

SE Florida Utility Safety Group
Summer Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2020

Matt Divine, Palm Beach County; Isabella Slagle, Town of Davie; Chip Dingers, Seacoast Utility Authority, John Bryan, City of Pompano Beach; Luis Montoya, City of Hollywood, John Shipley, City of Boca Raton, Tim Scott, City of West Palm Beach, Mike Vignale, City of Sunrise, and Mike Moreno and Orlando Huguet, City of Fort Lauderdale.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

- Matt called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.
- New attendees were welcomed.
- Matt reviewed the new meeting format in the virtual Zoom program and went over some basic program concepts since this was our first meeting in this format.
- The safety group had a few discussion items on the agenda for the Summer Meeting.
 - Committee Discussion: Matt Divine, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department discussed precautions and strategies that PBC Water Utilities are implementing to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Various members shared strategies as well and assisted each other with questions that other members had on the topic.
 - Committee Discussion: Conducting safety training during the COVID-19 pandemic. Matt led off with training vendor options and lessons learned in a virtual format. Matt also shared strategies for potentially conducting classroom training with COVID precautions in place. Several members in the group offered great virtual training options as well, with one of the common vendors being “Target Solutions” amongst many of the members.
 - Committee Discussion: Matt shared experiences with attending virtual conferences and went over the pros and cons for this new type of educational platform.
 - Committee Discussion: Mike Vignale discussed CDL Random Testing and how COVID situations affect compliance. Members shared their current situation for random testing and potential vendors that are offering testing locations that are separate from COVID testing locations.
- The date of the Fall Meeting will be announced in the coming weeks; however, target date is for the late October to early November period.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.