

Bug Bytes

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SPECIFIC AREAS & POST APPLICATION STATEMENTS

The Commission has approved a list of specific areas as well as 5 post application statements. These two elements are part of the Universal Service Ticket that we have been seeking for months and months. We still are missing the “real service ticket” but hopefully a ticket that meets the Department’s inspection needs will be approved by the Commission in the near future.

I reread this and it confused me – let me try again.

There are three elements of a “universal service ticket” that we have petitioned the Commission to develop.

- 1) The service ticket itself showing products used, quantity, customer, frequency, etc.
- 2) A boiled down list of post application statements that you must include on your service ticket. (Remember each product has their own unique statement they stipulate must be listed.)
- 3) A list of ‘specific sites’. This would include everything you can imagine, such as:
 - a attic
 - b food production area
 - c salad bar area
 - d family room
 - e detached garage

Chris Gorecki (Orkin Exterminating) who serves on the Structural Pest Control Commission (SPCC) took on the task of developing a ticket for SPCC to consider. After many many months, the Commission has approved two elements of the ticket:

- 1) The post application statements
- 2) The specific sites

The Commission is still discussing the service ticket itself. It could be next month, it could be longer – but this is still on the table. We are hopeful that we can send you the universal service ticket in the near future.

In the meantime – see the attached documents. You can use the Post Application Statements now and the Specific Sites if you like on your company service tickets.

NURSING HOMES – definitely critical care

You're probably going to find this story hard to believe, but here goes –

At the Commission meeting this morning, Jim Harron reported that Department inspectors stopped by a nursing home at random for the purpose of better understanding how pest management is being handled. This is in line with what has been foretold – that the Department would be expanding its focus from schools to include restaurants and health care facilities.

What they discovered was beyond astonishing. BioTech Systems of Georgia (an Alabama based company licensed to operate in Georgia) was providing the pest control service. The inspectors got copies of the treatment records from the nursing home. Here's a partial list of what they discovered:

- Termidor used inside
- ZP Tracking Powder used in kitchens
- Pyrethroids being used in food handling areas
- ZP Tracking Powder used in resident's rooms and medication room

Bio Tech provides service to 150 nursing homes in Georgia, as well as works in SC, TN, AL, NC, PA and VA. The Department of Human Resources has also been notified to review what actions need to be taken regarding the nursing homes environment.

The pest control company was asked to provide records. They sent some. The Commission has the authority to basically subpoena records – a procedure never before used, but approved in this case.

The final piece of information = the two technicians employed by this company providing the service to the nursing homes are not registered!

Stay tuned.

CRAM DAY – JUNE 11

If you are planning to take the state PCO exam, there isn't a better study system than to spend a day with Jim Chase and 'zone' in on nothing but test material. GPCA has the only official CRAM day in Georgia, offering 9 full hours of review on pest control, rules and regulations and wdo issues. It's a fast-paced day starting promptly at 8 AM. We move through lunch and continue to 5 PM. Come all day, or just for half. If you are serious about doing your best on the PCO exam, this is what you need.

Location: GPCA Office – 2034 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, Georgia, 770-417-1881
 Time: times are approximate -
 8 – 11 AM – HPC issues
 11 – 1:30 PM – Rules and Regulations and in classroom lunch
 1:30 – 5 PM – WDO issues

Cost: If you have taken the GPCA PCO course in the past 5 years, you may attend the program for \$10 (1/2 or full day).
 If you have NOT taken the GPCA PCO course, the fee is \$25 for ½ day, \$50 for full day (GPCA members).
 Non members - \$50 ½ day; \$100 full day.

Credits: 3 HPC, 1 IPM, 3 WDO, 1 PTX

BUDGET WOES and RECERTIFICATION

Despite severe budget cuts and furlough days, Derrick Lastinger reported that the Department has sent out all renewal notices to technicians and they have posted all CEU's received to Kelly Solutions.

- 1 If you did not receive your renewal notice for some reason, you should go to the Kellysolutions.com and renew on line. (There is a convenience fee for the on-line renewal which goes exclusively to Kelly Solutions Company.) Renewals must be received by June 30. After this date, there is a late fee.

- 2 If you go to Kellysolutions.com and look up your name you should see a complete listing of courses applied to your account. If you are missing some credits, send in your proof of attendance to the Department of Ag. Fax number for Derrick's office: 404-463-6671.

GPCA's lobbyist Skin Edge reported that the Governor was considering a Special Session of the General Assembly in early fall to address the ongoing budget and transportation crisis. All government agencies are deeply affected by the current crisis. There is talk of cutting the school year to save government dollars. Even state agencies, such as the Department of Agriculture received 25% less than their budgeted money for the month of June.



**SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 21
GPCA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
HAMPTON GOLF VILLAGE, CUMMING**

**All proceeds benefit Leukemia/Lymphoma
& the GPCA Burnett Scholarship
Lunch, dinner, & live auction featuring foursomes at East
Lake Country Club and other awesome courses as well as
entertainment, sporting events and other great items!**

*Price \$600 foursome, \$150 per person. For additional
information contact GPCA at 770-417-1881 or golf co-chairs:
Brantley Russell (brussell@arrowexterminators.com) or Kim
Floyd (kim.floyd@univarusa.com).*

TREATMENTS FOR THE POOR?

The Atlanta Area Commission called GPCA recently to ask if we still had any companies who donated services for termite and pest control. The recipients are mostly elderly people on very limited incomes. The AAC recalled that many years ago GPCA President Ralph Sanford's company helped several of their low-income homeowners. Since we haven't had calls from the AAC in sometime, other companies must have stepped in to offer their assistance. However, if you are willing to help out, please call Shelly Wender with the AAC, at 404-463-3232.

FUTURE MEETINGS

GPCA Summer Conference – July 19 – 22, 2009 – Ginn Hammock Resort, Palm Coast Florida. (Between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach) Full conference information should be posted to the GPCA.org website within the next two days and the mailing has been sent to the post office. Featuring: add-on service programs including mosquito, wildlife, TAP as well as professionalism and ethics. Fun stuff – Monte Carlo Casino Night, Lazy River, huge family (and separate adult) pool, restaurants, bars, golf – ON THE OCEAN and all condo property!

GPCA Northwest Conference – September 9 – 10, 2009, NW GA Trade Center, Dalton. Two full days of training – Wednesday featuring HPC; Thursday featuring WDO.

GPCA South Georgia Conference – October 7 – 8, 2009, Rural Develop Center, Tifton. Two full days of CONCURRENT training featuring HPC and WDO each day. Fumigation classes also offered.

Calendar of Events and Training

GPCA Office 770/417-1881 or 800/465-9827

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Events in 2009

June 11 – McDonough – Region 7 Meeting from 4:30 – 7:30 pm at the Golden Corral, 1755 Jonesboro Rd., McDonough, GA. 30253

June 11 – Norcross – PCO Cram Day from 8:00 – 5:00 pm with Jim Chase. 3 hr HPC, 1 hr IPM, 3 hr WDO, 1 hr PTX.

June 16 – Lawrenceville – Region 9 Meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Kacey's Home Cooking, 520 W. Pike Street, Lawrenceville, GA.
Wes Hale with Forshaw will be the speaker 1 hr HPC & 1 hr IPM.

June 23 – Norcross – 4th Tuesday Training, 9:00 – 11:00 AM – GPCA Office, Dennis Judy instructor, 2 hours WDO

July 2009

July 19 – 22 – GPCA Summer Conference, Ginn Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast, Florida.

July 28 – Norcross – 4th Tuesday Training, 9:00 – 11 AM, GPCA Office, Chuck Carney instructor, 2 hours HPC

August 2009

August 25 – Norcross – 4th Tuesday Training, 9:00 – 11 AM, GPCA Office, 2 hours WDO.

September 2009

September 9 & 10 – Dalton – GPCA Northwest Georgia Conference. Registration materials will be available in July.

September 10 – October 19 – Norcross – GPCA PCO Course, 12 hrs HPC, 4 hr IPM, 6 hr WDO, 2 hr PTX. Call the office for more information at 770/417-1881.

October 2009

October 7 * 8 – Tifton – GPCA South Georgia Conference, Tifton, Rural Development Center. Registration materials will be available in August.

Regularly Scheduled Region Meetings

Region 2 - 2nd Monday every month except November, December and January

Region 5 - 2nd Tuesday every other month

Region 11 - 4th Thursday every odd month

Region 13 - 3rd Thursday every month.

Region 17 - 2nd Tuesday as announced

Region 18 - 3rd Thursday as announced

TRAINING NOTES

- REMEMBER – YOU CAN NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE SAME COURSE TWICE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR – YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO GET CREDIT ONE TIME.
- IF YOU ACCRUE MORE IPM HOURS THAN NEEDED, THEY WILL COUNT TOWARD YOUR HPC REQUIREMENTS.
- IF YOU ACCRUE MORE PRETREAT HOURS THAN NEEDED, THEY WILL COUNT TOWARD YOUR WDO REQUIREMENTS.
- CHECK YOUR HOURS ONLINE AT WWW.KELLYSOLUTIONS.COM.