

# APWA

## SUNCOAST BRANCH

May 2009 Edition



### Chairman's Address

#### APWA SUNCOAST BRANCH LUNCH MEETING

Wednesday,  
May 20th

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sarasota Farm Bureau  
7289 Palmer Blvd.

Cost: **FREE!!!!**

RSVP to Alex Boudreau  
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*ASAP, please!*



#### SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT:

What do they mean to you and your organization? On the most basic level, they mean conducting yourself in a manner of self preservation and the preservation of others.

We practice safety and risk management (to greater or lesser degrees) every day, be it fastening our seat belts to stopping for red lights. As adults, we have learned and taught safety lessons hundreds of times: put your hard hat and safety vest on, down and away (walking with a knife or sharp object), check for overhead power lines, locate underground utilities before digging...

Although we tire of hearing the advice, the lessons never get old. **Don't become complacent, rushed or overconfident!** A family acquaintance, a retired career carpenter with over 40 years of experience, recently had a table saw mishap involving his left thumb. In this age of instant communications, the details are still sketchy. Depending on who provides the information, my mother or father (happily married and living in the same household), Henry either "...lost his thumb to the first knuckle..." or "all the way down", and they were able to reattach the thumb in a 4 hour surgery or weren't able to find the thumb and he'll now have trouble buttoning his pants. Perhaps communications will be a subject for a future Chairman's message. According to my dad, "it happened so quickly...He's used that machine a million times". **Don't become complacent, rushed or overconfident.** For us in the public works arena, the consequences of complacency, rushing or overconfidence can range from personal injury to ourselves to a community wide disaster.

Jerry Cox of Sarasota County Safety & Risk will be the guest speaker at our Wednesday, May 20, 11:30 Lunch at the Sarasota Farm Bureau (7289 Palmer Blvd.). I look forward to Jerry's insight into the world of safety and risk and his antidotes for keeping on our toes.

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## This Month's Speaker



**Gerald Cox**  
**Safety Advisor**  
*Sarasota County Government*

This month's Speaker is **Gerald Cox**, who is the Safety Advisor for the Sarasota County Government. He is a graduate of Kent State University (AS, BS, 2001) and the University of Findlay (MS, 2007). Gerald has over 10 years experience in the health and safety field, specializing in general industry, construction and mine safety.

## April's Speaker



**Thank You!**

Many thanks from the APWA Suncoast Branch to **David Hunniford, PE, from Underground Solutions, Inc.**, for his informative presentation at our April meeting. His excellent presentation on Fusible PVC for water and wastewater conveyance was well-received and much appreciated by the membership.



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Title: **Traffic Mediation-Neighborhood and Pedestrian Safety**  
 Date(s): May 21, 2009  
 Schedule: 8:00a - 10:00a Pacific      10:00a - 12:00p Central  
             9:00a - 11:00a Mountain      11:00a - 1:00p Eastern  
 Location: Audio/Web Broadcast  
 Cost: Members: \$150.00 per site  
       Non Members: \$200.00 per site  
 Register By: Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
 After this date, contact Carrie Merker (800) 848-2792 / [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net)



Title: **The Real Dirt on Subsurface Utility Engineering**  
 Date(s): June 25, 2009  
 Schedule: 11:00a - 1:00p Pacific      1:00p - 3:00p Central  
             12:00p - 2:00p Mountain      2:00p - 4:00p Eastern  
 Location: Audio/Web Broadcast  
 Cost: Members: \$150.00 per site  
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 Register By: Wednesday, June 24, 2009  
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