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Friday, October 12, 2018**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Casa Monica Hotel

95 Cordova St., St. Augustine, FL 32084

Chapter President: Kirt Guidry**Staff Liaison:** Gail Remy**Summary**

The Florida chapter gathered for its annual fall meeting on October 11th & 12th at the historic Casa Monica Hotel in Saint Augustine amid the backdrop of a major hurricane. A few days before the event, it was evident Hurricane Michael would make his presence known so the golf outing was moved to TopGolf in Jacksonville. Participants enjoyed a nice afternoon playing different games and networking on what turned out to be a great weather day, but our thoughts remained with our members dealing with the storm. Afterwards a poolside cocktail reception was hosted by Danton Hydroblasting welcoming attendees to the meeting.

On Friday, Chapter President Tom Underwood (Danton Hydroblasting) opened the meeting welcoming attendees to Saint Augustine. Rita Rose (ATSSA National) was on hand to provide an update from ATSSA about the upcoming midterm elections. Ms. Rose gave members a briefing about the status of the highway transportation bill and what a change in the elections could spell for our industry. The meeting also featured guest speaker David Feise from Arrive Alive Traffic Control who gave a presentation on traffic calming devices that were implemented and tested on the massive I-4 Ultimate project in Orlando. Those measures included using wireless technology on message boards using real-time messaging to alert motorists about important information on the project. They also did a test study using lighted cones for tapers on lane closures and presented data to FDOT that showed a huge decrease in incidents where vehicles struck cones, which is the most dangerous part of setting up lane closures. Our second speaker was Heyward Burnett from Insurance Office of America. Mr. Burnett gave a presentation about workers compensation insurance, highlighting proactive processes contractors can do to reduce workers compensation claims. He also fielded questions from the group on a variety of issues with the current state of the workers comp market in Florida. The meeting was adjourned after lunch.

Hurricane Michael proved to be a devastating storm, ravaging the panhandle and impacting several of our members. FDOT suspended all work in the region and the impacts on our industry will be felt for a significant period as they continue to dig out and rebuild. Our thoughts and prayers remain with those impacted by the storm and the recovery they face. If you wish to help, our members in the region suggest donating to the Red Cross.



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