



Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement Minutes  
 June 13th, 2023 (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)  
 Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter  
 11611 Denton Ave, Hudson, FL 34667

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) was at the Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter, 11611 Denton Ave, Hudson, FL 34667. The following active members were present and signed in:

Micah Tharpe	Pasco County	Richard Karo	Pasco County
Georgia Crofoot	Pasco County	Shelby Brown	City of Clearwater
Terrance Fiscarelli	Pasco County	Stefan Burghardt	City of Clearwater
Michael Frestick	Pasco County	Yusef Touray	City of Clearwater
William Picklesimon	Pasco County	Brian Simon	City of Clearwater
Ricardo Ricks	Pasco County	Robert Caswell	City of Clearwater
Damion Cooper	Pasco County	Wallace McMillan	City of Largo
Michael Kinnamon	Pasco County	Tracy Miller	City of Largo
Arthur Bork	Pasco County	Ray Shultz	City of Largo
Abe Carmack	Pasco County	Antonio Costeira	City of Largo
Tom Pirozzi	Pasco County	Neil Crouch	Pasco County
Beth Hughes	Pinellas County	Tammy Phillips	Pasco County
Diane Devol	Pinellas County	Heather Hersh	Pasco County
Kyonne Goodman	City of Tampa	Tim Aldrich	Pasco County
Krystal Ramos	City of Tampa	Nick Scheidegger	Pasco County
Barbara Riley	City of Tampa	Joseph Edwards	Pasco County
Carmen Marcano	City of Tampa	Bob Stewart	Pasco County
Chris Freeman	City of Tampa	Dave Koscielniak	Pasco County
Steven Colon	City of Tampa	Jewell Tomow	Pasco County
Ismael Gonzalez	City of Tampa	Amalio Vera	Pasco County
John Spicuglia	Pasco County	Doreen Lang	Pasco County
Jason McConnell	Manatee County	Sergio Grillo	City of Pinellas Park
David Saldivar	Manatee County	Jose Silva	City of Temple Terrace
Laurie Smith	City of Temple Terrace	Doug Allen	City of Temple Terrace
Frank McCabe	Hernando County	Liana Teague	Hernando County
Joe Gross	Hillsborough County	Roger Mills	Hillsborough County
Christine Zien-McCombs	Hillsborough County	Douglas Jones	City of Bradenton

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Doug Allen called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM and introduced Martin O' Keeffe

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:***Introduction:*

Officer Martin O' Keeffe introduced himself. Talked about the scope of his work in dog bites. Officer Martin O' Keeffe then talked about some of the reasons why dogs bite, and then commence the start of the educational presentation.

*Topics:*

1. *"Its not your fault"* Officer O' Keeffe talked about humans rewarding "Bad behavior." He described the mindset of a dog and how dogs believe in the protection of their homes. Officer O'keeffe stated that Dogs are delt with a "hierarchy system" and that dogs feel they have "Back-up" when their human is present.
2. *Why do we have these dogs?* Officer O' Keeffe stated that we have dogs for companionship, and protection. He talked about the characteristics of different dogs, such as, rottweilers and Dobermans are bred to be protection dogs. Chihuahuas are bred to capture "small things" etc.
3. *Canine behaviors and drives.* "Drives dictate everything we do." Dogs only care if your male or female. "Sex-drive" Dogs are submissive or dominant. Dogs have either low-pain tolerance or high-pain tolerance. Officer O' Keeffe described "Guard dogs or fear biters."
4. *Fun facts.* Officer O' Keeffe stated that "Dogs will bite the first thing they will come into contact with, hand, foot, etc. and that dogs do see colors. Officer O' Keeffe described dog behavior issues and the traumas of being mistreated, such as being mistreated by person with a hat and the dog thereby hating people with hats. Dog can smell up to 90 feet. 40 feet under water.
5. *Site evaluation-prevention.* "Evaluate your site. Prepare yourself for the thought process. "Always get dressed for work." Officer O' Keeffe shared a story of college student at Rucker college. Officer O' Keeffe stated to "Look for clues" and to rescan every 20 ft. "look for indicators," "look for ways out," "trust your gut," "listen to instinct."
6. *Animal body posture-how to read a dog.* Martin O' Keeffe described the meaning of the different dog postures. "Most dogs do not want to challenge people." He described the outcomes of human body language towards dogs.
7. *What to do with a submissive-aggressive dog.* Martin O' Keeffe stated that the dog will "look past" you. Officer O' Keeffe stated that an aggressive dog will show all of his teeth, make himself look big and bad. "
8. *PCSO Dog Training Video.* Martin O' Keeffe said that most dogs "bite-n-go."
9. *What to do with a dominant-aggressive dog.* Running is the worst thing to do with an aggressive dog. Dogs are way faster. Have a command presence – NO! SIT! GO HOME! Officer O' Keeffe stated that dogs are "No smarter than a 5 year old." Officer O' Keeffe said to "Get angry, don't panic" when confronted by an aggressive dog. Officer O' Keeffe said that using a dog over 75 lbs

to attack someone is a felony, State of Florida. “Do not take your eyes off that dog, make eye contact.”

10. *The Attack.* Place an object between yourself and the dog. Martin O’ Keeffe displayed different items, such as, umbrellas, ropes, etc. as examples to place between yourself and the dog. Scan for other items such as, trash cans, purses, tires to place between yourself and the dog.
11. *Its not over yet.* Martin O’ Keeffe displayed different videos of what to do such as the umbrella video. Move to safety.
12. *The pack attacks.* Martin O’ Keeffe showed the video of the postal worker who was attack by a pack of dogs whom caused death. Back pedal out of the property. Pepper spray will work on 60% of the dogs.

*Questions:*

No questions were asked.

**Presentation END 1235 hours.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Secretary:** Requested members to send any “success stories” of officers to have featured on the newsletter. Also, mentioned that the board is still working to have payments made online.

**Treasurer:** Reported that the current balance on the treasury is \$6483.83

**Vice president:** Thanked everyone for coming and for their “comraderies.”

**President:** Thanked Pasco County for hosting the meeting. Reminded everyone about the Sign-in sheet. Announced scholarship for FACE. Next 4-month criterion for applicants. Announced next meeting to be hosted in Clearwater.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Carrion

**Secretary,**

**Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement**

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023