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A Message From Your President

As summer progresses so does most of our work loads. Many Code Enforcement Officers (myself included) are facing a harder work load than in the past. Weather it is budget cuts, lay offs or just the general effects of the economy many of us have had to pick up the already hectic pace. Some of us are doing two or three different jobs and some of us are having to pick up the pace of co workers laid off, or filling in for vacant positions that the municipality is not replacing. If you have some tips to share with other MACE members or maybe you have a system that you think has made your work load easier why not share them with other members of the organization? Please email me your tips, programs or what ever information you think may help out your fellow MACE member at tschenke@belton.org, and I will pass it on to all.

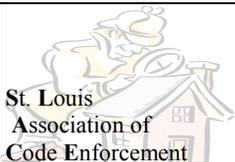
MACE is working hard trying to get some low cost training classes out to all. The problem we as a board are facing is low attendance! If you would like to see theses training classes continue please provide us with some input with what you would like. The Board is always looking for feed back and advice as to what the members want. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you the members want from MACE and answer the list of questions below! Email your responses to john.benisch@stcharlescitemo.org.

1. Are you willing to host a training class in your City? (provide the training space for the class and coffee pots)
2. What training classes would you like MACE to present?
3. Are you interested in teaching a class?
4. What is the most your municipality is willing to pay for a training class?

MACE is made up of a diverse group of people including Code Enforcement Officers, Police Officers Building Inspectors and Building Officials, we want to assist in all of your training needs! We are capable of setting up a diverse group of training classes almost anywhere in Missouri and since MACE is a chapter of ICC most of our training courses provide you with much needed CEU's.

We are finally have the option to provide these training courses but we need your help and input!!!!!!

Tamara Schenke, President MACE



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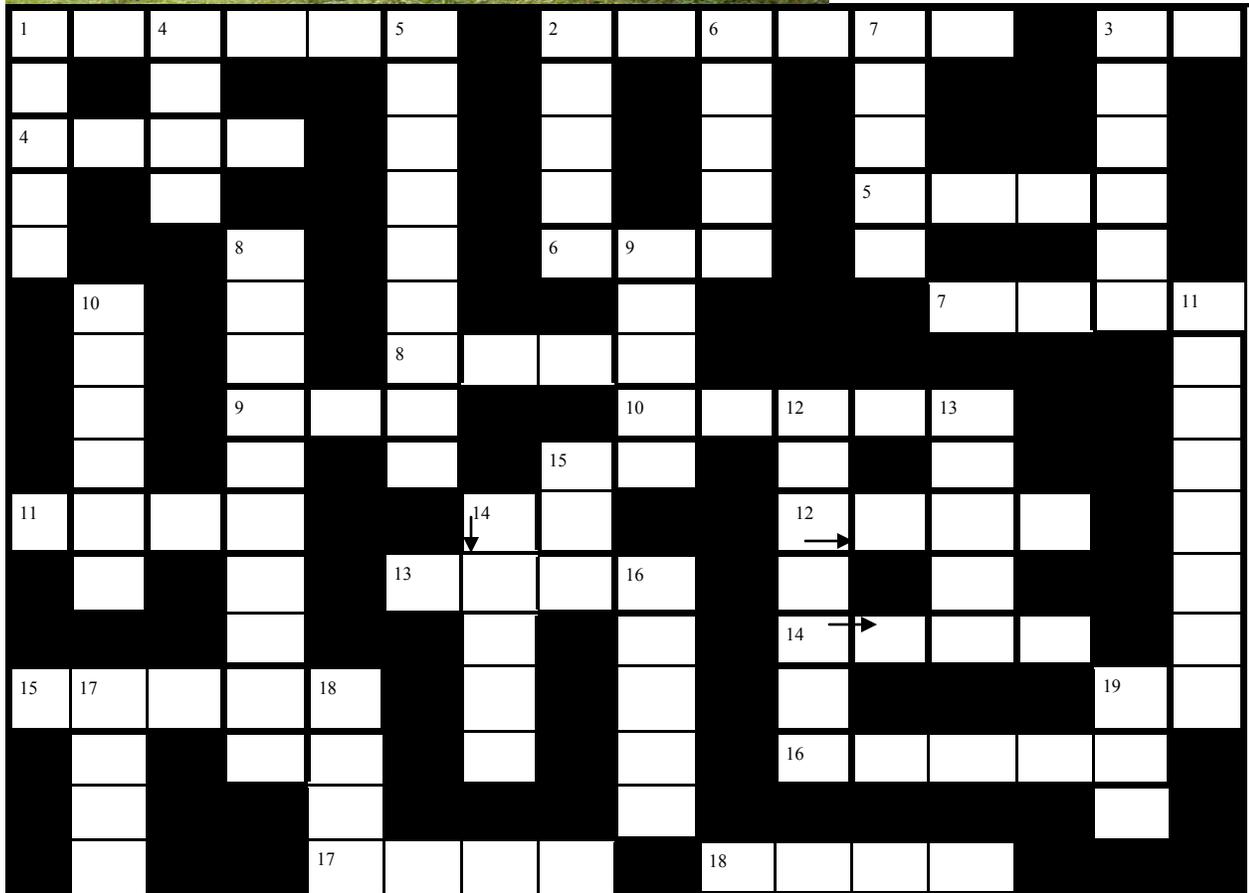
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Across

1. president of MACE
2. 1st VP MACE
3. identification
4. State wide organization for administrators
5. Running out of _____
6. Depressed or upset
7. _____ way
8. Getting _____
9. _____ in the sun
10. Law & _____
11. New _____
12. For _____
13. KC chapter of CE

14. You take a _____ while doing your job

15. St Louis Assoc of CE
- 16 fenced in _____
- 17 secretary of MACE
- 18 3rd VP of MACE

Down

1. President of MACE umbrella chapter
2. 2nd VP of MACE
3. To invade
4. State wide chapter of CE
5. To remove
6. To obsessively collect
7. grass

- 8 annual training session
- 9 to irritate
- 10 someone who defends you
- 11 repeat offenders
- 12 To ruin
- 13 Regulations
- 14 MACE's umbrella chapter
- 15 International code council
- 16 Make a mistake
- 17 Yard
- 18 Mean and _____
- 19 ____ a question

Severe Case of Hoarding: Chicago Couple Found Buried Alive Under Trash

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 **FOX NEWS**

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Fire crews investigating a mysterious smell uncovered a severe case of hoarding when they found an elderly couple buried alive under mounds of garbage in their Chicago home, authorities said Tuesday.

Jesse Gaston, 76, and his wife, Thelma, 79, were found Monday night when the fire department team forced in the door of the South Side home and found an overpowering stench, piles of food waste and trash.

"We've called the city so many times, but they'd just get a ticket," neighbor, Andrea Adams, told MyFoxChicago.com. "We called the man 'Fred Sanford' because he was always collecting junk. He's a friendly guy, but he wouldn't let anyone in there — we didn't even know the woman was living there."

Margo Brooks, a spokesperson for Jackson Park Hospital, said the two were admitted and remained listed in critical condition, possibly suffering from malnutrition, according to the report.

Police had initially been called to the apartment building by neighbors who had not seen the couple in some time and wondered about their welfare. Police called in the fire department because of the stench and the team that entered wore hazardous materials suits.

An 83-year-old neighbor, Hattie Fields, said the couple had lived in the building for years. "I've been here since 1965 and I can't remember if they were here then or not," she said.

She said that she used to see the woman sitting on the front porch as she walked by, but no longer could because the hedges had not been trimmed for years, and had grown level with the second floor of the building, obscuring the view.

Fields added that she was fairly certain no one else lived in the building, although there were unoccupied apartments on the first floor and in the basement. She said signs of neglect were obvious.

"The back yard is also full of debris," she said.

"Essentially, hoarding is a particular manifestation of obsessive compulsive disorder," Dr. Keith Ablow, a psychiatrist and Fox News contributor, told FoxNews.com. "People feel compelled to collect and keep seemingly useless things, and would become highly and irrationally anxious if these things were taken from them."

Ablow said the root of this disorder is partly biological and partly due to early life events.

"Particularly those involving sudden changes or catastrophic losses," he said. "Hoarding can also be a kind of psychological defense against bigger threats since hoarders reduce their sense of well-being to whether they can keep the things they have collected."

While this may be an extreme case of hoarding, Ablow was quick to point out that there are millions of people who "cling to collections of things."

"And these material belongings cause them financial harm or interfere with their relationships," he added.

Treatments include anti-anxiety medicines as well as psychotherapy.

"We use these treatments either to find the root causes of hoarding or to support hoarders as they take the necessary steps to conquer their addictions to collecting," Ablow said.