

# THE BORA QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope that the first quarter of 2020 has been a productive one for your department!

With two major continuing education events approaching, the upcoming quarter will be filled with more opportunities for advancement. Make sure that you stay connected with us to stay informed.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH 4-5, 2020

BOIEA Educational Conference  
 8:00AM – 4:30PM  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

## MARCH 10-11, 2020

Fire Inspector’s Association of Broward County  
 2020 Spring Seminar (Session 1-2)  
 8:00AM – 5:00PM  
 Volunteer Park  
 12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33323

## MARCH 18, 2020

Electrical Seminar: NEC 300 Wiring Methods  
and NEC 800, Communication Circuits  
 11:30AM  
 Coconut Creek Community Center  
 1100 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063

## MARCH 18-19, 2020

Fire Inspector’s Association of Broward County  
 2020 Spring Seminar (Session 3-4)  
 8:00AM – 5:00PM  
 Volunteer Park  
 12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation, FL 33323

## APRIL 15, 2020 and APRIL 29, 2020

BOIEA Educational Conference  
 8:00AM – 4:30PM  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

## MAY 13, 2020 and MAY 27, 2020

BOIEA Educational Conference  
 8:00AM – 4:30PM  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 3301 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314



# BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit [broward.org/CodeAppeals](http://broward.org/CodeAppeals) for the full list of county and municipal job postings.

### COOPER CITY

- Structural Inspector / Plans Examiner

### HALLANDALE BEACH

- Chief Electrical Inspector

### POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Plans Examiner (Structural)

### TAMARAC

- Chief Building Official - Building Department Division
- Structural Inspector / Plans Examiner


If your municipality would like our agency to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).


**STAY INFORMED!**

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency to keep members of the public informed about what our agency is doing to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County.

**Subscribe** to The BORA Quarterly and stay informed!

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!**

 @BrowardBORA

 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

**BORA AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

Both the **Board Meeting Agendas** and **Committee Meeting Agendas** are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

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**BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY**

**INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?**

- 28 hours of training is required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 hours of training is required during the 4-year fire certification cycle.
- By attending Broward BORA's board meetings and/or committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
- By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FGAMI, IAEI, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through board and/or committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.



## BOIEA 2020 SOUTH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Broward County Building Officials & Inspectors Educational Association (**BOIEA**) will host the 2020 South Florida Building Code Educational Conference on a variety of dates in March, April and May. The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will be a sponsor for the upcoming conference that is intended for floodplain managers, design professionals, contractors and code professionals throughout the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and structural disciplines.

The conference will offer up to 14 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours. Credit will only be awarded to those who are present and signed-in to each lecture that they are seeking credit for.

The conference application is available **online**. Please submit completed applications by mail to:

Code Officials Education Association  
 1126 South Federal Highway, Suite 394  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316



## FIABC 2020 SPRING SEMINAR

The Fire Inspector's Association of Broward County 2020 Spring Seminar will be held on March 10-11, 2020 and March 18-19, 2020. The 4-session conference will offer seminars focused on a range of fire safety subjects. The Board of Rules and Appeals contributes \$1,500 annually for the Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County Educational Conference towards the preparation of instructional materials.

This conference has been approved for Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours.

Visit the **FIABC website** to register for the upcoming Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County Educational Conference.



## 2020 ELECTRICAL SEMINARS\*

From alternate energy sources to wiring methods, there are a range of topics being covered during the electrical seminars being held this year! To see the 2020 Electrical Seminars calendar, visit the Broward BORA [website](#).

These seminars will provide the opportunity to earn required continuing education points.

For more information about the upcoming electrical seminars please contact Ken Castronovo ([kcastronovo@broward.org](mailto:kcastronovo@broward.org)).

\* Courses are subject to change.



## BROWARD COUNTY ETHICS STANDARDS

Inspectors, plans examiners, chief inspectors and building officials certified by Broward BORA and charged with enforcing or otherwise supervising or inspecting any work covered under any section of the Florida Building Code as applicable to Broward County pursuant to Chapter 71-575, Laws of Florida, and who is required to hold or who otherwise holds a Certificate of Competency (Florida DBPR or local county licenses) or engineer or architect license in any area of construction shall not use his/her Certificate of Competency to engage in free enterprise thereby, competing against persons or firms that may do business within Broward County whose work he/she may also inspect, nor may he/she allow his/her Certificate of Competency to be used by another person or firm.

This includes any activity, such as, but not limited to bidding, contracting, subcontracting, code consulting, design, employment, plan review, special building inspections, sales of construction supplies, advertising in any media offering these services, etc., regardless of compensation.

What is permitted:

1. Any alteration, addition or repair to your homesteaded residency.
2. Other businesses or professional activities related to real estate, mortgage or insurance sales.
3. Other businesses or professional activities not related to construction contracting.
4. Teaching and training others at any level.
5. Performance of 4-point inspections if properly licensed.

## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A FLOOD EVENT

The following Flood Safety Checklist is curated by the **Florida State Emergency Response Team** and **Disaster.org**

### Before the flood reaches your area:

- Know if floodwaters might affect your home and property. Know your elevation above flood stage.
- Develop a flood emergency action plan.
- Evacuate immediately, if advised to do so. Bring important documents with you.
- Move to a safe area before access is cut off.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.

### During the flood:

- Avoid areas subject to flooding. Do not attempt to cross flowing water.
- Never drive through flooded roadways. Nearly half of all people killed in floods are those who try driving through flooded areas.
- Do not drive around barricades, they are there for your protection.
- If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately.
- Never try to walk through or allow children to play around flood water.

### After the flood:

- Do not visit disaster areas, your presence may hamper emergency operations.
- Throw out food that has come into contact with the floodwater and boil drinking water before using it.
- Stay out of buildings that remain in flood waters.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.
- If the power is out, use flashlights to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside.
- Report broken utilities to the correct authorities.



## REMEMBER ...

- Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowner's insurance. Do not make assumptions. Check your policy.

**The National Flood Insurance Program**, is a pre-disaster flood mitigation and insurance protection program. The National Flood Insurance Program makes federally backed flood insurance available to residents and business owners National Flood Insurance Program call 1-888-CALL-FLOOD ext. 445, TDD# 1-800-427-5593.

# FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE MAILING

Our office mailed copies of latest Chapter I Amendments for the **6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2017) Florida Building Code** and the **6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2018) Florida Fire Prevention Code**.

If your department is interested in receiving additional hard copies, free of charge, please contact Jonda Joseph ([jondajoseph@broward.org](mailto:jondajoseph@broward.org)) or Brianna Curry ([bcurry@broward.org](mailto:bcurry@broward.org)).



## THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING US TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

For many years, jurisdictions hosted the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals, making room for our various committee meetings and continuing education courses. Our office would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following governmental jurisdictions for welcoming our agency and allowing us to use your facilities in 2018 and 2019:

- Broward County
- City of Coconut Creek
- City of Cooper City
- City of Coral Springs
- Town of Davie
- City of Hollywood
- City of Plantation
- City of Pompano Beach
- City of Tamarac

## BROWARD BORA BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION

Our office recently distributed the following brochures to Broward County Building Departments.

- The Importance of Permits and Conflict Resolution
- Pool Safety Information
- 40 Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection Program

If your department is interested in receiving additional copies, free of charge, please contact Brianna Curry ([bcurry@broward.org](mailto:bcurry@broward.org)).



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Architect

**Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.**  
Mechanical Engineer

## MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people! Our Board members are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission.

Visit our [website](#) to learn who they are and what their specialties are.

If you would like to contact a Board member, send an email to [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org) and leave your questions and/or comments. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.



## ALTERNATE MEMBERS

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Master Electrician

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