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SEPTEMBER SEMINAR A SUCCESS

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The September seminar featured three guest speakers from very different specializations. Chief Animal Control Officer, City of Bridgeport, Jimmy Gonzalez (pictured here with Jenn Frazier, City of Bridgeport Lead Inspector) was one of the speakers and did an excellent job keeping the audience intrigued. Jimmy spoke on the many roles and responsibilities of ACO's and the instances on when they could be of help to a Sanitarian or Housing Code inspector. Jimmy also made it clear regarding the things they cannot do. Jimmy drove home the point to use your local animal control authority to your advantage



ACO Jimmy Gonzalez and Jenn Frazier

and to conduct joint inspections if necessary. Phillip Cundiff is the manager of claims and loss control at Yale University but was previously the City Safety Officer for the City of Stamford. Phillip touched on topics such as work place violence, and inspector safety. Phillip gave examples and warning signs of a coworker who may become violent or harmful and the importance of reporting such signs to management. Phillip also discussed the protective clothing and materials all inspectors should be equipped with in order to do their jobs safely. Inspectors are exposed to all forms of possible safety concerns out in the field and they need to know what to look out for and how to prevent an accident from occurring. The third speaker was Trooper First Class Paul Makuc from the CT State Police. Paul did a brief presentation on Meth Labs and the dangers that can occur with finding one during an inspection. Meth Labs are highly flammable and dangerous and extreme caution must be adhered too. Paul gave examples of some chemicals or ingredients we may find out in the field on an inspection and also showed a video on just how explosive they could become. Paul gave an overview of how a meth lab works and which authorities should be immediately contacted if an inspector finds or suspects a lab to be on site. The December seminar will have a more in depth training on meth labs and will feature two speakers from the Connecticut State Police. We hope all our members are able to attend this very important training.



DECEMBER SEMINAR SPEAKERS

SERGEANT THOMAS BENNETT

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

Sergeant Tom Bennett has been employed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Division of State Police since September 21, 1987. At this time he is presently assigned as the office supervisor for the Northwest Office of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force. He is a certified instructor in the field of narcotics along with being a certified Investigator and Site Safety Officer in the investigation and clean up of Clandestine Controlled Substance Laboratories. In March of 1992 he was assigned to the Bureau of Special Investigations, Statewide Narcotics Task Force. For the last nineteen years he has been in this assignment as both a Detective and Sergeant with a brief assignment as a Patrol supervisor at Troop G in Bridgeport. He has been the Case Officer for the Connecticut State Police on two Federal communication intercept investigations. He was assigned to a Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force, a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, and a United States Customs Service Task Force. He has prepared numerous case reports, search and seizure warrants and arrest warrants in both the State of Connecticut Court System and the Federal Government Court System. He was also a Narcotic Detection Canine Handler for four and one half years.

Mr. Wayne Kowal

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

Mr. Wayne Kowal is the Coordinator of Public Education for the Connecticut State Police, Statewide Narcotics Task Force. He has been assigned to this position for four and a half years. The Statewide Narcotic Task Force Public Education Section's main objective is to assist State Police Troops and municipal police departments in their substance abuse prevention educational efforts. The section also provides support to the Connecticut State Police Public Information Office Speaker's Bureau program by providing drug education presentations to Connecticut schools, senior centers, civic organizations and other groups. Retired from active duty as a Colonel in 2006, where he served as a Army Engineer Officer for the CTARNG.

MASS MAILINGS REMINDER

The CAHCEO executive board would like to remind all members that there will no longer be mass mailings of registration forms. All seminar announcements will be done via email, and website. Please contact a board member if you would still require a paper mailing.

Retirement Spotlight

October 16, 2010

Dear Amy Lehaney,

Please be advised that due to major health problems that were discovered this summer at Yale New Haven Hospital I am moving to Delray Beach, Florida permanently on December 1, 2010. As one of the original founders of CAHCEO, and the first treasurer to serve, I am going to miss CAHCEO and its members. Please extend my best wishes to all members of CAHCEO and I wish you all the best life can offer. Good luck and continue the good work in Connecticut. I am sure John Potkay is looking down and saying Godspeed!

My Florida address will be on December 1, 2010: (contact a CAHCEO Board member for the address)

Sincerely,

D. Daniel Nobili

P.S. I will be celebrating my 92nd birthday soon!!

CEHA Announcement

Congratulations to CAHCEO's 2nd Vice President Jennifer Eielson who became the president of the Connecticut Environment Health Association. Jennifer was sworn in on November 5, 2010 at Anthony's Ocean View. Jennifer will serve as CEHA President until November of 2011. One of Jennifer's goal for her presidency is to have CEHA and CAHCEO work together on various ventures. The CAHCEO Executive Board attended the ceremony.



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE



The CAHCEO executive board would like to encourage all its members and attendees of the December seminar to participate in our holiday raffle. The purpose of the raffle is to raise money to fund our two scholarship awards. We cannot provide these awards without the help of our membership. There will be numerous prizes awarded and they include items such as gift cards, wine, and electronics.

CAHCEO NEWS

Our next meeting will be on March 25, 2011. Please watch for updates on the topics and speakers at our website www.cacheo.com.



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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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