

## **Teamwork - Shawn Hargis Rhodes and Fred Koehle**

- A. Pool program
  - 1. Code enforcement
    - a) Initial complaint
    - b) Deal with whole issue in abandoned pool property
    - c) Call other agencies to site as needed
  - 2. Mosquito control
    - a) Sometimes find pools by complaints
    - b) Call code enforcement
- B. International property maintenance code
  - 1. Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs
  - 2. Code enforcement deals with a variety of things
    - a) Rubbish, trash, debris
    - b) Poorly maintained structures
    - c) Dilapidated structures with bad pools
    - d) Zoning violations
    - e) "My neighbor won't cut his grass"
    - f) Swimming pool complaints/stagnant water
- C. Need to find people to work with in all agencies with involvement in these problems
- D. Starting the program
  - 1. Get other agencies on board
  - 2. Know the people who will be doing the work
    - a) Contractors
    - b) Inspectors
    - c) Others
  - 3. Get the judicial system involved
- E. The process
  - 1. Government employees must answer to some sort of board
  - 2. Board answers to an elected official
  - 3. Phone calls from citizens to the elected official usually gets the process started
- F. Partnership
  - 1. Work cases together
  - 2. Share photos, inspection notes, evidence, and any other information of case files
  - 3. Go to court together
  - 4. Close working relationships lead to results - Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much (Helen Keller)
- G. Bottom line
  - 1. Find the doers in every department
  - 2. Remember, it is a give and take relationship