

SE Florida Utility Safety Group
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015

Jerry Criscito, City of Pompano Beach; Michael Catanzaro, Palm Beach County ;David Ladley, City of Boca Raton; Jeff Brown , City of Boca Raton; Randall Blanchette, City of Coconut Creek; Bill Zabric, City of Hollywood

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

- Jerry called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the committee members
- The group shared the following CEU opportunities
 - AWWA approved credit for training sessions provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Training Center (see attached)
 - On line course provided by FW&PCOA
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- Jerry distributed and reviewed the CDC Ebola Handout
- The Hazmat 2015 Winter/Spring Hazmat Training Schedule was distributed
- David from the City of Boca Raton invited everyone to the Safety in the Park event that the City of Boca Raton provides for their employees
- We read and discussed the article concerning the fatality that took place this week at West Palm Beach Water Treatment Plant. The group agreed that grates need to be checked on a regular basis to ensure they are safe to walk on.
- David from the City of Boca Raton shared details about their Risk Management award Program. Jerry will contract John Shipley the Boca Raton Safety Officer for more information on their awards program.
- Bill Zabric discussed some free training opportunities offered by his workmen's comp insurance provider. Bill explained that his City pays Arthur J. Gallagher to find the best insurance for the City in regards to workmen's compensation. The name of the company that offers the online training is called Safety National.
- Randall Blanchette spoke about the success his city is having with BLR safety training materials. Randal said the material provided by BLR is easy to use. The way to best describe it is "Safety by the staff for the staff".

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.