

**SE Florida Utility Safety Group**  
**Spring Meeting Minutes**  
**May 20th, 2019**

Matt Divine, Palm Beach County; Isabella Slagle, Town of Davie; James Chamness, City of Boca Raton, Luis Montoya, City of Hollywood, and John Bryan, City of Pompano Beach.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

- Matt called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.
- The safety committee approved the minutes from the winter meeting.
- The safety committee had two formats on the agenda for the Spring Meeting.
  - Adam Bryd of Kent Precision Foods Groups, Inc (Squincher Products Representative); gave an informative presentation on the tips and strategies to avoid heat stress. Not only was valuable and relatable information shared by Mr. Byrd with the group, but the group shared informative case studies specific to the South Florida Water Utilities Industry.
  - Matt Divine, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department led the group in an open forum discussion on several pressing issues facing safety and water utilities. Some of the topics were as follows:
    - Contractor Safety – Strategies for improvement.
    - Aggressive Dog Training – Provider information
    - CEU Classes – Increasing safety knowledge with certification renewal.
    - SDS Library storage and accessibility options
    - Chemical Safety – Training providers and spill response actions.
- The date of the Summer Meeting will be announced in the coming weeks; however, target date is in the late August period.
- Matt encouraged the attending members to help the group with membership by inviting others to attend the Fall Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.