



CONSTRUCTION LICENSING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA (CLOAF) NEWSLETTER

CLOAF BOARD MEETING & GENERAL MEMBER CONFERENCE

November 21-22, 2024– CITY OF PALM COAST TOWN HALL



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**The following Instructors presented
Educational/Training classes:**

TOMME MAYNE: Seniors against Crimes

**ANNAMARIA LONG: Flagler Home Builders
Association**

**KELLY WHITE: White-Kelly White & Associates
Insurance,
LLC**

**ROB DOWLING: First responder Hurricanes
Helene and Hurricane Milton**

PAUL STUDIVANT: Animal Encounter Issues

**AMANDA ACKERMAN: Construction Industry
Licensing Board, DBPR-Specialty licenses**

LOU CABRERA: Division of Workers Comp

**SGT. GEORGE HRISTAKOPOULUS: Interviewing
Techniques**

*The following is a synopsis of the presentations provided by the instructors
for Training and Certification classes, held on November 21-22, 2024,
General Membership Conference*

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TOMME MAYNE: Mr. Mayne explained to the members how Seniors vs. Crime came to be, originally formed in 1989. The Palm Coast office where Mr. Mayne works opened in 2015 with 5 staff members, 7 current staff members. All volunteers. The Palm Coast office is housed in the Sheriff's office and works closely with them. Seniors vs. Crime assists all people and is a special project of the Attorney General. The state is divided into 5 regions, with 6 to 8 offices per region, 32 offices total. 2023 statistics: Total cash recovered \$1,335,105, Total volunteer hours 11,500, 111 cases deemed criminal and involved the sheriff's office.

ANNAMARIA LONG: Executive Officer, Flagler Home Builders Association – Ms. Long explained that the HBA of Flagler is made up of members of the construction industry with one common goal and they are invested in the construction industry profession and the community. Advocacy, networking, education. As a reminder to the group, there is no such thing as an unlicensed contractor, as contractors are licensed individuals. The goals and suggestions to the group; educate the good guys, partner up against bad actors, involve other agencies, and join your local HBA.

KELLY WHITE: Kelly White & Associates Insurance, LLC, Marine Contractors In 2007 the marine contractor license was reenacted. According to Ms. White, the only thing required to get a marine contractor's license is a credit score. MS. White stated that ALL marine contractors are required to carry Longshoreman's Workers Compensation coverage, no matter what type of work they are doing, whether on land or overwater, because their usual job is overwater. The \$100,000 bond went away for Financially Responsible officers.

ROB DOWLING: St. Johns County Fire Marshall – Chief Dowling explained that he was deployed to Treasure Island west of Tampa to assist with recovery efforts after Hurricane Milton. Chief Dowling showed a power point showing the devastation that hit that area. Many of the homes were filled with sand. The beach sand had to be filtered twice before being able to be placed back on the beach. There was at last count 447,000 cubic yards of trash. Garbage haulers from all over came to assist the cleanup efforts. 5 weeks after Milton some 40,000 substantial improvement letters were sent out to residents.

PAUL STUDIVANT: Deputy Director of Animal Control, St. Johns County – Mr. Studivant explained that St. Johns County receives reports of 40 – 50 dog bites a month. It's always a good idea to honk or make noise when arriving on site. He stated that fear biters bite you from behind, while aggressive animals will attack from the front. If ever confronted with a dog who looks like they may attack, try to redirect the animal to make an escape.

Mr. Studivant pointed out that Golden Retrievers are the worst biters and American Pit Bulls do more damage to a human.

AMANDA ACKERMAN: Executive Director, DBPR – Specialty licenses. Exam exemptions for local specialty license holders, no requirement for local letters, Grandfathering, but requires 4 years of experience. New license applicants also require the same experience + test. Additional business qualifications requirements, 3rd business qualification must go before the CILB for approval. There is no limit as to how many businesses a license holder can qualify. Ms. Ackerman explained also that for DBPR CILB to accept local orders they had to include certain languages, or they wouldn't be considered.

LOU CABRERA: Investigator, Workers Comp – Mr. Cabrera explained that at least 10% ownership is required to have a workers compensation exemption. Florida Statute 440.10. If workers' compensation through a leasing company indicates individual names that are covered by the workers comp policy, but purchasing a policy would list the number covered.

GEORGE HRISTAKOPOULUS: Detective Sergeant, Flagler County Sheriff's Office - Detective Sargeant Hristakopoulos explained that during an interview, the person doing the interviewing's facial expressions are important. Also, the line by Dale Carnegie, "Win friends & influence people" plays a role in interviewing. Give the subject enough rope to hang themselves. Let subjects talk. You'll need info that can be disproved. You may be skeptical, but don't let them catch on to your skepticism. It's good to play the "stupid idiot" and "don't have tunnel vision."

**CLOAF SUBJECT MATTER OPEN FORUM MEMBERS
DISCUSSIONS**

MEMBERS' JOB DUTIES/FUNCTIONS

CURRENT BILLS, ACTIONS and 2024 LEGISLATION

**2025 Locations- BOARD MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE:
Committee/Board Meeting and Member Conference at the
(Location TBD). The Agenda and Conference Registration
form for the NEXT- Committee/Board Meeting and
Conference, will be e-mailed to all 2024 Members upon the
confirmation of all instructors and speakers.**

**A Very Special Thank You to The Following Sponsors and Support
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**CLOAF welcomes your suggestions for the Web Site and
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**Some Classes that we provide at our Conference are
applied to FACE CEU's**

**and: ALL CEU's are applied to CLOAF members that attend this
Conference have received a new CLOAF Certification Certificate.**