

# THE BORA QUARTERLY

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



## WELCOME BACK!

We hope that the first quarter of 2019 has been a productive one for you and your office. We look forward to utilizing *The BORA Quarterly* to provide you information that concerns building and fire code related matters in Broward County.

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals has educational opportunities planned for the upcoming months and we hope that you'll take advantage of all that we have to offer.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH 6-7, 2019

**Code Officials Educational Association  
South Florida Building Code Educational Conference**  
8:00a – 5:00p  
3200 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

### MARCH 6-7, 2019 + MARCH 12-13, 2019

**Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County  
Educational Conference**  
8:00a  
Volunteer Park  
12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL 33323

*\*Registration begins at 7:15a*

### MARCH 14, 2019

**Board Meeting**  
7:00p  
Broward County Governmental Center (Room 422)  
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

*\* Certification Standards Public Hearing will be held.*

### APRIL 22-26, 2019

**Fire Investigation: Origins & Cause Course**  
9:00a – 6:00p  
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety  
4180 NW 120 Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33065

### MAY 20-24, 2019

**FFP 2111 - Fire Chemistry Course**  
9:00a – 6:00p  
Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety  
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## NEW BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BROWARD COUNTY

- Chief Building Code Inspector - Mechanical Section
- Elevator Inspector
- Plans Examiner (Mechanical)
- Plans Examiner (Plumbing)

### FORT LAUDERDALE

- Mechanical Plans Examiner
- Structural Plans Examiner

### OAKLAND PARK

- Plans Examiner/Inspector (Structural)

### POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)

### TAMARAC

- Plumbing Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Structural Inspector/Plans Examiner

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



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

### INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- 24 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, you will receive 1 hour of the required credit.
- Members of the Code Officials Educational Association will receive up to 1 hour of the required credit for each monthly meetings attended.

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

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

 @BrowardBORA

 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

Official Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals **brochures** can be requested at any time:

- **The Importance of Permits & Conflict Resolution**
- **Pool Safety Information**
- **40 Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection Program**
- **40 Year (and Older) Building Safety Inspection Program - Frequently Asked Questions**

If your department is interested in receiving additional hard copies, free of charge, please contact Brianna Curry (x9885) or Ruth Boselli (x9889).

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#### GET TO KNOW OUR BOARD MEMBERS [HERE!](#)

**Register for the Fire Inspector Exam [online.](#)**

#### 2019 FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM DATES

March 8  
May 10

September 13  
November 5



# 2019 ELECTRICAL SEMINARS

Visit the Broward BORA [website](#) for more information about the electrical seminars.

## MARCH 20, 2019

- NEC 555, Marinas and Boatyards, FL 801625, 1-hr. ICC 3111, 1-hr
- NEC 300, General Requirements for Wiring Methods, FL 1521, 1-hr. ICC 2391, 1 hr

## APRIL 17, 2019

- NFPA 70E. Electrical Safety in the workplace. FL. 801761, 2-hr

## MAY 22, 2019

- NEC 250 Grounding and Bonding
- FL 801618, 2-hr. ICC 6743, 2-hr

## JUNE 29, 2019

- NEC Changes/Code seminar and discussion. FL 1539, 8-hrs. ICC 2925, 8-hr

## JULY 17, 2019

- NEC 215-230. Feeders, Branch Circuits, Services. FL 7396, 2-hr. ICC 2941, 2-hr

## AUGUST 21, 2019

- NEC 404, 406, Switches and Receptacles. FL 801632, 1-hr. ICC 3100, 1-hr
- NEC 408, Switchboards and Panel-boards. FL 801629, 1-hr. ICC 3101, 1-hr

## SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

- NEC 215-230. FL 7396, 2-hr. ICC 2941, 2-hr

## OCTOBER 16, 2019

- NEC 90-210. FL 7395, 2-hr. ICC 2940 2-hr Field Evaluations for Energy Storage

## NOVEMBER 20, 2019

- NEC 314, Outlets, Devices, Pull and Junction Boxes 2-hr
- FL 801280, ICC 2943, 2-hr



## UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

### CERTIFIED COURSES

- Certified Fire Inspector I (**CFI-I**)
- Certified Fire Inspector II (**CFI-II**)
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist (**CFPS**)
- Certified Fire Plans Examiner (**CFPE**)

### NON-CERTIFIED COURSES

- **NFPA 58**: Liquid Petroleum Gas Code
- **NFPA 99**: Health Care Facilities Code

## CORAL SPRINGS REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Broward BORA and the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety have come together to offer continuing education courses.

If you are Broward BORA Certified, you have the opportunity to register, free of charge, for the following courses:

- **FFP 2610** - Fire/Arson Origin & Cause
- **FFP 2111** - Fire Chemistry

\*\* Our agency is also working to provide additional non-certified courses in partnership with UL, IAEL and ASHRAE.



## WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals code compliance staff is available by appointment to visit your jurisdiction to offer assistance during the certification process as building and fire personnel are being hired.

Our office sent our Broward BORA postcard to offer our services to your jurisdiction's: Building Officials, Human Resources Personnel, City Managers and Community Planning & Development Personnel

Feel free to contact us. We're here to help you!

## COEA SOUTH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

On March 6-7, 2019, the Code Officials Education Association (COEA) will be hosting its annual South Florida Building Code Educational Conference.

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 structural, electrical, plumbing and mechanical disciplines.

This 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.

To register, visit the [Code Officials Education Association website](#).

## BUILDING CERTIFICATION CYCLE ENDING

The Certification Cycle will end December 31, 2019. All active Building Officials, Chief Inspectors, Inspectors and Plans Examiners must meet the inspector qualification requirements and submit their re-certification applications by December 5, 2019.

For more information visit our [website](#).

## FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION OF BROWARD COUNTY CONFERENCE

The Board of Rules and Appeals donates \$1,500 annually for the Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County Educational Conference towards the preparation of instructional materials.

The 4-day conference will offer seminars with subject matter for a range of fire safety subjects.

This conference has been approved for Fire Safety Inspector and Instructor CEUs.

To register, visit the Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County [website](#).



# ALLIANCE PLATINUM PERMITTING PROGRAM

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Platinum Permitting Program promotes a permit friendly process. The municipalities that are designated “Platinum Cities” have committed to the following three main objectives of the Platinum Program:

- Adopt a streamlined permitting ordinance/resolution focused on permitting excellence
- Provide a transparent online permit tracking system to follow the permit throughout the process
- Designate a staff representative as a single point of contact (“The Concierge”) for those involved in the permitting process.

**Learn** more about the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Platinum Permitting Program.

**Download** the Platinum Permitting Concierge Contact Information.



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# UPDATES TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE: CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

**PLANTATION, Fla.** – As the construction industry nationwide excels, the need for qualified personnel is greater than ever. Unfortunately, this need extends beyond the licensed code profession. Recently, the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals tasked its Building Certification Committee to reevaluate Broward County Chapter I – Section 104 to see if there are alternative paths that could be considered for the certification of qualified individuals.

The certification committee met on numerous occasions in the past fifteen plus months to review and discuss the certification requirements and has recently finalized their findings. These new certification requirements will be reviewed and voted on at the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 and will be open to the public.



*The meeting will be held at the Broward County Governmental Center (115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 – Room 422) and will begin at 7:00p.*



## CERTIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATION

**PLANTATION, Fla.** – In December 2018, the Certification Review – Building Committee held its ninth committee meeting. After the February 14, 2019 Broward BORA Board Meeting, the committee concluded. The final certification requirement changes affected the following:

- MEP Inspector Certification
- MEP Plans Examiner Certification
- MEP Chief Inspector Certification
- Definitions
- Building Official/ABO Certification
- Chief Structural Inspector Certification
- Structural Plans Examiner Certification
- Structural Inspector Certification
- Roofing Inspector Certification

## WOULD YOU 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.

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Structural Engineer

**John Famularo**  
Roofing Contractor

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Electrical Engineer

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Fire Service Professional

**Ron Burr**  
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Mechanical Contractor

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Mechanical Engineer

**Daniel Rourke**  
Master Plumber

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## ALTERNATE MEMBERS

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Structural Engineer

**Bill Flett**  
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Electrical Engineer

**Alberto Fernandez**  
General Contractor

**Jeff Falkanger**  
Architect

**Robert Taylor, FM**  
Fire Service Professional

## AGENDAS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Starting in January 2019, both the Board Meeting Agendas and Committee Meeting Agendas will be available on the Broward County Board of Rules and appeals website.

- **Board Meeting Agendas**
- **Committee Meeting Agendas**