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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



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I have recently been appointed President of CAHCEO by the Executive Board after the resignation of Richard Paoletto. I would like for my two years as President to be of renewed energy and support for our organization. The Executive Board's goal is to promote the education and professional development of officials in the field of housing code enforcement. CAHCEO should be in the forefront of advancing housing code related issues in our state. We should increase membership and member participation in the organization. Please consider volunteering your time either running a seminar or on the Executive Board. Most of all we would like your ideas for CAHCEO. This could be anything from seminar topics to award recipients to newsletter articles. Please feel free to contact any Executive Board member with suggestions or ideas. The CAHCEO website is also a valuable source of information and is constantly being updated. Check it out at www.cahceo.com. The Connecticut Association of Housing Code Enforcement Officials is going through an exciting time of revitalization. This last year has been one of difficulties and challenges. It is time for the membership to recommit ourselves to the ideals of our Founding Fathers. I am thankful to the Executive Board in giving me this opportunity to lead this great organization. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns or suggestions that you might have for CAHCEO.

Amy Lehaney, MPH, RS, CHES

20th President of CAHCEO

NEW CAHCEO BOARD ALSO ELECTED AT JUNE SEMINAR

The June seminar topic was "Illegal Dwelling Units" and featured several speakers including: Joe Kingston, Fire and Life Safety Supervisor, Office of the State Fire Marshal, DPS, Dan Tierney, Deputy State Building Official, DPS, Barry Rickert, Connecticut Deputy State Fire Marshal, Patrice Palombo, Senior Assistant State's Attorney, Judith Dicine, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney, Joseph Larkin, CZEO, CFM, Michael Gilmore, Neighborhood Re-Investment Manager, Waterbury Development Corporation, and Michael Kraynak, Sr., Director of Environmental Inspections for the City of Stamford Health Department. The seminar had housing code inspectors, building, zoning, fire and health inspectors from around the state in attendance. The weather was a beautiful day for an outdoor clambake! After lunch the awards presentation began and the election of the new CAHCEO executive board. The newly elected members were Rich Paoletto as President, Amy Lehaney as 1st Vice President, Clarence B. Atkinson as 2nd Vice President, Jennifer Eielson as secretary, Tina Baptista as Treasurer, Michael McCurry as Director and Deborah Miller as Director.



JUNE 2010 CLAMBAKE SEMINAR

AWARD RECIPIENTS

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS: Robert Krucelak, City of New Britain and John Smigel, Town of Southington.



Patricia Lamothe, City of Stamford



Raymond Matos
Bridgeport Housing Authority



HOUSING CODE INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR: Michael T. McCurry, City of West Haven



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR: Patrice K. Palombo,



LEADERSHIP AWARD: Ronald Miller, City of Stamford

JOHN C. WATSON SR. DISTINGUISH SERVICE AWARD: David Barboza II, Retired from the Town of Hamden

CAHCEO NEWS

NO MORE MASS PAPER MAILINGS The CAHCEO executive board would like to make the membership aware that the board has decided to phase out paper mailings of seminar information, and membership information. The board would prefer to email all members with this information or direct the members to the CAHCEO website which is www.cahceo.com. The website is updated regularly so check it out! If any member would prefer regular mail PLEASE NOTIFY A BOARD MEMBER right away. Thanks for being members!!



Our next meeting will be on December 3, 2010. Please watch for updates on the topics and speakers at our website www.cahceo.com.



SEPTEMBER 2010 SPEAKERS

JIMMY GONZALEZ, CHIEF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

Jimmy Gonzalez has been the Chief Animal Control Officer for the City of Bridgeport for the past 3 years. In 2006, he started as an Assistant Animal Control Officer at the old shelter on Asylum Street. He assisted the City of Bridgeport with the transition to the new state of the art animal control facility that now holds 80 dogs and 30 cats. He is proud to be the supervisor of the largest animal facility in Connecticut.

Jimmy is an Animal Control Officer first but also wears other hats. He is a Wildlife Rehabilitator for Rabies Vector Species and also the President of a non-profit organization called A Hand for a Paw, Inc. that benefits the Bridgeport Animal Control Facility. They have established five programs, focused on preventing unwanted litters of pets, educating the public and children to more responsible pet ownership, raising money to assist the Bridgeport Animal Control Facility in saving the lives of certain sick/injured animals that the City of Bridgeport would not have the budget to save and donating needed items to the shelter.

Jimmy is always continuing his education at every chance he gets. He has participated in almost every Disaster Relief Training that he can sign up for. In 2010, he was the only Animal Control Officer in Connecticut chosen to train at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in Anniston, AL for Agricultural Emergency Response Training. He also trained for Terrorism Awareness for Emergency First Responders and Canine Emergency Medical Care under the Department of Homeland Security. In 2009, he completed the online FEMA Incident Command System certification in IS-100, IS, 200, IS-800, IS-900, and IS-10. In 2008, Jimmy completed the Safe-Capture Chemical Immobilization at the Beardsley Zoo. Jimmy is extremely knowledgeable in rabies control, animal cruelty investigations and has received Level 1 training from the National Animal Control Association (NACA). Additionally, Jimmy regularly assists numerous law enforcement agencies with animal rescue and support. He interviews with local media reporting on animal welfare and rescue issues.

Jimmy is married with a daughter and has an English Bulldog, four cats, a Bearded Dragon, a Green Iguana, a Harlequin macaw, an Umbrella Cockatoo, and a chinchilla called Chin-Chin, all rescues!

“To close your eyes will not ease another's pain” – Chinese Proverb

PHILLIP CUNDIFF, MANAGER OF CLAIMS & LOSS CONTROL AT YALE UNIVERSITY IN NEW HAVEN

Philip Cundiff is currently the Manager of Claims and Loss Control at Yale University in New Haven, where he manages all the claims against the University and develops loss control measures to prevent future occurrences. Previously, he was the City Safety Officer for the City of Stamford. In his 5 years with the City he put together employee safety programs that helped reduce the worker's injury rates to their lowest levels in over 20 years. Prior to the City of Stamford he spent 20 years with the Home Depot in many Environmental Health and Safety roles spending the last 5 years as the Northeast Regional Manager of EH&S. Phill has degrees in Environmental, Health & Safety and Criminal Justice.

TROOPER FIRST CLASS PAUL MAKUC, CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

Detective Makuc has been with the Connecticut State Police since 2000, and has been assigned to the State Fire Marshall's Office since 2005. He is currently assigned to Fires, Explosions, Canine Assists, Fireworks Accidents, Carnival Ride Accidents, Crane Accidents and other investigations.

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The objectives of CAHCEO are:

- *To promote the education and professional development of officials in the field of housing code enforcement*
- *To promote the development of higher standards in the hygiene of housing through legislation*
- *To promote the development of better housing conditions throughout the state*
- *To create a public awareness of the value of housing maintenance and repair*
- *To promote the welfare, education, and social benefits of its members*
- *To promote the general public's health, safety and welfare through advocacy for housing related issues*

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