CLOAF BOARD MEETING & GENERAL MEMBER CONFERENCE Information from the NOV. 13-15, 2019–EMBASSY I-DRIVE ORLANDO

MEMBERS OPEN DISCUSSION: The members reviewed: Reopening CLOAF Chapters, State License Holders and discipline, Natural Catastrophe repairs and remodeling; Handyman Licenses, Citation Dollar Amounts; When sending case documentation to Law Enforcement- send copy of the statute that applies; Mediation; Funding & General Funds; Certification & Testing for Licensing Investigators etc..

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The following Instructors presented classes and programs:

MASTER DEPUTY KEVIN S. KRAUBETZ, Orange County Sheriff’s Office-Homeland Security/Emergency Management Unit.

TIMOTHY MCGRATH, DBPR-Division of Regulation-Field Office Manager.

AGENT LEROY MINION and AGENT JASON GAINOR- Orange County Sheriff’s Office.

GARY HIATT-Certified Building Official-City of South Daytona Beach.

Mrs. HOLLY SALMONS- President/CEO - Better Business Bureau of Central Florida Region.

ANDREW SABOLIC- Assistant Director-Div. of Workers Compensation-Department of Financial Services.

The following is a synopsis of the presentations provided by Instructors for Training and Certification Classes, held at the November 13-15, 2019, General Membership Conference:

(CONTINUED)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Estelle McConnell
Building Trades Education Services
Renee & Steve Lodes
Credit Check, Inc.
JB Clark
Consultant/Lobbyist Tallahassee
Rob Irion
AAA Construction School, Jacksonville

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MASTER DEPUTY KEVIN S. KRAUBETZ: He said that when the term-Active Shooter is used, it refers to a person(s) using firearms to harm or cause the death of their victims; When the term active Assailant is used, this could be someone attacking a group of people with different weapons, including bombs, cars or other vehicles in some cases. He played a video regarding Workplace Violence and briefed the Members on workplace Safety and Security. He explained that generally active shooters are younger than 40 and lack social skills and of the last 160 active shooter cases, 6 of them were women and that there are 20 mass shootings every year.

According to OSHA there are 4 categories of potential Active Shooter-Strangers, Customers and Citizens, Co-Workers and Personal Relations. Active shooter situations could occur at any given moment. He stressed the importance of managers and supervisors getting to know their staff so that if strange behavior, such as an employee(who very seldom takes time off) all of a sudden taking too much time off, arriving late to work, calling in sick constantly, becomes withdrawn, becomes aggressive, all of a sudden not performing their duties. Supervisors are encouraged to know their employees. need to discuss those issues with the individual to try to discuss in a friendly helpful way to get the person to speak freely and see what might be behind their change(s) in behavior. It could be a broken relationship, financial issues, serious illness, loss of a close family member or many other personal issues. Prevention & preparedness is key to stopping or walking away from a situation like these. Remember: Run, Hide, Fight! For additional information he suggested; fbi.gov, dhs.gov and fema.gov. He opened the floor for questions prior to closing.

TIMOTHY MCGRATH: Distributed copies of sections of 2019 Florida Statutes Title XXX11-Regulation of Professions and Occupations in regard to 489.120-Disciplinary proceedings and the applicable statutes that are mentioned throughout the documents and discussed each of the sections and provisions so that members could refer back to all of the information. He presented a copy of 61G4-17.002, Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances; 61G4-17.003-Repeat Violations; 6164-17.005 Penalties Cumulative and Consecutive; 61G4-17.007 Probation and discussed the provisions of each of the rules and the important sections of each of them. He then distributed and discussed 61G4-17.001 Normal Penalty Ranges and the different Violations, Offences AND; The Minimum and Maximum Penalty Ranges. Prior to closing he opened the floor for questions from the members.

AGENT LEROY MINION and AGENT JASON GAINOR: Discussed Gangs; Who are their members; Members Language/Speech; The many tattoo’s and the meaning of many signs and symbols some of the many different groups use; Hand signs/signals to other gang members that may be intruding on their territory; Writing done by members of different groups sometimes could be missing letters or have letters sideways, backwards
IMPORTANT:
Most Classes that we provide at our Conference are submitted to FACE for CEU's and; CLOAF members that attend the Conference will receive a certificate for their new Level and; Members certified, will receive CEU’s.

GARY HIATT: Discussed numerous Fl. Building Code changes per HB447 and HB 7103 reviewed the following changes in sections: s163.045-Permits for tree pruning, trimming or removal on residential property; Development Permits, s125.22, s403.0877, s163.3164; Impact Fees Building Code 553 Part IV section 553.7 through 553.898 that pertain to the Florida Building Code 553.79 (18); Definitions (f) and (i); Plans 553.791 2(b); Notifications, Private Providers, 553.791(4)(7(a & b), 553.79194)(5), Definitions, Plans, Site Plans, Codes, 550.80 7(a) Advisory Boards, Impact fees Web Site Posting, Affordable Housing, 553.79; Search Fee, Permits-Closing Expired Permits, Changes to older Buildings, 489.103, Owner-BUILDER Statements, Fire Prevention Code FS 718 part I; Notifications; Issues;
New Code Effective date per HB 447, for FBC 7th edition of July 1, 2020.

Mrs. HOLLY SALMONS: informed the group that the BBB of Central Florida processes 23,000 complaints per year. She told the members that they are there to aid jurisdictions in compliant investigations and that the BBB may have information that we can’t necessarily obtain any other way. She suggested that when doing an investigation, we should contact our local BBB to see if they have any documentation that they could share about a company that we may be looking into.

BBB Accreditation: If a company obtains accreditation from the BBB, the BBB regularly checks on these companies to make sure they can maintain their accreditation. There are dues to pay to remain accredited. She explained that we can complain about an accredited company (Or a company that does not belong to the BBB) so that they will have the information available. She also informed the group that if we contact her office they would refer us to the BBB contact in particular area that the complaint took place.

ANDREW SABOLIC: Presented “Florida Employer Compliance Overview”. The Key Statutes: 440.02(8) Definition of Construction Industry; 440.02(15)(c) No independent contractor status in the Construction Industry; 440.02(17) Employment thresholds for coverage requirements; 440.05 Exemption from coverage criteria; 440.107 Powers to enforce compliance (SWO’s--Stop Work Orders and Penalties)
The Organization: Bureau of Compliance, Investigations, Penalty Section and Exemption Unit.
He discussed their activities: 30,029 SWO’s; $18 million in penalties collected; 5483 new employees covered; $4.9 million additional premiums generated; $4.6 million in exemption fees collected; They do site inspections, sweeps, public referrals (1700 annually) and natural disaster response. They provide coverage assistance programs; Construction policy Tracking Database, Education and Outreach.
Obstacles/Issues: Coverage-PEO “gap” coverage undocumented cash payments transfers to other accounts; Political and Business environment-understanding and ambivalence; Leveling internal and external data-case management, identifying employers, responding to legislative inquiries; future IOU; Legal support-defend actions in an administrative hearing; held to clear and convincing standard.

2020 BOARD MEETING AND CONFERENCE UPDATE

February 12-14, 2020 – Board/Committee Meeting at the Altamonte Embassy Suites (Orlando North). The Agenda for the February 12-14, 2020 Board and Committee meeting will be emailed to Board/Committee Members in late December 2019 or early January 2020.

May 11-13, 2020 – Board Meeting and Member Conference at the Altamonte Embassy Suites (Orlando North). The Agenda and Conference Registration form for the May 11-13, 2020-Board/Committee Meeting and Conference, will be e-mailed to all 2020 Members the last week of March 2020 (Or upon the confirmation of all instructors and speakers) and; be posted on the web site.

Plan!!! Mark your calendars Today!!!

HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS AND ENJOYABLE, NEW YEAR.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MAY.