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**Kassandra Blissett, Assistant City Manager, DeBary**

by Cheryl Atkins



How long have you been a FCCMA member? Since 2002

Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long? Yes---- 1998

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education. BAS Supervision and Management

What got you interested in public service? Directly out of high school, while attending community college, I was hired as an emergency communications officer for the City of Holly Hill Police Department. Ever since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed the satisfaction I receive from assisting the public be it in the form of delivering ice to those who have endured weeks without power in the aftermath of a serious event to implementing the results of a citizen survey into tangible programs and projects for the betterment of the community I serve and everything in between. [\(Read more\)](#)

**Ryan Leavengood, District VIII Director**



Ryan Leavengood, Lake Alfred City Manager, has been appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as the District VIII Director to finish the unexpired term previously held by Andy Stewart. Mr. Stewart moved out of the district to assume a new position.

Ryan received the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship in 2007 and then joined the Association in 2009 when he was Assistant to the City Manager in Auburndale. Over the years, Ryan has served on both the Awards Committee and the Membership Committee. He is currently chair of the Polk County Manager's Group.

Please welcome him to the FCCMA Board of Directors. [\(Read more\)](#)

**FCCMA 2014 Annual Conference Case Study Submittals - Two Weeks Left for Submittal**

There are only two weeks left to submit a case study for consideration as a session at the annual

conference.

The Florida City and County Management Association invites you to participate in the 2014 FCCMA Annual Conference by submitting a case study presentation application. To ensure the best possible content for attendees of the annual conference, FCCMA is instituting a case study review and selection process. Case study applications will be accepted through August 15, 2013 and will be reviewed by a committee designated by the FCCMA Annual Conference Committee who will select presenting case studies. ([Read more](#))

#### FCCMA Dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference

FCCMA will hold its annual dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference in Boston at the Union Oyster House, 41 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108 on Monday, September 23. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The buffet dinner includes chowder, salad, choice of three entrées, homemade corn bread and coffee service. RSVPs will be necessary, as FCCMA will be guaranteeing a certain number of guests. A confirmation e-mail will be sent. ([Read more](#))

#### 2013 Florida Ethics Conference

Want to know your responsibilities under Florida's new ethics legislation?

## Don't miss the 2013 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit

October 2 - 4, 2013  
Orlando, FL

For more details, go to the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government website at [www.iog.fsu.edu](http://www.iog.fsu.edu). ([Read more](#))

#### Save The Date!



## FCCMA Onsite Training Session

*"The Ethics of Public Administration  
in the Age of Social Media"*

October 18, 2013  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Florida Gulf Coast University  
(Dunk City!)

Please save the date on your calendar for this important training. ([Read more](#))

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