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Dear Members and Friends of the Palm Beach-Treasure Coast Chapter of ARMA,

Summer has officially begun, hopefully you’re finding time in your busy schedules to get out and enjoy some fun in the sun!

The board is diligently working on our 2019 – 2020 schedule, we hope to bring you many more informative events in the upcoming year. We are currently working on our local chapter annual conference to be held in Davie, Florida on November 7, 2019. The planning has also begun for the second annual ARMA Florida Sunshine Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida on February 20 – 21, 2020.

Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendars. Details will be provided on both events in the near future. Keep an eye out for the next issue of our newsletter, which will include next year’s calendar of events.

I’d like to thank Josh Jenkins, ADA/Safety Coordinator, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with us earlier this month. Josh provided a fantastic presentation and led a discussion on ADA compliance with the group. The feedback provided after the event was extremely positive, and showed that this is a hot topic. For our chapter members we will be providing a copy of his presentation & supporting materials in the member only section of our website: www.armapbtc.org

Thank you for your continued support of ARMA and our local Palm Beach-Treasure Coast Chapter. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions or would like to get more involved, please feel free to contact me any time at lauriev@uplandsoftware.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Kind regards,

Laurie VanDoezelaar
President
Palm Beach-Treasure Coast Chapter of ARMA
Many agencies across the state have seen a big spike on ADA claims for different types of non-compliance. Throughout the state, many agencies and private business have received adverse judgments in the form of fees as well as time for remediation.

All of these factors contributed to a record breaking attendance to our most recent June Lunch & Learn. Josh Jenkins gave an outstanding presentation on ADA Best Practices. His presentation included case law and how to avoid pitfalls. We have posted all the handouts on our Members Only page.
Chapter Updates
The current Board ran unopposed and it will remain serving on their previously held positions. The Board would like to welcome our newest Board Member, Sean Eck, who is RMLO for the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. Sean will be the new Director of Membership and Social Media.

Also, during our June L&L, some special awards were given to our friends and members who continue to step in and help the board. We would like to recognize Deborah Naas and Frank Garguilo for their contributions. Chapter Pins were awarded to those members for longevity. Bravo to all!
The Board of the Palm Beach-Treasure Coast Chapter of ARMA is pleased to host the annual chapter conference at the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business at Nova Southeastern University in Davie. Mark your calendar for this well-attended event and highly reviewed event.

We hope to see you there. Registration information will be coming soon.

November 7, 2019
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Davie, FL 33314

2020 ARMA FLORIDA SUNSHINE CONFERENCE
The Florida chapters of ARMA are partnering once again to offer the second annual ARMA Florida Sunshine Conference in 2020.

This conference is not to be missed. The Florida ARMA chapters collectively put together the most current industry information for each session. There will also be a CRA study pre-conference course on February 19. Registration information will be announced soon.

February 20-21, 2020
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort
8100 Lake Street, Orlando, FL 32836
MIAMI — The leaders of Riviera Beach, Fla., looking weary, met quietly this week for an extraordinary vote to pay nearly $600,000 in ransom to hackers who paralyzed the city’s computer systems.

Riviera Beach, a small city of about 35,000 people just north of West Palm Beach, became the latest government to be crippled by ransomware attacks that have successfully extorted municipalities and forced them to dig into public coffers to restore their networks. A similar breach recently cost Baltimore $18 million to repair damages.

Even large cities, however, have had to pay smaller ransoms than Riviera Beach. On Monday, the City Council unanimously agreed to have its insurance carrier pay the hackers 65 Bitcoin, a hard-to-trace digital currency, amounting to about $592,000. By making the payment, the City Council hopes to regain access to data encrypted in the cyberattack three weeks ago, though there is no guarantee the hackers will release the data once payment is received.

Rose Anne Brown, a city spokeswoman, said on Wednesday that Riviera Beach was working with law enforcement, which does not typically endorse making ransom payments, and with security consultants, who sometimes do as a way for their clients to recoup years of valuable information.

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CBS News
2nd Florida city in just a week to pay hackers big ransom for seized computer systems
Published June 26, 2019

For the second time in a week a Florida city has decided to pay a ransom to hackers to regain control over municipal computer systems. It is the latest in thousands of attacks worldwide aimed at extorting money from governments and businesses.

The mayor of Lake City told CBS 47 Action News Jax on Tuesday that the small city in northern Florida would give the hackers $460,000 to hand back control of email and other servers seized two weeks ago. "I would’ve never dreamed this could’ve happened, especially in a small town like this,” Lake City Mayor Stephen Witt told Action News Jax. The CBS News affiliate said the ransomware attack froze city workers out of their email accounts and made it impossible for members of the community to pay city bills online.

Witt told Action News Jax that it was a difficult decision to accept the hackers’ demands, but noted the city’s “insurance will cover all of it except $10,000,” which he said taxpayers would have to stump up in the form of higher insurance rates down the road.

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