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FCCMA wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday! The newsletter will resume in the new year.

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Congratulations Rex Taylor on your Retirement!



FCCMA congratulates Rex Taylor, South Palm Beach Town Manager, on his retirement at the end of December.

George Brown, FCCMA District IV Director, Boca Raton Deputy City Manager, presented Rex with a resolution honoring him for his service to FCCMA. The resolution was presented to Rex at his last council meeting on December 15. The Friday before the meeting the Town had a surprise barbeque in Rex's honor, which was attended by many residents, professionals and FCCMA colleagues. ([Read more](#))

Ambassador Announcement



The FCCMA is excited to announce the launch of its Florida Ambassador Program. In 2010, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) launched an initiative focused on raising awareness of the contributions of professional local government managers, to the communities they serve. The full Life, Well Run campaign rolled out the following year, and with that, the ICMA encouraged individual states to make their own strides to raise awareness through the use of the campaign. The FCCMA is currently in the process of refining its inaugural group of Florida Ambassadors, who through event attendance, speaking engagements, media outreach and coordination with college public administration programs will focus on spreading the overarching Life, Well Run message that Professional Management Matters! For more

information on the campaign, please visit www.LifeWellRunInFlorida.org. ([Read more](#))

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by Cheryl S. Atkins, MPA



Do you know what CRS is? The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS program has three published goals: 1) reduce flood damages to insurable property, 2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and 3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management. Has

your community applied for this very important FEMA designation? Deltona's designation is effective May 1, 2015. A community can apply for the designation at any time, but there are only two "effective as of" dates each year. You are either approved to be in the program effective on May 1st or October 1st, depending on when your application and material have been verified. ([Read more](#))

December 2014 New Members



The following membership applications have been received. If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, he/she will be invoiced for dues. **Sharon Anselmo**, District III, Assistant City Manager, City of Maitland, Full Member; **Charles Dodge**, District V, City Manager, City of Pembroke Pines, Full Member; **Hailey Glynn**, District VII, Masters of Public Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member; **James W. Jacobs**, District VII, Masters of Public Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member; **Karla Llanos**, District VI, Masters of Public Administration, Florida Gulf Coast University, Student Member; **Debbie L. Manns**, District VII, City Manager, City of New Port Richey, Full Member; and **Shayla O'Keeffe**, District VII, Masters of Public Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member. ([Read more](#))

Got Ethics? Webinar



A webinar will be held on Thursday, January 8 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The topic discussed will be "Got Ethics?"

FCCMA's "Got Ethics" campaign includes an important focus on ensuring members understand and follow the ICMA Code of Ethics. However, in Florida, the term ethics has a much broader meaning to public officials, including elected officials. This webinar provides attendees a more "Florida Specific" review of the ethical requirements of all public officials in Florida. Attorney Chris Anderson, General Counsel for the Florida Commission on Ethics will provide a very informative overview of the ethical requirements in Florida and will detail the process involved when filing an ethics complaint and how that complaint is processed. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to ask "practical questions" regarding application of Florida's laws and the enforcement process. Given last year's legislative action that now requires public officials to obtain at least four (4) hours of ethics training each year, commencing January 2015, this may be one FCCMA webinar that you may want to invite your elected officials to participate in with you.

Panelist:

- C. Christopher Anderson, General Counsel for the Florida Commission on Ethics

This webinar will cover practice area 17: Integrity. ([Read more](#))

"Technology for Florida's Local Governments: Who, What, Why, How and When?"



An onsite training session on technology will be held January 15, 2015 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Florida Gulf Coast University, CC 214 (Cohen Center, room 214), 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers.

You don't want to miss this session. Mike Taylor Associate Director of Technology Planning & Development for the Florida League of Cities and Cyndy Loomis, Chief Executive Officer for ISF will be the speakers at both sessions. Ron McKenzie, Chief Information Officer for the City of Miami Gardens will speak at the training in Oakland Park and Kathi Pletzke, IT Director for the Town of

Longboat Key will speak at the training at Florida Gulf Coast University. ([Read more](#))

Ethics: Today's Challenges for Local Government Officials



FCCMA will hold an onsite training session in Palm Beach Gardens on February 27, 2015 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. This session is entitled "Ethics: Today's Challenges for Local Government Officials." It will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens EEOC Training Facility, 10500 N. Military Trail.

FCCMA is pleased to have ICMA's Director of Ethics, Martha Perego, to present and facilitate an interactive session on today's challenges for local government managers. This year, all FCCMA members are required to receive at least 4 hours of training to retain membership in FCCMA. This 1/2 day training opportunity in Palm Beach Gardens specifically addresses that requirement and attendees throughout the state are welcome to attend. Martha Perego provides ethics training all over the country and writes a regular column for Public Management on current ethical issues facing local government professionals. This interactive session is a wonderful opportunity for local government professionals in Florida to find solutions to "real" ethical challenges they encounter in their jobs. Don't miss this rare opportunity to engage with Martha and your colleagues on this always timely topic. ([Read more](#))

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