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NEWSLETTER

The purpose of the Property Evidence Association of Florida, Inc. (P.E.A.F.) is to promote education and professionalism of the property and evidence function within the State of Florida.

PEAF NEWS

Conference Update

Due to the unforeseen closure of the previously booked hotel, we moved our location. Thank you to our Conference Coordinator, Pamela Schmidt, for all her diligence in making this a smooth transition while being able to negotiate an almost identical contract. **THANK YOU PAM!**

The 2012 PEAFF Conference will be held at the World Gate Resort, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 33756, 407-396-1400. The conference will be 2 ½ days long and the cost is \$250. The conference room rate for a single/double will be \$89 and night and for a triple/quad the room rate is \$99 a night. **WITH THIS ROOM RATE, YOU WILL RECEIVE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ALL 3 DAYS AS WELL AS THE SIT DOWN DINNER THURSDAY EVENING.** When reserving your room, please inform them you are in the PEAFF room block in order to get the meal inclusions. For daily commuters not staying at the hotel, please contact a State Board member for further information. There is also the option to bring a guest to the Banquet on Thursday night.

Please visit our new website at www.peaf.net for further information, topics to be discussed and the registration.



Website Update

The new website is up and running! Thank you to the Website Committee for being very diligent in their efforts to get this done. The new website is run solely by PEAFF, therefore, we are no longer contracted with another service. In the long run this will save PEAFF additional expenses and provide us with more control over the website. A special thanks to Ed Bigley, Winter Park PD, who dedicated many hours in assisting with building the new website and making it operational. Ed Bigley was recently appointed as our PEAFF webmaster. Thank you Ed for taking on this task! You are a great asset to the organization.

Please visit the website at www.peaf.net. There is a new forum available which should be much more user friendly than what we had in the past. Please take some time to sign up with the forum. This is an excellent place to share ideas and ask questions to PEAFF members all over the state. When signing up for the Forum, make sure you request access to the PEAFF Members Only Forum section. Here you will be able to discuss everything Evidence related without prying eyes of the public.

You will also notice you are now able to register for the conference and buy other PEAFF items in our Shopping Cart.

If you run into problems or have suggestions or compliments for the website, please contact webmaster@peaf.us or communications@peaf.us.

Grant Fund Update

PEAF is proud to introduce our new Grant program. The Grant program was designed as an option for Property/Evidence, Crime Scene and Crime Laboratories to apply for money for much needed equipment.

The maximum award amount for a grant will be \$500. We will be introducing the grant at our 2012 Conference where we will award our first Grant.

For agencies who are interested in applying for a Grant, please visit our Grant page at www.peaf.net for the PEAF Grant Fund Application. The 2nd page of the Grant Application has the specifics of the minimum criteria. Once the application is submitted the Grant Fund Board will review the application to ensure it meets the minimum criteria.



Chapter News

CHAPTER 1

Chapter 1 has not had any meetings in over a year and is looking for someone to take on the role of Chapter President. Please keep this in mind and if you know of anyone you would like to nominate for the position please let one of the Board Members know.

CHAPTER 2

Our member, Kathleen Mulligan from Casselberry PD is retiring this month and moving to Michigan. Kathleen we will certainly miss you and your smile. We wish you the best of luck in your retirement. Stay warm!

Chapter 2 held their meeting at the Daytona Beach PD on August 10, 2011. Topics discussed were 2012 Conference details, future Certification process, Mock Trial, and strangest Evidence Ever Submitted Contest. Kim Vandegrift, Chapter 2 President presented training material on Aspergilla mold. The next meeting will be held at Orlando Police Dept on Friday December 9th.

CHAPTER 3

Chapter 3 has no news to report.

CHAPTER 4

The Chapter's Bi-monthly meeting was conducted on September 22, 2011 at the Miami Police Department. Our thanks go out to Lt. Ron Papier and Evidence Manager Jay Pollen for hosting this successful meeting and training session. 22 members attended. The farthest coming all the way from the Port St. Lucie PD. I thank all members who were able to attend.

Our thanks also goes out to our Guest Speaker, George Wysong who is the Police Legal Advisor for Miami PD who spoke on Liability Issues as it relates to the handling of property and evidence.

Our next meeting will be conducted in November with a tentative date of November 10, 2011. The chapter is looking for an agency to volunteer as host. Please contact the Chapter President, Yoli Brennan @ Yolanda_brennan@sheriff.org. or contact the Chapter Secretary, Robin Becher at RBrecher@wpb.org.

CHAPTER 5

Jessica Cavanaugh, Chapter 5 President, shares the following:

Our last meeting was held Sept 7, hosted by Cape Coral Police Department. It was dedicated to Nancy Shultz who was an Evidence Custodian with the Cape for 23 years. She was also a key person with our local chapter. She will be missed by many! We also have had a change in our Chapter Board. After serving for 4 consecutive years Andrea decided to step down. Thank you Andrea for your hard work and dedication to our chapter. Our new President is Jessica Cavanaugh (FDLE), Vice President is Erin Hume (Charlotte CSO) and our Secretary is Kay Bradshaw (Collier CSO). Our guest speaker was Peterjon McAnany from the Biology section at FDLE. He spoke about collection, packaging, submission and analysis of biological items. Thank you Peterjon for taking time out of your busy day to come and speak to our Chapter. Other topics talked about were the Certification Committee, our 2011 10 year anniversary conference and the topics that were discussed at that conference as well as the upcoming conference in 2012. We discussed having more than 1 local meeting and possibly traveling to other facilities to give others the opportunity to participate if they could not travel too far as well as the prospect to see other facilities.

CHAPTER 6

PEAF welcomes Demetrica Daniels as the newest Board member as she takes on the responsibilities as Chapter 6 President. Demetrica works for the City of Gainesville Police Department. Demetrica thank you for taking on this task. For those of you in Alachua, Citrus, Gilchrist, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties you can contact your new President at danielsdl@cityofgainesville.org.

CHAPTER 7

Chapter 7 has no news to report.

CHAPTER 8

Chapter 8 President Clyde Wiggins (Florida State University Police) reports: Chapter 8 has only two members at this time and holds their meetings via online or phone meetings. If there is an interest they would like to hold a meeting in the Eastern portion (Suwanne or Lafayette County) of the Chapter this Fall, please contact Clyde Wiggins (see www.peaf.net , Contact Us page)



Nancy Lee Shultz

Nancy Lee Shultz, 55, of Cape Coral, Florida passed away July 23, 2011.

She was born February 17, 1956 in Gary, Indiana the daughter of Houston and Mary (Mundy) Johnson.

She worked for the Cape Coral Police Department for 23 years. She was a member of the Police Benevolent Association and also the Property and Evidence Association of Florida. Nancy was a fun loving lady and had a wonderful sense of humor. She also was very generous and giving.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her loving husband and soul mate, Harvey Shultz of Cape Coral, FL, children Cammie Scott-Donohue, and Darrick (Tina) Shultz, mother Mary "Janet" Johnson, 3 sisters, Brenda (Thomas) Finnerty, Sharon (Allan) Breyfogle, and Sandra (Stephen) Powell, brother Daniel (Debbie) Johnson, 4 grandchildren, Deshaun, Alexander, Hannah, and Abigail, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Employment Opportunity

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has an opening for Police Property/Evidence Supervisor. The salary range is \$48,900.80 - \$67,412.80 annually. The closing date is 10/11/11.

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/fortlauderdalefl/default.cfm>

Certification

PEAF signed with UCF to help with the process. A representative from UCF will be the key note speaker at the 2012 Conference Banquet and also will be teaching Ethics at the conference. Certification will be offered at the 2013 Annual PEAF Conference PEAF. The certification will be one day of training following the Conference. UCF will be administering the Certification test.

Calendar of Events

BOARD MEETING

TENTATIVELY SATURDAY JANUARY 21'
2012 AT WORLD GATE RESORT
TIME: 10AM

CHAPTER 2 SPONSORED PEAF CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS

PLACE: FROM PORT CANAVERAL
TIME: 11/04/2011

2012 CONFERENCE

PLACE: WORLD GATE RESORT,
KISSIMMEE
TIME: FEB. 22-24

SHARE

If you have news in your Chapter, Training to pass on or any PEAF Event that you would like to see in the quarterly Newsletter, Please contact Lara Hoechst at communications@peaf.net or any other Board Member.