the grass at the foot of Cape Coral Bridge.

The 2.5-acre property at the end of the bridge, formerly owned by Cape Grand LLC, is what motorists first see after crossing from Fort Myers. In some places, the grass was as high as one foot and overtook curbs as well as the end of sidewalks.

After cutting the grass, volunteers hope the city will be more eye-catching for visitors.

"It is community pride," said John Jacobsen, executive director of the CRA. "This is what it is going to take for this city to succeed."

Unkempt lawns have been an issue in the city for almost two years since the Cape Coral and Fort Myers metropolitan area was named the foreclosure capital of the United States. As families and companies foreclosed their properties and left the city, no one was left to maintain simple things like front yards.

Volunteers on Saturday said they weren't planting trees or dropping mulch.

"We are going to mow all of the grass, not going to do any landscaping," said Jacobsen. "By law you have to mow your lawn."

Not only had this property joined hundreds of others unkempt throughout the city, but the story of Cape Grande itself further exemplifies the devastating effect of last year's economic collapse.

Before the market crashed, the company had grand plans for the city.

According to Jacobsen, it had four projects planned for Cape Coral. An old sales center for model homes was transformed into their base of operations at the foot of Cape Coral Bridge and the company began cultivating interest in properties such as "La Brise," a magnificent project with 12 stories and 10 units on each floor.

The La Brise would've sat where Cape Grande is today and the office was going to be turned into a waterfront restaurant.

"As you can see they shut it down. Their financing fell through and they couldn't outlast the downturn," said Jacobsen.

Jacobsen said the CRA held discussions with the company to find a way to build La Brise in stages, but the space on the property wouldn't allow for it to be constructed bit by bit.

The office is now vacant. Models of other planned projects, such as Bella Tuscany near Veteran's Parkway, now sit in the dark.



Code enforcement blamed for overgrown yards

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CAPE CORAL: The rainy season, combined with the foreclosure crisis, is making for a growing problem in Southwest Florida neighborhoods.

Homeowners say code enforcement isn't doing enough about the issue.

Robert Schaffer, an 11-year-resident of Cape Coral, says his once beautiful neighborhood looks terrible.

"I'm totally frustrated, totally frustrated by the whole thing. It's just awful; these trees are dried out because they're not getting fertilized," he said.

Schaffer became so upset at the situation; he wrote a letter to the city with more than a dozen properties that need immediate attention.

Code compliance officials in Cape Coral say the problem is a combination of the rainy wet season, the foreclosure crisis, and the lack of resources the government has to deal with the issue.

"Government is strapped right now. We have to balance these resources. We can't come out of here and keep mowing these lots all the time," said Frank Cassidy with Cape Coral Code Compliance.

The City of Cape Coral spent \$230,000 in taxpayer money since June 2007 mowing 4,000 different properties.

"It's a monumental task when you look at the # of foreclosures we're facing," said Cassidy.

Fort Myers Code Enforcement has only two employees mowing overgrown lots for the entire city.

"Not enough resources. We received 780 cases we opened because we identified violators that need to be addressed, they only managed to get to 150 of those," said Mike Titmuss of Code Enforcement.

Code enforcement officials in Fort Myers and Cape Coral say they'll continue to cite violators, but the real solution is the community pitching in. That's something Schaffer says he's already done and will continue to do until the government can get more resources.

Budget cuts could make for Cape eyesore

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CAPE CORAL: The empty, foreclosed homes that sit on your street could become an even bigger eyesore. Cape Coral Code Compliance says its budget could get cut. Cape officials explained what that could mean for your neighborhood.

There is a home on Southwest 14th Terrace that is foreclosed, but not forgotten. Bob Woods lives right across the street. "The back yard was really a nightmare. It was just run down totally," he said.

But recently, the city stepped in. Since then, the grass has been cut, the trash has been removed, and the overall look of the house has been improved.

But tough times might be ahead. Frank Cassidy, with Cape Coral Code Enforcement, says his department is facing deep budget cuts. "We'll do our best to stay on top of it, but the challenges are there and the challenges have a potential to get out of control," he said. "It's just a huge responsibility."

If council approves the proposed budget for next year, Cassidy's budget will be cut by about a half-million dollars. Nine Code Enforcement officers could soon be out of a job and a city hit hard by a housing market downturn could soon have nine less people mowing, trimming and cleaning.

"Operating-wise, we cannot cut anymore. It's now come down to personnel. For every officer that we take out of the field, that increases all of the other officers' responsibilities," said Cassidy.

Cassidy says if nine code compliance officers get cut, he'll need you, the citizen, to help make sure the Cape looks clean.

"If you want to help us maintain your quality of life, you can do little things like clean up the streets as you are on your walk - pick up some litter here and there," he said.

Cassidy says while he can ask you to help clean up public places, he cannot ask you to go and mow the lawn of an empty house on your street. The land is likely owned by a bank or investor and you would be trespassing.

War on foreclosures in Cape Coral

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One in every fourteen homes in our area is in foreclosure. In Cape Coral alone, the city is dealing with one thousand foreclosures a month. Now the Cape's Code Enforcement Department is waging war on the problem - coming up with innovative programs and getting national attention for it. The fight against foreclosures in Cape Coral is a dirty one.

"Well today, this is probably the worst one I've seen," said volunteer Bob Dudley. Four code enforcement officers and three volunteers cleaned up the yard and cut down the grass of a home on SW 14th terrace. "The alternative is we can keep looking at this and nothing will be done or we can inspire these volunteers to help us clean it up," said Frank Cassidy of Cape Coral Code Enforcement.

It's a program called "Take Pride in the Cape"--using residents as soldiers in the war against blight. "I'm here because I love Cape Coral and the foreclosures are making everything look bad," said volunteer Jim Sweigert. The code enforcement department had to get tough when the housing market took a tumble. They came up with several innovative programs to tackle the foreclosure problem:

- *Volunteers helping to clean up through "Take Pride in the Cape".
- *An in-house board up program for abandoned homes.
- *A registration program is in place where every home is put in a database and the owner is tracked down.
- *An agreement with waste management to pick-up any "trash-out" leftovers at no cost to the city.

Cocoa Beach works on its Image

By R. Norman Moody, FLORIDA TODAY, August 26, 2009

City officials want to join forces with about 50 resident volunteer who have already kicked off a grass-roots campaign aimed at improving the city's image, attitude, and appearance.

"There are some things that we are going to put in place," City Manager Chuck Billias said.

The City Commission authorized Billias to establish a code review team composed of city staff and residents. They'll examine and determine needed code revisions designed to speed up the processing of code violations. The team will also look at alternative ways of getting certain violations corrected.

"We are excited that our organized group of concerned people helped the city move forward at looking at some of these issues," said Jack Kirschenbaum, who with his wife, Diane Kirschenbaum, and former city commissioner Tony Sasso organized the volunteer effort. "It's very positive."

Residents who gathered earlier this month at the Kirschenbaum's home suggested that codes be updated and made more efficient so violations can be identified, enforced, and processed in a timely manner. They said they wanted to be a part of the solution for making the city a better place to live not just be relying on government but by looking for ways where neighbors can help neighbors.

The residents want to change the image of the city from one where neighbors with one or two houses with overgrown lawns, peeling paint, and boarded up windows sit among well-kept homes. They also want to see better control of the downtown beach area where they won't encounter rowdy drunks, trash piled up on the beach and cigarette butts littering the sand.

Kirschenbaum said the group would work with the city to find better ways to do what needs to be done. "We're very encouraged by the city's interest," he said.

Billias said it would take several months to come up with recommendations. "I'm going to gather all the information and take it to the Commission," he said.

He said there are some codes that are vague. For instance, the code says there should be no heavy mechanical work done in driveways, but doesn't specify what is heavy mechanical work.

He said code enforcement during a tough economic time has put a strain on city staff.

"Right now we're just trying to keep up," Billias said. "We do a pretty good job."

Code enforcement officer Robin Reiland said it is not a quick and simple process to get code violations corrected. Most residents never see a code enforcement officer. "It's the same people over and over who cause the problem," Reiland said. "Its like telling your son every day to go make up his bead."

The city often receives calls asking about the old gasoline station at Triangle Park and 2nd Street North and about the "glass bank" building in the same area that once housed the Reliance Bank branch and other businesses and, currently, a residence.

Work on rebuilding the gasoline station after it sustained hurricane damage was delayed because of permitting from the state, but reconstruction is expected to begin within a few weeks.

The owners of the bank building, which is missing pieces of stucco and blown out glass windows that have been replaced by plywood, is being assessed fines of \$200.00 a day for various violations, according to the city building department. Fines now total close to \$60,000.00.

Job Posting:

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER I CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Open: 09/14/2009 8:30 AM

Close: 09/18/2009 5:00 PM

Full-time/Temporary and Part-time/Temporary positions

\$20.09 Hourly

NATURE OF WORK

This is limited, responsible, technical work in the enforcement of various regulatory codes and ordinances relating primarily to health, zoning, and environmental regulations in the City's Building Department. Employee receives on-going technical and public contact training through a comprehensive classroom curriculum and rotating inspection job assignments emphasizing enforcement of local codes and ordinances. Work includes field and some office duties.

Specific assignments are received from employee's supervisors/trainers. Initially work is subject to close supervision and is reviewed on a frequent basis. As training progresses, employee increases the amount of independent judgment exercised.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Must meet all in order to qualify)

- Three (3) years full time verifiable experience in code enforcement, property management, maintenance or appraisal, building construction, or closely related field, or in public contact work.
- Associate's degree or equivalent in college credits.
- Valid Florida Driver's License with acceptable driving record.
- Flexible hours including nights, weekends and holidays.

This position represented by: C.W.A. (Communications Workers of America)

TO APPLY

Please fill out and submit an application through the following ways:

E-MAIL: Applications can be downloaded from the City's website www.miamibeachfl.gov
And then e-mailed to: jobs@miamibeachfl.gov

IN PERSON: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS), Miami Beach City Hall, Human Resources Department, 3rd Floor

BY MAIL: Miami Beach City Hall
Human Resources Department
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

(Mailed applications should be received by the closing date specified on the job announcement)

FAXES NOT ACCEPTED. Due to the volume of applications, we are unable to verify the status of your application. We are only able to verify receipt of the application. Interviews are conducted by the hiring department. Interviews are not guaranteed to any applicant. Applications will be valid for two years from the closing date of recruitment.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

FEE SCHEDULE

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|--------------------------|---|
| Class hours | • \$12/hour, members; \$15/hour, non-members |
| Exams | • \$75, members; \$110, non-members (also for payments received past the deadline); at PTI: \$115 |
| Legal Issue Paper | • \$60, members; \$75, non-members |

The Florida Association of Code Enforcement has established five levels of certification for individuals working in the field of Code Enforcement in Florida, which include:

- **Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (Level I)** 40 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)** 40 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Legal Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level III)** 36 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)** 30 hours of classes and passage of examination
- **Code Enforcement Professional (CEP)**

Requires three years employment in Code Enforcement, certification in Fundamentals (I), Administrative Aspects (II), and Legal Aspects (III), and writing and passing of an approved legal issue research paper (5 hours CEH credit given.)

CLASSES, CONTACTS, EXAMS

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
 Ft. Lauderdale, Jeff Dolson, 561.297.3749
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Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)
 November 2-6, 2009
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 November 7, 2009

Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (Level I)
 November 16-20, 2009
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 November 21, 2009

Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)
 December 14-17, 2009
Exam 3:30 – 5:30 December 17, 2009

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
 Fort Myers, Nancy Staub, 239.425.3279
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Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)
 October 19-23, 2009
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 October 24, 2009

Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)
 November 9-13, 2009
Exam 3:30 – 5:30 November 13, 2009

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
 Tallahassee, Amy Brewer, 850.487.1870
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NO CLASSES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
 Orlando, Susan Pruchnicki, 407.235.3960
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Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (Level I)
 October 5-9, 2009
Exam 10:00 – 12:00 October 10, 2009

Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)
 November 2-6, 2009
Exam 10:00 – 12:00 November 7, 2009

Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)
 October 26-29, 2009
Exam 3:30 – 5:30 October 29, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
 Tampa, Kevin Wagner, 813.974.1317
web1.cas.usf.edu/iog

Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (Level I)
 October 19-23, 2009
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 October 24, 2009

Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level II)
 November 16 – 20, 2009
Exam 9:00 – 11:00 November 21, 2009

Legal Aspects of Code Enforcement (Level III)
 October 26-30, 2009
Exam 2:00 – 4:00 October 30, 2009

Officer Safety and Field Applications (Level IV)
 September 28 – October 1, 2009
Exam 3:30 – 5:30 PM October 1, 2009

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

This section of the *INTERFACE* is dedicated to the local chapters within the Florida Association of Code Enforcement. **Dorothy Hird**, 3rd Vice President, extends an invitation to each chapter president to contact her with any chapter news.

Code Enforcement Officer Association of Palm Beach County (CEOAPBC) Chapter meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. Please contact Shenoy Raghuraj 561-233-5522 sraghura@co.palm-beach.fl.us for more information.

Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) Hello from TBACE! We have been very busy over here in Tampa Bay, as I'm sure all of you have been. However, not too busy to take time out every other month to get together for some training and networking. Just a reminder that for the very reasonable dues of \$10.00 per year, members receive training that helps toward maintaining F.A.C.E. certifications.

Anyone with questions about TBACE, feel free to contact a Board member or any Active member. The Board currently consists of Carolyn Carrasquillo, President/Code Enforcement Officer, City of Largo; Bud Wortendyke, Vice President/Community Compliance Supervisor, City of Pinellas Park; and Roberta Bowmer, Treasurer/Code Enforcement Inspection Officer, City of Tampa. We are currently without a Secretary. Any Active member in TBACE who may be interested in filling that position for the remainder of this term (through 2010), please contact Carolyn Carrasquillo, Code Enforcement Officer, City of Largo, (727) 586-7488, ext. 7223.

Gold Coast Association of Code Enforcement (GCACE) I would like to welcome those who are new to Code Enforcement and are looking for a place to obtain CEH'S. You can contact me for time and place in the Broward/Dade area. We network and learn from each other and have dynamic speakers that are experts in their field so that we can be in ours. For more information contact: Pat Uber- puber@coralsprings.org or at 954-344-5955.

Treasure Coast Association of Code Enforcement (TCACE) The **Treasure Coast Association of Code Enforcement** meetings have temporarily been suspended until further notice. Contact **Dennis Bunt**, St. Lucie County, at bunt@stlucieco.gov. for further information.

Polk Association of Code Enforcement (PACE) The Polk Association of Code Enforcement would like to welcome two new members to the field of code enforcement and to the Polk Association: **Amy Hernandez** is with the City of Bartow, and **H. E. "Hank" Smith** is with the City of Frostproof. Welcome! Contact **Dennis Sweeney** at dsweeney@plantcitygov.com for meeting information.

Panhandle Association of Code Enforcement (PAOCE) Are you on our email list? If not, contact **Amy Brewer**, FSU/IOG, at (850) 487-1870 or **Scott Hair** at (850) 784-4038. Our chapter meets quarterly, and has a four (4) hour F.A.C.E. approved class with each meeting. If you live in the Panhandle from Escambia County east to Leon and Wakulla County, are not a member of our chapter, and are interested in joining, contact Scott at the above number. You all need to maintain your certifications. Being a member of our chapter is a great way of doing that. See you all soon.

Southwest Association of Code Enforcement (SWACE) As president of SWACE, I would like to extend a personal invitation to attend our meetings and to join our chapter. We meet on the second Wednesday of every other month. Hope to see you at our next. My contact number is 941) 743-1544 or E-Mail at tom.gravagna@charlottefl.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *FUNDAMENTALS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT (Level I)*: John Adams, Derrick Erwin, Robert Frymoyer, James Hare, Kenneth Holley, Russell Ketchem, Larry Jenkins, Jake LeJeune, Lenny Mateya, James McVay, Michael Mila, John Moore, Shakeela Robinson, Henry Smith, Samuel Washington, Lakisha Westberry

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT (Level II)*: Christy Caputo, Hans Julceus, Octavia Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *LEGAL ASPECTS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT (Level III)*: Michael Aiken, Jaime Baze, Jenny Everhart, T. Jason Hunt, Jason O'Daniels, Lee Penton, Mel Roberts, Henry Smith, Gregory Taylor, Teresa Walsh, Curtis Watkins, Shane Williams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAM AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED IN *OFFICER SAFETY & FIELD APPLICATIONS (Level IV)*: Luis Albelo, Marvin Alexander, Hipolito Cruz, Shirley Diamond, Carol Enders, Julie Fear, Fred Fernandez, Duvard Francois, Theodore Hamilton, Gerald Henry, John Herring, Rebecca Kibby, Jimmy Kirby, Ayanidys Marante, Roderick Potter, Robert Prado, Sira Ramos, Patrick Rothenburg, Margaret Seminario, Harvey Mack Smith, David Struder, Octavia Taylor, Debra Wallace, John Weitzner

∞ NEW CEP's ∞



Congratulations to Autumn Fenton, Polk County. Her paper, titled "Civil vs. Criminal Code Enforcement Procedures: Conflict or Solution" passed on 8.28.09

RECERTIFICATION

Re-certification was due for the following by July 1, 2009. There is an extension until January 1, 2010 with the penalty fee. To be recertified the individuals listed below must: (1) take 16 hours of continuing education, (2) return the affidavit if necessary, **(on page 18, and** (3) pay a late recertification fee, otherwise they will lose their most recent level of certification on JANUARY 1, 2010.

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CAREFULLY.**

**IS YOUR NAME
HERE?**

A CO-WORKERS?

**SEND IN YOUR
AFFIDAVIT (IF
REQUIRED) & LATE
FEE NOW!**

*If your name is in
bold print with an
asterisk (*) next to
it, you have the
required hours on
file and need only
pay the late fee
prior to 12.31.09 to
be recertified.*

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The information requested on this form is in accordance with the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.) policy governing continuing education requirements for maintenance of F.A.C.E. certification. Sixteen hours of continuing education courses must be completed every two years following initial certification (in either Levels I, II, III, or IV) and every two years thereafter in order to remain certified. Falsifying or fraudulently representing completion of continuing education requirements in order to renew a certificate shall result in revocation of your most recently earned level of certification.

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I swear or affirm that the information contained in this affidavit is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have fully complied with the continuing education provisions of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement.

 Please sign on line above

 Date

Return with \$15 member/\$20 non-member or \$65 member/\$75 non-member if after due date. **Make check payable to University of Central Florida and send to: IOG, University of Central Florida, 36 West Pine St., Orlando, FL 32801**

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