



## Suncoast BOAF

Building Official Association of Florida  
Suncoast Chapter

### Fall, 2022

#### A Message from Our Board

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Coya Costa as a Category 4 Hurricane. With maximum sustained winds of 155 mph, Hurricane Ian is tied for the 5<sup>th</sup> largest storm on record.

The days prior to landfall, it appeared as the Tampa Bay area was in the path for a direct hit. While the Suncoast chapter areas had evacuations mandated, shelters opened and our residents preparing, our building departments were planning for what would also be required once the storm passed.

While the Suncoast areas were mainly spared from the impact of Hurricane Ian, we know that we can be in the “cone of uncertainty” at any point during Hurricane Season. The adoption of modern building codes, and the work that we complete daily to enforce these codes, protect buildings and people from these hazards.

If your community is in need of assistance, please see the Disaster Resources provided by BOAF:

<https://boaf.net/page/DisasterResources>

Suncoast BOAF sends our heartfelt thoughts to all that have been impacted by Hurricane Ian.

BOAF Board 2022-2023

#### Upcoming Events:

**Building Official Round Table  
Virtual  
November 3, 2022 10 AM**

**Education Webinars  
Virtual  
November 17, 2022 1 PM**

**Suncoast BOAF Holiday Party  
Countryside County Club  
January 21, 2023 6-10 PM**

**BOAF 2023 Conference  
Orlando, Florida  
June 11-14, 2023**

Promoting public health and safety in building construction through responsible legislation, education, and building code development

# Technical Spotlight

## A Message from Accela

### **Accela launches free solution to help jurisdictions impacted by Hurricane Ian expedite urgent inspections for recovery**

**By Gary Kovacs, Accela CEO**

In times of challenge and disaster, Accela understands the importance of rapid response and assessment to communities and residents to aid in clean-up and recovery.

To help communities affected by Hurricane Ian, Accela is offering every customer that has been impacted free access to our Rapid Damage Assessment (RDA) Cloud Service. This solution streamlines the inspection efforts necessary to get displaced residents back into their homes quickly and safely. It can be used for the immediate windshield survey inspections needed to expedite FEMA relief, and for full property and infrastructure assessment.

Our RDA Cloud Service is available now, and will be for as long as these communities need it. It offers:

- Mobile inspections
- Bulk inspection record creation and assignments
- Public-facing portal for reporting of RDA results by address and area
- Streamlined FEMA relief reporting

If you are a customer jurisdiction in need of a windshield survey inspection required by FEMA, or property and infrastructure inspection assistance, please contact us at **[DisasterRelief@accela.com](mailto:DisasterRelief@accela.com)**.

We will work to quickly get your community set up for inspections and help ensure a safe return to the structures that house your most valuable asset, your residents and businesses.

Accela specializes in land management and building permitting, and has significant experience in helping communities impacted by severe weather and is committed to doing whatever we can to support them during this time. After a major storm, there can be a large influx of building permits needed to support a city's recovery and rebuilding efforts, and Accela can help with any modifications needed to Accela Citizen Access, online submittals, fees, and more.

Following Hurricanes Dolly, Ike, Katrina, Harvey and Irma, we worked side-by-side with city leaders and inspectors to deploy our RDA solution, which significantly decreased the timeline of damage assessment work.

To those communities affected by Hurricane Ian, please know you are in our thoughts, and your recovery is one of our most important priorities. Please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can help.



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PRESENTS

## **Building Official** *Virtual Round Table*

Join us as the Building Officials from Hillsborough County and City of Tampa moderate key industry items!

Topics:

### **Post Storm Damage Assessment**

Is staff responsible for damage assessment? Do you plan to use paper or electronic tools? Demonstration of a simple DA App tool by Hillsborough County.

### **SFR Conversions to ALF**

What is your process and requirements?

### **Commercial Change of Use**

What is your process and requirements?

### **Mobile Homes**

Do you permit renovations/alterations (not additions) to mobile homes? If so, do you require those renovations to comply with State DMV Rules and/or the Florida Building Code?

**November 3, 2022**

**10AM**

Email [tankh@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:tankh@hillsboroughcounty.org) for Link



## FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER OF ICC & BOAF

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### FREE VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

3 CEUS AVAILABLE

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

**NO FEES – REGISTER VIA LINK BELOW**

#### PROGRAM NO. 1:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

TITLE – *STAIRS & HANDRAILS UNDER THE FBC, ACCESSIBILITY*

ONE (1) CE HOUR

Instructor Led Webinar

BCAIB: 5008744 (AOA)

CILB: 0613539 (Gen.)

FBPE: 0009143 (AOP)

ICC: 24392

#### PROGRAM NO. 2:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – 2:10 P.M. – 4:10 P.M.

TITLE – *LAWS & RULES UPDATE*

TWO (2) CE HOURS

Instructor Led Webinar

BCAIB: 5008792 (L&R)

CILB: 0613805 (L&R/Gen.)

ICC: 25230

The link below includes BOTH trainings for November 17<sup>th</sup> within the one link. If you only want to attend the Laws and Rules portion of the event, please log in by 2:05 PM. Training will start at 2:10 for the Laws and Rules.

Please make sure that microphones and speakers work.

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/93a2d800/LIRn7i047RGCJZTohnsoMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fattend.egotowebinar.com%2Fregister%2F4657735090791745296>

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**Presented by JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Join us for an evening to  
celebrate the holidays with  
Suncoast BOAF!**

**Countryside Country Club**

**3001 Countryside Blvd**

**Clearwater, FL 33761**

**January 21, 2023**

**6-10 PM**

More information to come on dinner options and to RSVP!

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