

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter, February, 2013

Important Calendar Dates:

Feb. 1st: HazMat Training

Feb. 10th: Board Mtg. 9:00 am

Feb. 13th: Clarke Workshop, 8:00 to Noon

Feb. 16th & 23rd: Discovery Days, Ft. Myers

Our Districts were very pleased to have the opportunity to provide extensive tours and presentations for two of our newly elected State Representatives, Dane Eagle, District 77 (Cape Coral) and Heather Fitzenhagen, District 78 (Ft. Myers). The presentations and tours were designed to show the Representatives the scope of our operations and methods used by the Districts in conducting mosquito and aquatic weed control throughout Lee County. Additionally, areas of specific interest in the Representatives' Districts were highlighted as well as the unique challenges we face in many areas of Lee County.

The presentations and tours were provided by Director Wayne Gale along with Commissioner Hart for Representative Fitzenhagen and Commissioner Pritchett for Representative Eagle. Both Representatives were very appreciative of the information provided to them and were very impressed with our operations.

Aerial Fly-In, Jan. 15-16-17, 2013

The classes for the Aerial Fly-In were a huge success. Shelly Redovan's team registered 180 students; seven (7) US Air Force Instructors and seven (7) vendors for this event. The Department of Defense held their DoD certification classes here, plus their personnel attended our classes and on the final morning, they were given their certification test. Our attendees came from all over the USA and three (3) foreign countries: Washington, California, North Dakota, Louisiana, Texas, Illinois, South Carolina, Maryland, Minnesota, Kansas, New York, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, Florida, Delaware and Ontario, Canada, Queensland Australia and the United Kingdom. A big thank you goes to Mark Latham who put together the entire schedule.



Spray testing of
the Military
C130 plane.



2013 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January					65.0
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					



On Saturday, January 18th, Jim McKeever, Thurbie Botterill, Rita Maiss and Mike Tomisich took part in the *The Wall, American Heroes' Day* and flew in a Huey, a 206 and a 407 helicopter for display for the public to view.

Chris Pappas, Trainer with Crop Protection Services, held the Annual Haz-Mat Training Class here at our District for our employees and the employees from Charlotte County on February 1st. Spray Applicators and Technicians need this safety training each year.



The Dodd Short Courses were held on Jan. 28th through Feb. 1st in Ocala, FL. In attendance for various classes were: Director Gale, Shelly Redovan, Angel Monges, Eddie Balletta and Nathin Sousa — Katie Heggemeier taught an identification class about mosquitoes and Susan Merris held a class on benefits in the work place.