

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

2024





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<b>Scott Ferrell – BC Underground</b>

***"Building Southwest Florida From The Ground Down"***

# **UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE**

**AUG**

**14-16**

**-SUNSHINE 811- STRATEGIC PLANNING,  
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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**SEP**

**18 - 20**

**-AMOT AND REFRESHER TRAINING  
COURSES**

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**OCT**

**3 - 4**

**-NUCA OF FL PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**25**

**-NUCA OF SWFL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

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**NOV**

**6 - 8**

**-NUCA FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

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**DEC**

**6**

**-NUCA OF SWFL CLAY SHOOT TO BENEFIT  
CONSTRUCTION ANGELS**

**12**

**-NUCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HOLIDAY  
SOCIAL - CHARITY HOPE 4 KIDS**

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**2025**

**JAN**

**23**

**-NUCA OF SWFL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
& DIRECTORS**

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**FEB**

**11-12**

**-F.T.B.A. CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE**

# **NUCA of Southwest Florida**

# **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR**

## **A.M.O.T and Refresher Classes**

-Sep. 18th REFRESHER CLASS (1 day)

8:00am-1:00pm

-Sep. 19th-20th A.M.O.T. CLASS (2 day)

8:00am-4:00pm

\*Light Breakfast and Lunch Included



**MAINTENANCE  
of TRAFFIC**

Visit Website for Registration

[WWW.NUCASWFL.COM](http://WWW.NUCASWFL.COM)

Email Registrations to

[NUCASWFL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NUCASWFL@GMAIL.COM)



## Florida Department of Transportation Maintenance of Traffic

### MOT Advanced Certification Class

**Presented by:**



**PLEASE R.S.V.P. – Seating is limited**

A.M.O.T. 2-day course September 19th & September 20th, 2024 -8:00am-4:00 pm

NUCA SW FL Members cost is \$400.00

NON-Member cost is \$500.00

(Course includes Light Breakfast w/coffee and boxed lunch both days)

**NOTE: NUCA of Southwest Florida reserves the right to cancel the training  
if the 10-person minimum is not met.**

NAME

COMPANY NAME


**Email reservation form to: [nucaswfl@gmail.com](mailto:nucaswfl@gmail.com)**

**Fax reservation form to: 239/790-1369**

Rhonda Cason, Executive Director

**NUCA of Southwest Florida**

P. O. Box 62207, Fort Myers, FL 33906

Phone 239/939-1952, Fax 239/790-1369



Florida Department of Transportation Maintenance of Traffic  
**MOT Advanced Refresher Certification Class**

**Presented by:**



**PLEASE R.S.V.P. – Seating is limited**

A.M.O.T. Refresher Course 1-day Course September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 8:00am-1:00pm

NUCA SW FL Members cost is \$200.00

NON-Member cost is \$275.00

(Course includes Light breakfast w/coffee and lunch)

**NOTE: NUCA of Southwest Florida reserves the right to cancel the training  
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**COMPANY NAME**


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Come Tee Off With The Undead!



NUCA of Southwest Florida's  
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

River Hall Country Club  
October 25th, 2024  
Registration Open now!



## **SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**October 25th, 2024**

**Tournament Sponsor**

**KELLY TRACTOR**



**Team Entry Fee \$650    Individual Golfer Fee \$175**

Entry Fees include: Mulligan Ball, Putting Contest

~Raffle, Special Game Holes, Great Giveaways, Refreshments~

Light Breakfast @ Check-In, Buffet Lunch @ 1:00 pm,

Check-In 7:30-8:30 am - Shot Gun Start 8:30 am

**~THE "MOST SPIRITED" TEAM WILL WIN A PRIZE!~**

**Hole-In-One \$10,000.00 Cash Grand Prize**

*Proceeds Benefit the  
NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program*

Scholarship Awards are based solely on the proceeds from our annual golf tournament.

Scholarships are available to all NUCA of Southwest Florida members/family. Donations to the NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program are appreciated!!

*Thank you for supporting the NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program*



3500 River Hall Parkway, Mya, FL 33920

**Tournament Sponsor**

**KELLY TRACTOR**



**Sponsorship Form**

<b>Breakfast Sponsors</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Lunch Sponsors</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Beverage Sponsors</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Cart Sponsor</b>	<b>Fortiline Waterworks</b>
<b>Hole-In-One Sponsor</b>	<b>McWane Ductile</b>
<b>**Tent Sponsor @ Tee Box (5)</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Beer Tent Sponsors</b>	\$600.00 _____
<b>Major Sponsors (11)</b>	\$300.00 _____
<b>Punt/Kick &amp; Pass Sponsor</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Putting Contest Sponsor</b>	<b>Dobbs Equipment</b>
<b>Chipping Contest Sponsor (1)</b>	\$500.00 _____
<b>Closest to Pin Sponsors (2)</b>	\$150.00 _____
<b>Longest Drive Sponsor (1)</b>	\$150.00 _____
<b>Straightest Drive Sponsor (1)</b>	\$150.00 _____
<b>Green/Tee Sponsors</b>	\$100.00 _____
<b>Prize/Raffle Sponsors</b>	\$100.00 _____



**\*\*(Tent sponsor may provide small tent, etc. & set up to display/hand out company giveaways, business card/prize raffle, etc.)\*\***

**Sponsorship information is needed by 9/25/24 to allow time to order signage**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceeds Benefit the NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program**

**Thank you for supporting the NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program**



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### **GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION FORM – Maximum Handicap = 25**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for supporting the NUCA of Southwest Florida Scholarship Awards Program***



**3500 River Hall Parkway, Alva, FL 33920**

# **\*\*PRIMARY ELECTION\*\***

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**

**JULY  
22**

Deadline to register  
to vote or change  
party affiliation.

**AUG 8  
AT 5 P.M.**

Deadline to Request  
a Vote-by-Mail Ballot

All Vote-by-Mail  
requests from  
previous years  
have expired.

If you plan to vote  
by mail in 2024,  
you must submit a  
NEW request!

Tommy Doyle, Supervisor of Elections



**WWW.LEE.VOTE**

**(239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683)**

**KEEP US AT THE TABLE ON THE HILL!**

# BIDDING FOR BENJAMINS

## **WHEN YOUR COMPANY IS AWARDED A BID OR NEW PROJECT**

# PASS ON \$100

(OR MORE IF IT'S A REALLY BIG PROJECT)

**TO SUPPORT NUCA OF FLORIDA'S ADVOCACY FUND**

**NUCA OF FLORIDA USES THESE FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT ISSUES IMPORTANT TO YOUR BUSINESSES. IF EVERY MEMBER WOULD CONTRIBUTE, NUCA OF FLORIDA COULD SUCCESSFULLY INCREASE THEIR CLOUT IN TALLAHASSEE.**

## **SELECT CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT**

**DONATE ONLINE  
DIRECT TO FUND**

MAIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO:  
NUCA OF FLORIDA  
215 S. MONROE ST., SUITE 500  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

**NUCA**  
REPRESENTING UTILITY & EXCAVATION CONTRACTORS  
OF FLORIDA

\$100    \$250    \$500    OTHER AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME	COMPANY
MAILING STREET ADDRESS			SUITE/APT. NO
CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY
EMAIL ADDRESS	PROJECT NAME (OPTIONAL)		

#### **CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

CHECK       INVOICE ME  
 CREDIT (SINGLE PAYMENT)

TYPE:  AMEX  VISA  MC  DISC

CREDIT CARD NUMBER	EXP. DATE (MO/YR)	CVV #
SIGNATURE FOR CREDIT CARDS		



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY CAMPAIGN

SEPT. 9      SEPT. 20  
THRU            2024



NUCA OF  
SOUTHWEST  
FLORIDA

**BEST  
MEMBERSHIP  
OFFER!**

**JOIN NOW For 2025**  
at the 2024 Dues Rate  
& Get Membership for  
the Rest of 2024  
**FREE!**

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### ADVOCACY ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS



NUCA's Washington Team & Chapter Advocacy & Government Affairs Committees Monitor & Influence Legislation & Regulations Affecting Your Business Federally and at the State & Local Levels.



### DAMAGE PREVENTION & SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM BENEFITS

Expert Damage Prevention & Damage Investigation Consultation Free of Charge Safety & Leadership Training | Safety Program Evaluation & Guidance | Toolbox Talks | Trench Safety Stand Down



### NETWORKING & BUSINESS COST SAVINGS

Insurance, Employee Benefits, HR, & Business Service Programs To Lower Business Costs & Strengthen Your Company

Grow Your Network & Build New Business Connections at NUCA Events

#NUCASTRONGERTOGETHER

# NATIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS

## STAY IN THE KNOW...



### Safety, Training & Education

- Training Classes & Safety Instructor Certifications
- NUCA STAR
- Damage Prevention & Claims Avoidance Program (CAP)



### Advocacy

- Advocacy Resources for Local and National issues
- Washington Summit Event in Washington, DC
- Legislative Alerts, NUCA Capital Insider
- Lobbying/advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill



### NUCA Publications & Communications

- Utility Contractors Magazine
- Utility Contractors Magazine - Buyer's Guide Edition
- Business Journal
- NUCA @ Work



### Business Savings Programs - Insurance+

- NUCA Advantage - HR solutions and Insurance
- NUCA Choice - FCCI Ins.
- NUCA Assurance - Captive Ins.



### Business Savings Programs - Discounts

- NUCA Wins
- UPS
- T-Force (Freight Services)
- Lenovo & Office Depot
- ConsensusDocs
- CLC Lodging



### Individual Member Discounts

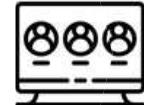
- Travel Vacation Center, includes: Car Rentals and Hotel Stays
- GE Products
- Insurance - Auto, Home, Pet, Renters, Travel, and more!

## ...AND NETWORK WITH NUCA.



### NUCA National Events

- Members are eligible for member rates at NUCA events
- Annual Convention and Meeting, Washington Summit, Safety Damage and Prevention Conference



### Online Member Directories

- Individual Directory
- Organization Directory of NUCA Members



### NUCA Career Center

- List job openings at a discount and search for the right candidates in one place
- Apply to Job Listings within the utility industry

Membership in NUCA includes access to a wide variety of resources that can be used to improve your business's bottom line while also staying ahead in the industry.

We are always adding more business discounts throughout the year, so check back often at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com). Browse around and discover the services you already require to run a successful utility construction business are now available to you at an even lower cost through NUCA..



## **"Building Southwest Florida From the Ground Down"**

### NUCA OF Southwest Florida Benefits

Informative and Educational Membership Meetings  
Support in Industry Issues  
Effective Liaison with Local and State Governmental Agencies  
Industry Related Publications and Newsletters  
Scholarship Opportunities – Local, State & National  
Annual National and State Conventions  
Representing Members in 8 Counties –  
Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands and Lee  
Safety Training – Confined Spaces, Competent Person, M.O.T., etc.

### Marketing and Networking

Access to Successful Business Professionals in the Industry  
Member Socials and Meetings  
Biennial Trade Show  
NUCA Awards at the State & National Levels  
Electronic Newsletter and Website Sponsorships  
Involvement with Committees –  
NUCA National, NUCA of Florida, Workforce Development,  
Education & Safety, Trade Show, Specification,  
Scholarship, Golf, Fishing





# **2024 PRESIDENT'S CUP & BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**The Resort at Longboat Key Club  
in Sarasota, FL**

**Thursday & Friday, October, 3rd-4th**

**Thursday, October 3**

Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Chapter Director Meeting 12:45 - 1:30pm  
Advocacy Meeting 1:30- 2:30 pm  
Conference Committee meeting 2:30 - 3:00 pm  
Board Meeting 3:00 - 5:30 pm  
Happy Hour 6:00 pm

**Friday, October 4th**

President's Cup Golf Event- Start time TBD  
Awards Luncheon to follow

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Join with the NUCA Florida board members and leadership at the President's cup in beautiful Longboat Key. Network with industry colleagues, advocacy partners and peers at the Thursday evening reception.

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This year we are offering 2 styles of play, the traditional scramble and 2-man best ball competitive style flight with a 50/50 buy in and cash prize.

***Visit [www.nucaflorida.org](http://www.nucaflorida.org) to register  
to become a sponsor for this prestigious event.***

Questions? Contact Kate McDougall  
at 850-696-6674 or email [kate@nucaflorida.org](mailto:kate@nucaflorida.org)

# **Play Options**

## **Foursome Scramble**

*President's Cup Single Scramble and Survival Bag*

*One golfer, one survival bag*

*\$400 each*

*President's Cup Golf Tournament Scramble Single player*

*\$350 each*

*Golf Foursome Scramble*

*\$1,250 each*

*Foursome and Tee Box Sponsorship*

*\$1350, each save \$150*

*Golf Foursome & Survival Bags*

*Four golfers, four survival bags*

*\$1,450*

*Golfing Survival Bag -- Scramble only*

*Includes 2 free throws, mulligans, snacks, golf towel, sleeve of golf balls, and drink tickets.*

*\$50 each*

*Golf Tournament 4 Free Throws --Scramble only*

*\$25 each*

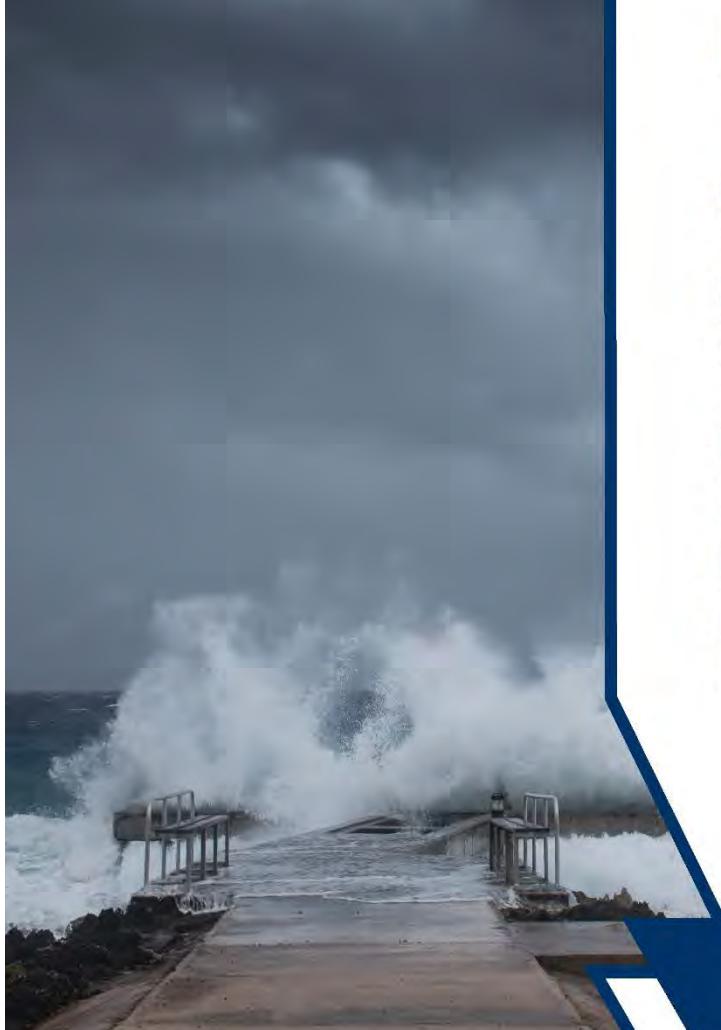
## **2-Man, Best Ball Competitive Flight**

*President's Cup 2-Man, Best Ball Competitive Flight (2-players)*

*\$800 (includes the 50/50 buy in at \$100 per team)*

*President's Cup Single 2-Man, Best Ball Competitive Flight*

*\$400 (includes 50/50 buy in at \$50)*



# Disaster Preparedness

## Sales Tax Holiday

### \$10 or less

- Wet dog or cat food if sold individually or the equivalent if sold in a box or case

### \$15 or less

- Manual can openers
- Collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls for pets
- Cat litter pans
- Pet waste disposal bags
- Hamster or rabbit substrate

### \$20 or less

- Reusable ice
- Leashes, collars, and muzzles for pets
- Pet pads

### \$25 or less

- Cat litter weighing 25 or fewer pounds

### \$40 or less

- Portable self-powered light sources
- Pet beds

### \$50 or less

- Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios, or weather-band radios
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks
- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only:
  - AA-cell
  - AAA-cell
  - C-cell
  - D-cell
  - 6-volt
  - 9-volt

### \$60 or less

- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Portable power banks

### \$70 or less

- Smoke detectors or smoke alarms
- Fire extinguishers
- Carbon monoxide detectors

### \$100 or less

- Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems
- Portable pet kennels or pet carriers
- Dry dog or cat food weighing 50 or fewer pounds
- Over-the-counter pet medications

### \$3,000 or less

- Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage

June 1-14, 2024

August 24-September 6, 2024

Visit [floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep](http://floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep)



# Tool Time

## Sales Tax Holiday

### \$25 or less

- Work gloves

### \$30 or less

- High-visibility safety vests

### \$50 or less

- Hand tools
- Safety glasses (\$50 or less per pair or the equivalent if sold in sets of more than one pair)
- Protective coveralls
- Duffle bags or tote bags
- LED flashlights
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Fuel cans

### \$75 or less

- Tool boxes
- Hearing protection items

### \$100 or less

- Tool belts
- Electrical voltage and testing equipment
- Shop lights
- Hard hats and other head protection

### \$125 or less

- Industry textbooks and code books

### \$150 or less

- Power tool batteries
- Handheld pipe cutters
- Drain opening tools
- Plumbing inspection equipment

### \$175 or less

- Work boots

### \$250 or less

- Ladders

### \$300 or less

- Power tools
- Tool boxes for vehicles

September 1-7, 2024

Visit [floridarevenue.com/ToolTime](http://floridarevenue.com/ToolTime)





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## News & Advocacy

July 31, 2024

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### U.S. House Approves Bipartisan WRDA Act

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the "[Water Resources Development Act](#)" (WRDA, H.R. 8812) on July 22 on a 359-13 vote. This legislation regularly authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and construct projects to improve the nation's ports and harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection, and other aspects of this nation's maritime and water infrastructure.

"NUCA applauds Congressional action to move this important legislation forward for the sixth consecutive Congressional session. WRDA projects are foundational to America's water infrastructure and are vital to the health of our communities and our economy," said NUCA [chief executive officer Doug Carlson](#). "NUCA strongly supports this bipartisan legislation and calls on Congress and the Administration to swiftly sign it into law. The sooner these projects see dollars, the faster our members can get to work making them a reality." The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate.

### Senate Committee Passes Permitting Reform Bill

The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee approved on July 31 the bipartisan Manchin-Barrasso "Energy Permitting



### Upcoming Events

November 6-8, 2024

Fall Chapter

Leadership Conference

Savannah, GA

January 24-25, 2025

Safety & Damage

Prevention Conference

San Antonio, TX

March 18-21

NUCA Annual

Convention

Orlando, FL

Reform Act of 2024" (S. 4753). This NUCA-supported bill would take important steps to streamline and reform the federal permitting process. The reforms in this bill place important guardrails and timelines on legal challenges that often indefinitely delay projects, accelerate timelines for leasing and permitting of energy projects on federal lands, and backstops approval authority for vital electric transmission projects. While this bill will mainly affect oil and gas, renewable energy, and electric infrastructure construction projects, it does demonstrate further intentions by Congress to address permitting reform.

This year, NUCA has been supporting a strong renewed focus on reforming permitting requirements to accelerate infrastructure projects, and applauds action by federal courts--including the U.S. Supreme Court--and both chambers of Congress. NUCA will be advocating for a full Senate vote on the bill by the end of the year, and supports expanding the scope of its reforms to include water infrastructure, broadband, and other underground utility projects. [More here about today's committee markup.](#)



## Your Completed TSSD Reports Are Needed: Deadline Approaching

The eight annual Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) held in mid-June increased attention to safety around jobsite excavations--just as intended. As of last week, 480 companies at 1,853 jobsites trained over 21,062 employees on safe working techniques around and in trenches and excavations. We need every NUCA member who held an event to let us know how many of your employees benefitted from this training. Please send to NUCA your completed TSSD reports (and your event photos, too)! Helmet stickers are being sent to participating companies--but only if we have your reports! We will close the process on Aug. 15. The TSSD online [reporting form is found here.](#)

## Burns & McConnell Awarded NUCA STAR Platinum Level

NUCA is proud to announce that NUCA of Greater Kansas City Region member Burns & McDonnell completed the NUCA STAR safety program. The company is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and achieved the STAR Program's top Platinum Level status. NUCA STAR (Safety, Training, Awareness and Recognition) Program provides a no-cost venue for every company in the utility construction industry to measure the effectiveness of their safety programs and recognize how these important company programs can be improved. Find out more about our newest [NUCA STAR winner here.](#)



**NUCA's Crew Leader & Train-the-Trainer:**

**May 12-14**  
**Washington Summit**  
Washington, DC  
  
**NUCA @ Work**  
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**Editors**  
**Robert Baylor**  
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*Comments or feedback about  
NUCA @ Work?  
[Let us know!](#)*

## Train Your Leadership & Safety Teams

Having a properly trained workforce is paramount for the succession of your company. But just as your trained employees are retiring, so are many of our industry's trainers, creating a need for new, well-trained instructors to teach utility construction safety programs. NUCA's Train-The-Trainer (TTT) Course is taught by NUCA-approved instructors who have helped build and improve this program over the last 30 years.

NUCA's next TTT course will be held Aug. 20-23 in Henderson, Nevada. Later this year, a Train-the-Trainer course will take place October 22-25, 2024, in Aurora, Colorado. Space is still available at both events for your employees. Find out more by contacting NUCA's safety and education director Mike Flowers at [mike@nuca.com](mailto:mike@nuca.com) or 703-358-9300 for registration and costs. More information about these programs can be found at [nuca.com/trainthetrainer](http://nuca.com/trainthetrainer).

## NUCA Advantage Webinar, Aug. 8: IRA Mistakes

NUCA Advantage offers free educational seminars for you and your employees. The August 8, 1:00pmET webinar will help you understand the right way to use an IRA in your investment strategies, and how to avoid common mistakes. Presented by NUCA Advantage's retirement expert Chris Price. Past NUCA Advantage financial planning [episodes can be viewed here](#). Register for the [August 8 session here](#).



## NUCA Choice: Your Choice For Commercial Insurance Coverage

NUCA's membership benefit package may provide the insurance answer your company is seeking. NUCA Choice delivers to NUCA members commercial insurance options for auto, crime, property, general liability, marine, surety, umbrella, and workers' compensation. NUCA Choice is offered in partnership with FCCI Insurance Group, and offered to all NUCA members where FCCI writes business. Members can consult with FCCI's local risk control team and use the FCCI Risk Solutions Network, a cloud-based platform to help participants stay compliant, manage risks, and educate employees to build a safer workforce. To find out more about NUCA Choice, start at [NUCAChoice.com](http://NUCAChoice.com) to find a FCCI agent in your area.

## Toolbox Talks: Working In Hot Environments

2023 was the hottest summer ever, and 2024 seems to be giving last year a run for its money. Working in the heat creates a greater chance of injury and illness, so let's make sure everyone understands the dangers of a hot environment. This week's TBT: [Working in Hot Environments](#).



FIFTH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

# FISH FOR TRUCK SAFETY

THE WESTIN CAPE CORAL RESORT

AT MARINA VILLAGE

5951 SILVER KING BLVD, CAPE CORAL, FL 33914



**2023  
FIRST  
PLACE  
FINISHERS**



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY 6-9 PM

CAPTAIN'S MEETING 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

INSHORE LINES IN 7 AM - 3:30 PM

AWARDS BANQUET 6:30-11 PM

**\$225/ADULT ANGLER**

**\$125/JUNIOR ANGLERS**

ADULT & JUNIOR DIVISIONS  
INSHORE & OFFSHORE TOURNAMENT

ALL ANGLERS & NON-ANGLER REGISTRATIONS  
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 8/16/24

GUIDED CAPTAINS AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL FEE

WESTIN DISCOUNT CODE "FINS FOR FONS"



ALL PROCEEDS HELP FUND OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, TRUCK SAFETY EDUCATION,  
PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, & TRUCK ACCIDENT VICTIM ASSISTANCE

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

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**WWW.DAVEFONSMEMORIALFUNDEVENTS.ORG**

CONTACT HELLO@TRUCKSAFETYFORDAVEFONS.ORG OR (239)218-0650 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

# Toolbox Talk Tips



- Become familiar with content first so reading goes smooth, speak clearly and direct**
- Conduct talk in areas with the least distractions**
- Use props that are related to topic**
- Give workers an opportunity to ask questions at the end**
- Document your toolbox talks even if OSHA standards do not require documentation. Can't hurt!**
- PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH!**

Learn more here!



## Bad Weather Driving Reminder

Driving during bad weather when road conditions are changing requires every driver's full attention. Rain and snow can make the roads slick, and fog, rain, and snow can reduce visibility. Drivers should slow down and allow more room to stop during bad weather. This is also a time to watch out for the other guy, who is likely to make stupid and careless mistakes.

To reduce the possibility of vehicle accidents during bad weather, drivers should:

- ▲ Inspect their vehicles before departing. Check tires, lights, turn signals, wipers, windows, defroster, mirrors and loads. Report defects to the mechanic and have them repaired before you go on the road.
- ▲ Keep windows and lights clean and clear of dirt, snow, and ice.
- ▲ Use wipers, defrosters, and headlights to improve your visibility day or night. Headlights also help other drivers see you.
- ▲ Avoid distractions, such as cell phones or radios.
- ▲ Watch out for puddles and icy patches that could cause hydroplaning or skids.
- ▲ Do not attempt to drive through deep puddles. You could get stuck or wet the brakes.
- ▲ Avoid quick or sudden stops or turns.
- ▲ Increase your stopping distance.
- ▲ Wear your seat belt at all times and require passengers to do the same.

***There is no time for mistakes during bad weather. Bad weather affects all drivers.***

***You must stay alert. Watch out for the other drivers, too. Drive defensively!***

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## Development permit Issued for Cape Coral's Tropicana Park ([https://www.gulfshorebusiness.com/gb\\_daily/development-permit-issued-for-cape-corals-tropicana-park/](https://www.gulfshorebusiness.com/gb_daily/development-permit-issued-for-cape-corals-tropicana-park/))

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### City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation

Parks GO Bond: Design of Neighborhood Parks - Tropicana Park Site Plan



Army Corps of Engineers issued a development permit July 29 for Tropicana Park in northwest Cape Coral, a project that has been on hold since Aug. 30, 2021. The final site plan for Tropicana Park, located at the west end of Tropicana Parkway West, was revised in June 2022 and includes a variety of features, including a kayak launch, beach area, boardwalk and floating dock. The park also will offer a multi-use path, fitness stations, a playground and ample green space. The city will now begin the next phases of development, including soliciting bids for construction of the park, which is anticipated to take a year.

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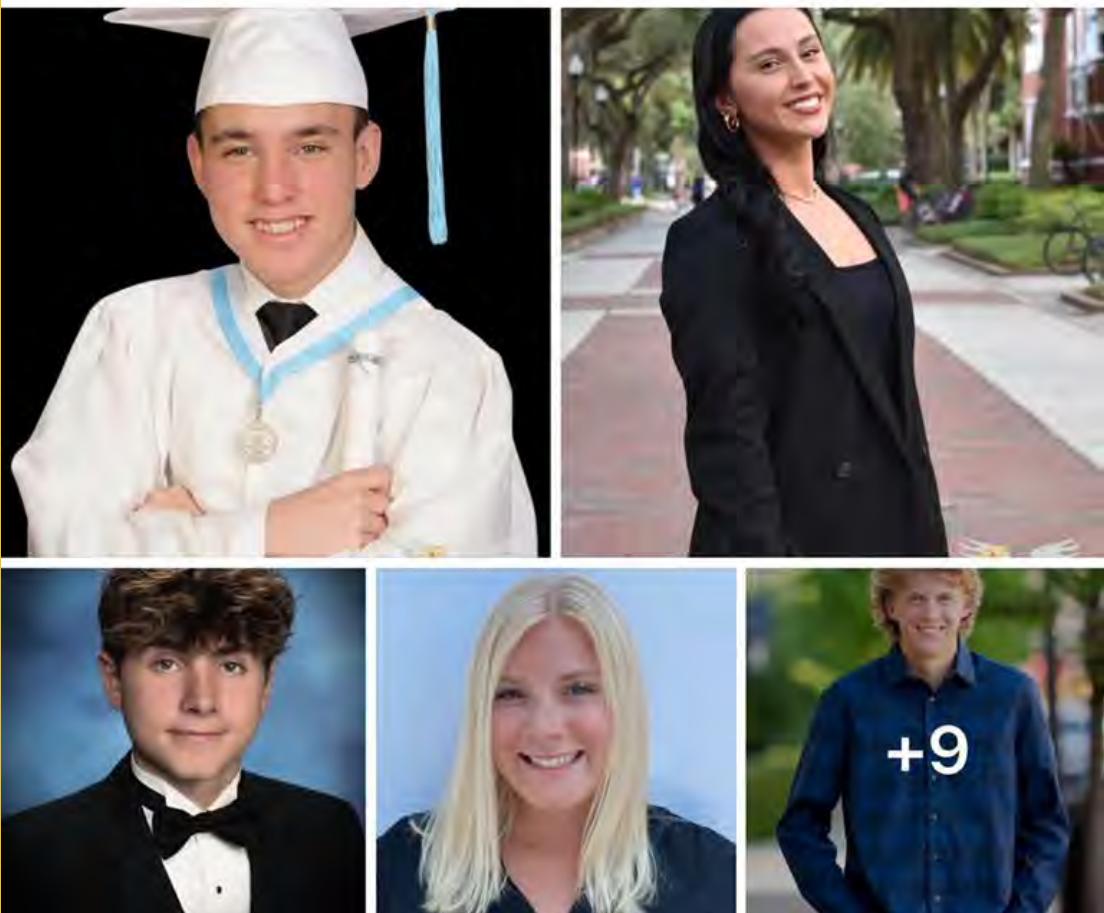
Construction Angels, Inc. is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that provides immediate financial assistance and grief counseling to the children (19 years & younger) and spouse left behind when a construction worker is involved in a work-related fatality. They offer construction scholarship opportunities to qualified applicants, and additional scholarships to surviving children of a fallen worker.

[Construction Angels](#) has awarded over \$175,000 in funds to students & educational organizations in 2024. THANK YOU, to all our Sponsors & Donors who support our Scholarship Program throughout the year!

3 Types of Scholarships we offer are for:

- 1.) Students who have lost a parent due to a construction fatality.
- 2.) Students seeking a construction education.
- 3.) Educational organizations in the industry that need additional financial support.

Here are some of the 2024 scholarship recipients.



**Cost of this Course:**  
**Members: \$200.00**  
**Non-Members: \$250.00**  
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**Southwest Florida Safety Council, Inc.**  
1714 Evans Ave. Fort Myers, 33901



**Date: August 21, 2024**  
**Location: Southwest Florida Safety Council**  
1714 Evans Avenue,  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
**Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day**

## **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 8 HOUR REFRESHER ( TTC / IMOT )**

### *Class Information & Registration Form*



**Course Objective:** To provide direction for training requirements for personnel involved in the planning, design, implementation, and maintenance of work zone safety. Participants will gain knowledge and understanding of the equipment, techniques and procedures necessary to safely and correctly set up and maintain traffic. The information offered in this course is designed to upgrade the performance and knowledge of all personnel in safety practices and legal aspects of establishing work zones on State and Federal highways. By using visual and hands on techniques, this course will enable the participant to set up a safe and legal work area, as well as, create a safer environment for the public when approaching work crews maintaining the highways.

**FDOT states that persons possessing valid and verifiable certificates from approved courses shall be the only personnel approved to perform the maintenance of traffic activities for which they have been trained. This Certification is valid for four years at which time another refresher course is required to remain in compliance with FDOT standards.** To qualify for the refresher training students must possess a valid Intermediate Training card that has not expired.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Credit Card Number**

**Expiration Date (MM/YY):** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ **Verification Code (Last 3 digits on the back of the card):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Billing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Payment Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Southwest Florida Safety Council, Inc. Call by phone to pay with credit card.  
There is a non refundable processing fee that will be added to every credit/debit card transaction.*

**Course Fees are Non-refundable - MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS 10 PAID STUDENTS**  
**No refund if a student does not show(\*) to complete the class.**

**Student must** have a Valid State-issued Driver's License Number, Valid State-issued Identification Card Number or a valid Passport number prior to sitting for class.

**Student must** present identification prior to sitting for exam.

Writing must be legible on Exam sheet.

**Students must** attend full class. Cannot be late for any part of it and cannot leave early.

(\*)Any cancellations of students must be 2 weeks prior to class so we can cancel travel of Instructor.

**Cost of this Course:**  
**Members: \$350.00**  
**Non-Members: \$375.00**  
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**Date: August 19 & August 20, 2024**  
**Location: Southwest Florida Safety Council**  
1714 Evans Avenue,  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
**Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day**

## **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 HOUR (TTC / IMOT)**

### *Class Information & Registration Form*



**Course Objective:** To provide direction for training requirements for personnel involved in the planning, design, implementation, and maintenance of work zone safety. Participants will gain knowledge and understanding of the equipment, techniques and procedures necessary to safely and correctly set up and maintain traffic. The information offered in this course is designed to upgrade the performance and knowledge of all personnel in safety practices and legal aspects of establishing work zones on State and Federal highways. By using visual and hands on techniques, this course will enable the participant to set up a safe and legal work area, as well as, create a safer environment for the public when approaching work crews maintaining the highways.

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