



Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement Minutes
February 14th, 2023 (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
3629 Queen Palm Dr. Tampa, 33619

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) was Roger Stewart EPC building in Hillsborough County on the second floor on 02/14/2023. The following active members were present and signed in:

Doug Allen	City of Temple Terrace	Barbara Basilio-Riley	City of Tampa
Jose Perreira	Hillsborough County	Florentino Rodriguez	City of Tampa
Tom Borroni	City of Temple Terrace	Christine Zien-McCombs	Hillsborough County
Erik Tine	Hillsborough County	Armando Guitierrez	Hillsborough County
Laura George	Hillsborough County	Ashley Alvarez	City of Tampa
John Carrion	City of Tampa	Chris Bishop	Hillsborough County
Sergio Grillo	City of Pinellas Park	Nicolle Sequeira	City of Tampa
Cindy Gonzalez	Hillsborough County	Jose Silva	City of Temple Terrace
Charles Harwell	Hillsborough County	Laurie Smith	City of Temple Terrace
Krystal Ramos	City of Tampa	Carmen Marciano	City of Tampa
Blair Green	City of Tampa	Angie Johnson	City of Tampa
Nick Cox	City of Tampa	Christopher Masson	Hillsborough County
Jonathan Stadler	City of Tampa	Hipolito Padilla	Hillsborough County
Shelby Brown	City of Clearwater	Paul Bushee	City of Safety Harbor
Erik McCarthy	City of Safety Harbor	Robert Corley	City of Tampa
Lee Hartman	City of Tampa		

CALL TO ORDER:

President Doug Allen called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM and introduced VP Christine. Doug called for a motion to approve the minutes and a "Second" thereby carried the motion. Vice-President Christine introduced Larry Hoffman and the educational program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Introduction:

Larry Hoffman introduced himself. Disclosed some of the educational program. Talked about his book. Larry stated that he has a total of 11 years with the county 3 years animal control, he is currently assigned to the PRP foreclosure team. Larry stated that he served 20 years with the NYPD, 10 years in uniform, and 10 as a detective. Larry shared stories about his friend "George," and their time in narcotics, and shared his experience during September 11th 2001. Larry shared his story about passing the "bucket debris" and digging through the rubble. Larry asked the audience to "never forget" the events that occurred on September 11th 2001.

Topics:

1. *Appearance:* "Everybody goes homes." Larry talked about respecting the uniform and to make sure it's good. Larry stated, "We evaluate people." He also said that making a first impression is important and to "look the part." Larry then shared some pointers such as, researching the property and to research the violation. He said to place a "notice" of danger in the software. Find out "why am I going here," and that "where you park your car is crucial." He stated to park your car in location where if you need to, you can "get out." Larry also said that the neighbor's house is going to "tell you a story." Larry said to "Take your time!" Larry said to be aware indicators such as, "pile of beer cans, cigarette butts, dog signs, etc." Larry then went on to share that you should get your pictures while your safe and that he bangs on fence because dogs hide under cars and they hide under mobile home. Larry then shared a personal story about an inspection he performed whereas he was chased by a Pitbull with a leash that was not secured. Finally, he Larry suggested to step back 10 feet when knocking on doors.
2. *Art of deflection:* Larry said that "Your mouth is your greatest tool," and that "Your mouth can get you in trouble." Larry talked about defusing situations by identifying things in common with people such as when he encountered an irate citizen and noticed he was a Yankee fan. He also shared a story about a citizen who was from New Jersey and to "play the game." Larry said to "Treat people respectfully."
3. *Threats.* Larry talked about the threats against public safety officers. Larry told shared a story where a citizen did it and got arrested and that it was a Jacksonville code enforcement officer. Larry showed video body cam video of a code enforcement incident. Larry stated that "there's always tomorrow," and that "the environment will tell me a story of who's inside." He talked about how a Colton Code Enforcement Officer that was hospitalized after attack by a resident. Larry then described the scenario of Jim the AC business guy and that he lived in a residential district and was running a commercial business. Larry said that he told him that he can't have employees parking cars and that he can't have commercial vehicles parking in the district. Larry then showed a YouTube news report video of a West Valley Code Enforcement Officer that was killed in the line of duty.
4. *Always stay vigilant.* Larry talked about some of the concerns with "Complacency." Larry then shared the local story of the Hillsborough County Inspector carjacking. Larry then shared a personal story about his friend Bobby and how he was a "massive guy" with NYPD. Larry told a story about bobby and an incident that occurred with a son stealing a car. Larry stated that if you are to Knock on door on a vacant home to announce yourself. Larry then went on to show some of the equipment that the County Inspectors have assigned to them such as the moxee device, the ASP, and the pepper spray.
5. *Teamwork.* The last topic was teamwork and Larry said that often, it is best to "Ask for help." He went on to share a quote from his book. Finally, Larry shared a personal story of his friend. Lastly,

Larry stated that if nothing else, that if nothing else was learned from his presentation, to remember the most important thing, which is “Everybody goes home.”

Treasurer: Barbara Riley stated that the current balance on the treasury is \$5,899

Secretary: N/A

President: N/A

Vice president: N/A

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Doug thanked the Secretary for his work on the Newsletter and motioned to accept the newsletter, a second soon followed. Christine reminded everyone to “spread the word” and to let their colleagues know about TBACE.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Carrion

Secretary,

Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement

February 17th 2023