If you are a manager, assistant manager or someone new to local government in NE Florida, there is a good chance you had the opportunity to meet and talk with Range Rider Paul Sharon.

Paul has been a Range Rider since 2008 following a deployment to Iraq as a Senior Advisor to Iraqi Local Government via ICMA. (Read more)

How long have you been a FCCMA member?
Since 2009

Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long?
Not currently

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education.

- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Bachelor of Science (Criminal Justice Major, Public Administration Minor)
University of Central Florida (Read more)

At the ICMA 2013 Conference, several FCCMA members were recognized for their years of service to ICMA.

40 years
Lester Baird, General Manager, Barron Water Control District
ICMA 2013 Conference

In last week’s newsletter we mentioned all of the Florida participants that spoke at sessions at the Conference. W.D. Higginbotham’s name was inadvertently left out. He is Senior Vice President and Manager of the Florida office of the Mercer Group. He participated in the resume review session on Monday.

ICMA Board Votes to Retain Tenet 7 and Update Guidelines

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This action concludes a 9-month review process that engaged over 2,200 members in a dialogue about the relevancy of political neutrality to the profession. (Read more)

Alternative Delivery of Utility Services & Financing Webinar, October 17

Local governments are constantly evaluating service delivery at every level. With the great recession of the 21st century, there is an expectation that city and county managers will ensure constant review of best practices in all departments with the goal of “improving what doesn’t appear broke”. Historically, enterprise fund operations have received less scrutiny due to their “pay for themselves” financing arrangement. This FCCMA webinar examines alternative delivery for one of the largest and critically important local services that most often falls under this enterprise fund review process; alternative delivery and financing of utility services. The presenters for this webinar represent private sector companies who have experience in offering and managing alternative delivery options. This is a must attend session for managers and their utility directors. It’s a great opportunity to have real time interaction with these professionals and to ask questions that you need to be prepared to answer during important budget workshops. (Read more)

Only Two More 2013 Onsite Training Sessions

An onsite training session will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers on October 24 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The topic is: "The Ethics of Public Administration in the Age of Social Media." The speaker for this training session is Florida’s Chief Inspector General, Melinda Miguel. This session covers ICMA Practice Area 17: Integrity. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 17. (Read more)

FCCMA 2013 Symposium

Is there a better way to do something? Is the alternative just “change for the sake of change or will it really improve efficiency, effectiveness and service delivery? These are some of the questions that will be answered at the FCCMA 2013 Symposium. (Read more)