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Ethics Training for FY 2015 must be completed by December 31st

Onsite Training in Marianna, January 22nd

FCCMA Winter Institute, February 4th-5th in Lakeland

FCCMA Annual Conference, June 1st-4th at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista.

For the latest training news visit www.fccma.org.



Happy Holidays from the FCCMA Staff!

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Looking Ahead to 2016



By Lynn Tipton, FCCMA Executive Director

Another 12 months have speedily passed - WOW. Your association joins you in wondering where the days went! As we look at the year's accomplishments and look ahead to the goals for the new year, there are reasons for gratitude and for anticipation. Your officers and board of directors appreciate your membership, and involvement on committees and task forces, and in participating in regionally-based trainings. Your staff appreciates your feedback on surveys and and quick responses

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on forms: from all of us a collective THANK YOU! ([Read more](#))

December 2015 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. **Matthew DiFiore**, District VII, Management Analyst I, City of Largo, Affiliate Member; **Saeed**

Kazemi, District VI, Interim City Manager, City of Fort Myers, Full Member; **Heather Peeples**, District I, Management Analyst, Leon County, Affiliate Member; and **Mark Reggentin**, District VIII, Deputy City Manager, City of Mount Dora, Full Member.

Jonathan Evans, City Manager, City of Haines City



Jonathan Evans is a FCCMA At-Large Director.

How long have you been a FCCMA member?
Since October 2006.

Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long?
Yes, since October 2006.

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education.

I possess a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Central Florida, and a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in human resources management from Saint Leo University, and an ICMA-CM (Credentialed Manager).

What got you interested in public service?

My interest in public service originated from my desire to make a difference in the lives of people in my community, not to just exist. ([Read more](#))

U.S. General Speaks to Haines City about Disaster Response

by Jonathan Evans, City Manager, Haines City



United States Lt. General Russel Honoré (Ret.), spoke to first responders from Haines City and neighboring municipalities in Polk County last Friday about creating a culture of preparedness. General Honoré is best known for taking swift charge of military relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina and his no nonsense approach that made national headlines when he told reporters, "Don't get stuck on stupid," in an effort to keep their focus on communicating essential information to the public regarding an evacuation plan.

Entrance fee for the event included toiletry items and non-perishable foods to support a local Haines City unit currently on tour, Foxtrot Company 53rd Brigade Support Battalion. ([Read more](#))

January 2016 Webinar - "Fire Assessment Fees: Current Trends and Methodologies"



FCCMA will hold its next webinar January 7th, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm on "Fire Assessment Fees: Current Trends and Methodologies."

As local governments continue to seek alternative revenue sources to sustain local government services, much attention and consideration has been given to the fire assessment fee. What processes work? What funding methodologies are available? What are the key issues and pitfalls? What technical and legal requirements need consideration? ([Read more](#))

Have a Great Private Partner?



As part of the annual conference, up to four case studies of the private sector and public entities working together for community success will be presented. If your jurisdiction has done something you think other managers can benefit from, please encourage your private partner to submit a session application using this format.

[Click here](#) to download the Case Study Application Form. [\(Read more\)](#)

January 2016 Onsite Training Session



FCCMA will hold an onsite training session in Marianna on January 22nd, 2016 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Central Time, at the Agricultural Center, 2742 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Representatives from the law firm of Bryant Miller Olive and from the engineering firm of David H. Melvin, Inc. will jointly present an informative program on Florida's Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). Last year, FCCMA offered a similar program in the central part of the state and attendees raved about the benefits received from such a session. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA 2016 Awards



Each year at the FCCMA Annual Conference, FCCMA recognizes outstanding individuals who have fostered representative democracy, who have made a significant contribution to the development of new talent or an assistant who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership while serving as an assistant or department head. These awards are: Award for Career Excellence, the Michael J. Roberto Award for Career Development and Assistant for Excellence in Leadership. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA 2016 Board of Directors Elections



Self-nominations for two At-Large Directors and the Secretary-Treasurer positions on the FCCMA Board of Directors are due Wednesday, February 3rd. To nominate oneself, a letter expressing interest should be sent to the Nominating Committee, c/o the FCCMA office, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302. In addition to the letter of interest (or included within it) should be a short resume paying particular attention to FCCMA participation and work experience. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA 2016 Scholarships



FCCMA offers two academic scholarships: the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship and the Raymond C. Sittig Scholarship.

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the FCCMA Annual Conference June 1-4, 2016. The recipients will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the Conference. The major non-monetary benefit of the scholarships is the networking opportunity available at the Conference. More than 200 city and county managers and many of their management staff attend. [\(Read more\)](#)

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