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Palm Beach County Roofing & Sheet Metal Contractors Association

DINNER MEETING

With Municipal & County Building officials.

Topic: Updates on Building Department Procedures & Codes

Tues, Feb 19, 6PM

*** NEW LOCATION ***

Mayacoo Lakes Country Club;
9697 Mayacoo Drive,
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OSHA'S STANCE ON DISTRACTED DRIVING

The top priority of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is keeping workers safe. While workplace fatalities have been decreasing in recent years, motor vehicle crashes continue to be one of the leading causes of death among American workers. As distracted driving dramatically increases the risk of vehicle accidents, OSHA and the Department of Transportation (DOT) are working together to combat distracted driving for the safety of workers across the country.

OSHA's Distracted Driving Initiative

According to OSHA, employers should prohibit any work policy or practice that requires or encourages workers to text while driving, as it greatly increases the risk of being injured or killed in a motor vehicle crash.

While texting is not specifically addressed as an OSHA standard, the General Duty Clause in The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) covers distracted driving by stating, "employers must provide a workplace free of serious recognized hazards." It is well recognized that texting while driving dramatically increases the risk of a motor vehicle injury or fatality, and a number of state laws prohibit texting while driving. This means you could be in violation of the OSH Act if your company does the following:

- Requires employees to text while driving
- Organizes work so that texting is a practical necessity even if not a formal requirement
- Provides any sort of financial or other incentives that encourage workers to text while driving

If OSHA receives a credible complaint that an employer enforces or encourages any of these activities, they will investigate and, where necessary, issue citations and penalties to end such practices.

Supporting Safety in Your Workplace

Since distracted driving falls under the General Duty Clause and not a specific standard, there are no direct guidelines for how you must protect employees from the dangers of distracted driving. It is up to you as the employer to institute your own measures to keep employees safe. The easiest way to do this is to develop a policy that outlines how employees are to use mobile devices while carrying out their duties. Specifically noting that texting while driving is not allowed not only protects employees but also will keep your company from violating OSHA regulations.

For more on OSHA's Distracted Driving initiative visit <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/motorvehiclesafety/index.html>.

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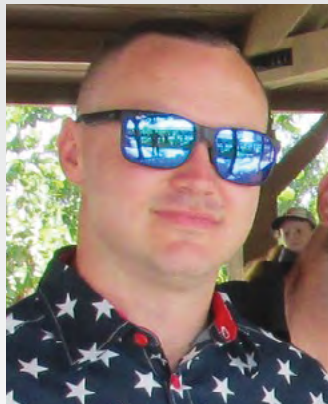
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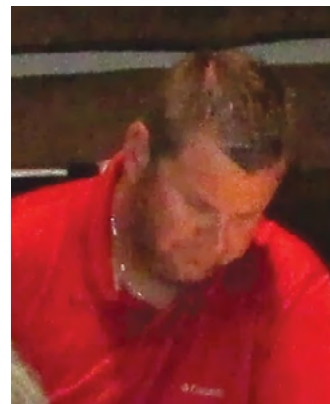
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Mayacoo Lakes Country Club is the new location for our monthly meetings. We will be hosting the local building officials from various municipalities along with the county officials at this new venue. The meeting will be a very informative one for roofers since it gives updates on building department procedures and codes for the county and municipalities.

The initial response of reservations is good. We have a number of building officials already reserved to attend from Palm Beach County and Wellington. We are still waiting for other to respond. The Golf Committee is at it again with its great effort; Cory Daley, Tom Scanlon, Niki Campbell, Regina Reed and Jack Daley are planning our golf outing scheduled for April 24, 2019 at a new location. This year the event will be at the Village Golf Club in Royal Palm Beach. Some new events are scheduled. Instead of a dinner after the golf, the committee is planning a lunch before the golf game. However there will be a Happy Hour after the game when trophies will be given and raffles held. They have new sponsorship opportunities and it looks like a fun time for all.

Please support these efforts and call out to our professional roofing contractors to help us make this year's efforts successful. We will also be looking for volunteers to serve on our various committees. If any of you wish to offer your help, we can review with you the committees we are trying to organize.

Respectfully Submitted
Manny Oyola, President



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