PEAF 2018 3rd QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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The purpose of the Property and 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



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Hello PEAF Members,



I hope this finds you well. I would like to reflect on our recent 2018 Educational Conference. I was proud to be a part of the dedicated Executive Board that worked alongside the Chapter Presidents, Conference Planner, and Conference Committee throughout the year to bring you a conference that included speakers with great information, opportunities to network, and fun!

The Educational Coordinator and Certification Committee were committed to provide an informative training session to the members taking the certification exam. Thank you to everyone.

I hope you enjoyed your time with us in Orlando! If you were not able to attend this year, we hope you can next year. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for new topics.

We are excited to welcome our newly elected Executive Board members: **Treasurer, Dawn Ramage** of Ft. Lauderdale PD, **Assistant Treasurer, Regina (Gina) Pirtle** of Lake Hamilton PD, and **Educational Coordinator, Patricia Trovilion** of University of Central Florida PD. Congratulations and I look forward to a great year!

Enjoy the Fall Season

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Greetings,

Another conference well done. I especially like the comments from some of the speakers stating what a well-organized event we were hosting. Attendance was a record high, and I believe the certification portion went very well too. I appreciate all the hard work each member put into this

successful endeavor. The vendor area was a success as well, and I hope everyone had a chance to speak to them. They offered a lot of new products. We will be diligently working forward to another conference next year, improving it even more with your input. If you did not get a chance to do the survey, please get with your Chapter President with any concerns or great ideas.

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John Briney PEAF Vice President





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Chapter Members of the Year Chapter 1: Caitlyn Hill Chapter 2: Dawn Ketelaar Chapter 3: Penny Cyr Chapter 3: Penny Cyr Chapter 4: Amy Husted Chapter 5: Andi Delisle Chapter 5: Demetrica Tyson Chapter 7: Lisa Spencer Chapter 8: Flea Bowen Chapter 9: Rebecca Outland

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PEAF Slogan of the Year Member:

Stephen Morrissey—Agency: Coral Springs Police Department





Evidence Specialist of the Year Member: <u>Mike Osborne</u>—Agency: Daytona Beach Shores Police Department

PEAF Scholarship Awards

Ken Snyder Scholarship Member: <u>Thomas Carlson</u>—Agency: FDLE – Tampa Lab

Nancy Schultz Scholarship Member: Tonya Jennings—Agency: Hendry County Sheriff's Office

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank the PEAF members for electing me to the position of Treasurer to the Executive Board for the Property and Evidence Association I am humbled by your support. It's been a busy time for myself and Regina and I am glad to have Regina as the Assistant Treasurer. For those of you who don't know, I've worked at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2005 and came into the exciting world of evidence in 2012. I have learned so much from PEAF and its members and hope to bring many new things to the executive board.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns you can reach me via email at dramage.peaf@gmail.com

Again, I would like to thank everyone for this huge honor and I look forward to serving each of you well in the treasurer position.

Sincerely, Dawn Ramage **PEAF** Treasurer



First, THANK YOU to all who voted for me! I am humbled and honored to serve as the Educational Coordinator. With Theresa finishing her term, I realize I have huge shoes to fill, but I am grateful that she has offered her help.

As I promised, I will try to find dynamic and innovative topics for next years' conference. I've already been working!

For those originally certified in 2014, and have maintained their requirements, you should expect to receive your recertification notices from UCF in the next couple of months.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Patricia Trovillion **PEAF Educational Coordinator**



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Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Regina Pirtle and I am employed at the Lake Hamilton Police Department. We are a very small agency with only 7 officers and myself so I wear many hats. I started my career back in 1994 as a police/911 communications officer. At that time dispatch services for Lake Hamilton was housed at the Haines City Police Department so not only did we dispatch for the officers of Lake Hamilton we also dispatched for the 43 officers at Haines City. I loved my job however I felt something was missing so I got involved in working with victims. Haines City did not have a Victim Advocate program at that time so I was given the opportunity to start one from scratch. This was one of the most rewarding times in my career. For many years I worked dispatch as well as being the full time Victim Advocate. In 2007 I made the difficult decision to transfer from dispatch to working full time as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief at Lake Hamilton PD where I am still at today. As I stated earlier I wear many hats and as of January 2016, Evidence Custodian was added to my "hat rack". I had no clue what I was getting into and that is where PEAF came in to play. The members of PEAF have been extremely helpful in learning this constantly changing field that I now find myself in and that is why I am honored to act as the Assistant Treasurer to this wonderful organization.

In addition to my busy work schedule I have a very active family life. I have 4 children (plus several "adopted" children) and 18 grandchildren. If I was asked what my passion in life is I would have to say my grandbabies are. I try to stay as active in their lives as I possibly can. I firmly believe that grandparents need to take an active role in their grandchildren's life to help mold them and turn them into responsible adults.

Again, I would like to thank the members of PEAF for honoring me with this position and I look forward to the coming years and if anyone ever needs anything from me please just let me know.

Sincerely, Regina Pirtle PEAF Assistant Treasurer





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From Your Communications Coordinator

Well, another conference is under our belt. The conference takes a lot of work to put on and not just one person is responsible for the outcome. It is the accumulative time and efforts of the entire executive board, board and committee members so thank you all!!

Seems like each year they get better and better. Why? Because of your comments and suggestions. Yes, we read each survey and use your input on ways to improve our conferences since they are for YOU. If you attended the conference this year and have not completed your survey, please do so by October 1st. Please, please, please send us your suggestions for speakers, topics, etc. that you would like to see next year. If you have a speaker or want to be a speaker yourself please contact our new Educational Coordinator, Patricia Trovillion at education@peaf.us or any board member.

Our round table discussions were conducted in a new way this year and all of the comments from each table are being compiled and will be out to all members through your Chapter Presidents in the very near future. This is a daunting task to type each one and compose them into a presentable format so please be patient. (Thank you Beth Fleet for taking on this challenge.)

If you pose questions to the membership, please compile the responses sent to you and forward the final to me so I can send it out to all. Just because you have a question doesn't mean others don't also have the same question and would like to hear the responses.

Kay Bradshaw



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CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter One is STILL Having Fun!

A huge congratulation goes out to our Chapter Member of the Year, Caitlyn Hill!! We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication to our chapter this year. Chapter One would also like to give a special shout out to all members from the Board and Committee who came together to put on a fabulous PEAF Conference of 2018. Job well done!!

If you have any questions that you would like posed to the group, please send an email to our Secretary <u>Caitlyn.Hill@Titusville.com</u>. She does an amazing job sending out the questions to our team. Our members have been selecting "Reply All" to emails with questions posed to the group. We discovered that it has been super beneficial and the information received immediately.

The date and location of the next Chapter meeting will be sent via email at a later date. Any agency interested in holding future meetings, please email <u>CCoppola@CityofSebastian.org</u>. Chapter One spans the counties of Brevard, Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee, and we'd love to have all counties and cities represented at meetings. Feel free to come out and join us!

Colleen Coppola

Chapter 2

Since our conference was in August, we did not schedule a chapter meeting for the quarter. I apologize if this change interfered with anyone's scheduling. We will consider that for next year and plan accordingly.

A huge round of applause goes out to our very own VP, Deb Lanni, who is PEAF's Conference Coordinator. She did an absolutely incredible job on this conference. The time and energy spent, did not go unnoticed. Thank you, Deb! Proud of you!

Congratulations to Dawn Ketelaar, for being awarded Chapter 2 Member of the Year!

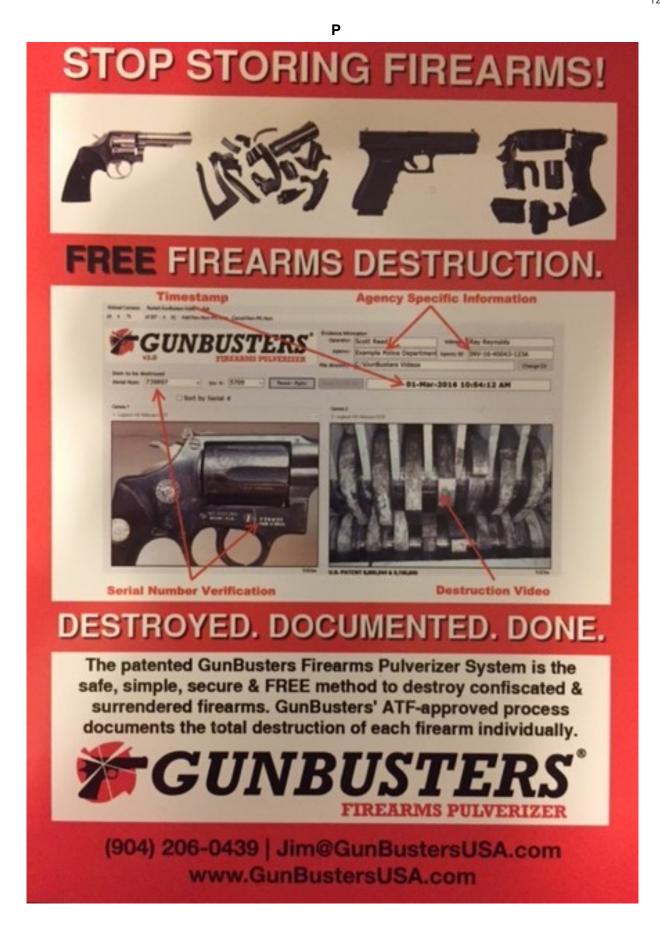
Congratulations to Chapter 2, as a whole, for being the chapter with the highest attendance, this year! It was great to see so many of us there!

I was nominated and elected as PEAF's Educational Coordinator. Thank you to all who voted for me. I am honored and humbled. I realize I have BIG shoes to fill, as I am taking over for Theresa Adams. I hope I am able to make the State Board proud and not let anyone down.

Chapter 2's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December (date TBD), at Patterson Pope. It has become a tradition that Bonnie Nienhuis host our holiday meeting. She never disappoints! We are ALL looking forward to it! Thank you, in advance, Bonnie!

Please note: We will be having an election at the December meeting. More information to follow.

Patricia Trovillion



Chapter 3

Chapter 3 meeting for October 5th has been postponed. It will be rescheduled later date in October. TBO

Chandra

Chapter 4

Chapter 4 held its last meeting on July 17th. The meeting was hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Our guest speaker was Detective John Loges who gave a great presentation regarding the dangers of fentanyl.

Chapter 4 had a very good turnout for the Educational Conference this year. The conference was very well planned and gets better every year. Kudos to the Conference Committee!!!!

Our next chapter meeting will be on Thursday, September 27th at Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The guest speaker will be PBSO Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager Catherine Nigra who will talk about Audits, Inventories, Quality Assurance and Transparency as it relates to quality issues.

Thanks!

Michael Heneks

Thanks, Michael

CHAPTER 5

It was good to see so many (23) of our chapter members at the PEAF Conference. Several are new to PEAF, so welcome to all of you. A number of you stayed for the CES training and testing. I know you all did well! Chapter 5 did a separate drawing for just Chapter 5 attendees. The winner, drawn by another Chapter president, was Rob Aponte. Congratulations, Rob. Chapter 5's Member of the Year is Andrea "Andi" DeLisle with Naples Police Department. Congratulations, Andi, you deserve it.

Our last Chapter meeting was on August 14th and was hosted by the Fort Myers Police Department. Kyle Keenan with DEA was our program and spoke on the drugs out there, and the handling of them, especially with the fentanyl issues of today.

Chapter 5's Vice President, Cory Mundy, moved out of state leaving us with an opening. And DeLisle was elected to fill that position. Thanks for stepping up, Andi.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at the Cape Coral Police Department. More details to follow later!

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Chapter 6

Demetrica Tyson was recognized as the Chapter 6 member of the year at the PEAF conference. Chapter 6 will have a chapter meeting November 6 at 11:30 A.M. at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you, Willie Williams Jr.

Chapter 7

We had 16 from our Chapter at the conference and 5 took the test. We will be holding a meeting soon at Green Cove Springs PD.

Diane Foreman

Chapter 8

Chapter 8 will be having a chapter meeting in November at the Leon County Sheriff's Office (Date TBD). Possible topic will be digital evidence presented by LCSO Detectives.

We will be voting on new Officers for the Chapter at that meeting. Nomination forms will be sent out, in the near future, to Chapter 8 members for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Steve Wisceup

Hellooooo from Chapter 9!!

Those that attended the Conference want to give a Congratulatory Shout Out to a job well done. The majority of feedback was it was the best one yet - from presentations to organization. We also want to relay Congratulations to the new elected Board Members and are looking forward to see what new ideas come with them. If you weren't able to attend, PLEASE start making your plans to attend the 2019 Conference!! It is a fantastic opportunity to learn new things in the field of Property and Evidence and an awesome opportunity to network!!

Chapter 9 held a quick meeting at the Conference. Pros, Cons and any issues with the Conference and hotel were discussed.

Rebecca "Becky" Outland was named Chapter 9 Member of the Year. She is dedicated to her profession and works hard at Escambia County Sheriff's Office.

Chapter 9 will being holding one more meeting this year. It will be sometime in November or December (date TBD).

We hope everyone is faring well through any of the storms that are making appearances and pray the remainder of the "Hurricane Season" is q... (nope won't say the "q" word)!!!

Stay Safe and be Blessed everyone!!

Jennifer Bellamy PEAF Chapter 9 President



Not all work, also some fun!!

