

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 8, 2022

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on February 8, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, and Kim Bragg.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He encouraged attendance to Dr. Suiter's workshops and webinars. The schedule is posted on the Department of Entomology's website. He spoke about an inquiry that he had received regarding in-house pest control for schools and day cares.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. February is Pesticide Safety Awareness Month. He announced that Ms. LeAnna Merritt will act as interim field supervisor until the position gets filled. Upcoming national regulatory meetings include AAPCO to meet virtually in March and ASPCRO's in-person meeting will be held in April.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. New inspector, Sadiyyah Hollins, was introduced. SPD currently has 3 vacancies to fill, interviews are underway. Mr. Taylor discussed the program's corrective action process. When a company receives a corrective action notification from the department, the company has 30 days to make the corrections and sign and return the form. If the corrections are not made and the form is not returned, then a late notice will be issued. These cases without a response will be considered for administrative action which will include a monetary penalty.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Authorized Submitter training will be provided on February 16 at 10am. If interested in attending, email Ali by Friday at latest. Online license profiles are now reflecting expired licenses in red.
- I. Mrs. Nan Collier provided the outreach report. SPD staff will be presenting at the UGA workshops in Griffin. Ms. Jessica Gay and Ms. LeAnna Merritt presented at the bed bug workshop last week. The Commercial IPM Workshop will be February 17. The Termite Workshops will be March 10-11 and 24-25.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner shared the License Report (see Attachment 3). She discussed data collected since 2003 that includes licenses by type, categories, exams, growth, and continuing education.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on Rule 620-9 Honeybee Control and Removal. Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Ali Ikner, and Tim Taylor are just a few that are in the workgroup. Work continues with drafting the manual and on the rule implementation process. The draft

manual will be shared with the Commission when ready to review. The first workshop is planned for May.

- L. The Commission discussed the 3-day right to cancel disclosure for pest control contracts and reviewed the draft guidance document. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve Notice 22-01 FBPA Compliance. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. The Commission discussed the Business Naming Policy and a possible revision to address some concerns with the current policy. Mr. Gorecki asked the commission members to submit recommendations, if any, to discuss at the next meeting.
- N. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the spray foam insulation code amendment. Articles are being published in national pest management and entomology publications.
- O. The Commission discussed having a Spring meeting in person at the GDA Tifton Lab. A date will be announced.
- P. Ms. Shalamar Parham provided the legislative update. She introduced herself as the senior policy analyst with GeorgiaLink. They are monitoring bills as they are introduced. Tomorrow is Pest Control Day at the Georgia Capitol.
- Q. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. The legislative pest control day at the US Capitol will be mid-March. He spoke about proposed legislation regarding pre-emption and rodenticides. He will follow up with other states to see what they have in place for pest control in schools and day cares.
- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment 1 | Agenda |
| Attachment 2 | New Company Licenses |
| Attachment 3 | License Report |

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
 - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Licensing Report 2003-Present
- e. Rule 620-9 Update
- f. Contract Rules & FBPA – draft guidance
- g. Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy
- h. Spray Foam Insulation
- i. Spring Meeting in Tifton
- j. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- k. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- l. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- D A Pest Solutions – Brunswick
- Battle Ready Exterminators – McDonough
- Charlie O's Services LLC – Thomson
- King Green IPM – Canton
- Peak Pest Control – Hixon, TN
- All-Out Pest Control LLC (re-apply) – Carrollton

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Terminix International LP – Rockdale County (insurance)
- ProSouth Pest & Wildlife LLC – Jackson County (insurance)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Armor Pest Defense, LLC (100664) to AimVo, LLC

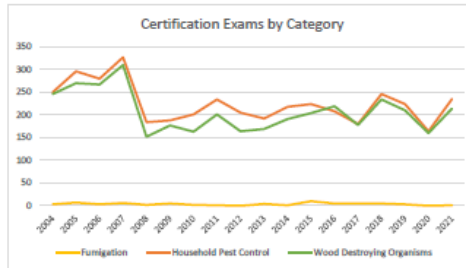
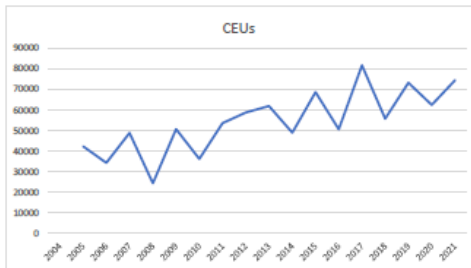
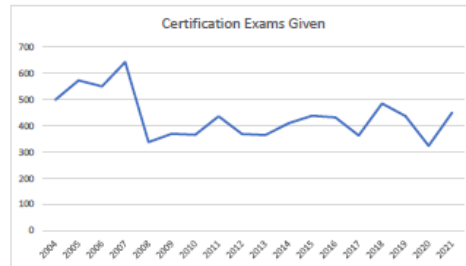
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Structural Pest Division Exams and Continuing Education

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Employee Registration | 2678 | 3162 | 3348 | 2867 | 2428 | 1718 | 2005 | 1992 | 2065 | 2358 | 2786 | 2754 | 2883 | 3088 | 3132 | 3664 | 2035 | 4484 |
| Certified Operator | | | | | 222 | 248 | 242 | 280 | 232 | 243 | 265 | 288 | 289 | 238 | 307 | 308 | 213 | 313 |
| Fumigation | 3 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Household Pest Control | 250 | 296 | 280 | 327 | 184 | 188 | 201 | 234 | 205 | 192 | 218 | 224 | 208 | 180 | 246 | 224 | 164 | 235 |
| Wood Destroying Organisms | 246 | 270 | 267 | 310 | 152 | 177 | 165 | 201 | 164 | 169 | 191 | 204 | 219 | 178 | 234 | 210 | 160 | 214 |
| Total | 499 | 573 | 550 | 643 | 338 | 370 | 366 | 436 | 369 | 365 | 410 | 438 | 432 | 363 | 485 | 437 | 324 | 450 |
| Continuing Education Units | | 42323 | 34276 | 48861 | 24891 | 50752 | 36232 | 53671 | 58837 | 62019 | 48977 | 68725 | 50687 | 81834 | 55805 | 73297 | 62506 | 74518 |

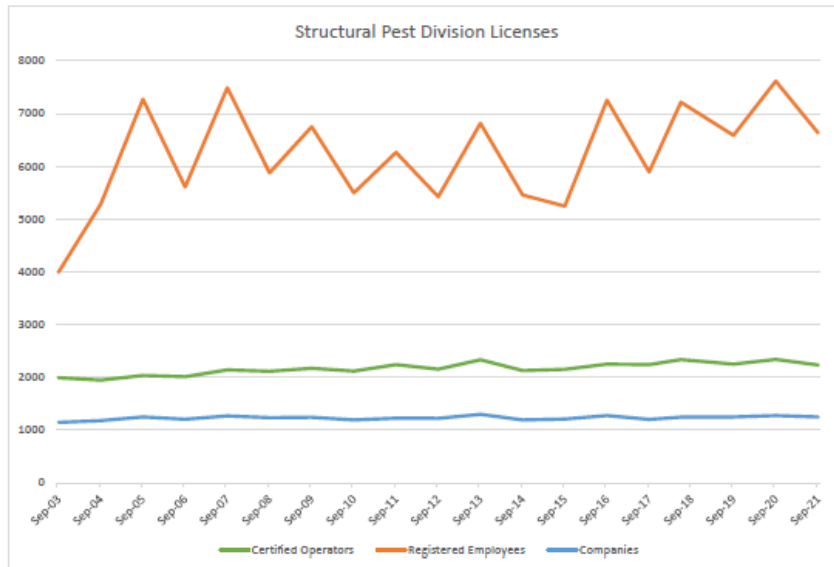


Note: The COVID-19 Pandemic impacted testing center availability in 2020. Temporary Technician Registrations were available without taking the exam March 2020 through September 2020 to accommodate the reduction in testing locations.



Structural Pest Division Licenses

| | Sep-03 | Sep-04 | Sep-05 | Sep-06 | Sep-07 | Sep-08 | Sep-09 | Sep-10 | Sep-11 | Sep-12 | Sep-13 | Sep-14 | Sep-15 | Sep-16 | Sep-17 | Jun-18 | Sep-19 | Sep-20 | Sep-21 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Certified Operators | 1990 | 1945 | 2034 | 2011 | 2141 | 2114 | 2170 | 2117 | 2239 | 2152 | 2332 | 2126 | 2151 | 2250 | 2240 | 2336 | 2247 | 2339 | 2232 |
| Registered Employees | 3996 | 5284 | 7270 | 5608 | 7489 | 5876 | 6748 | 5494 | 6261 | 5422 | 6815 | 5454 | 5244 | 7252 | 5892 | 7214 | 6587 | 7614 | 6631 |
| Companies | 1145 | 1179 | 1247 | 1203 | 1266 | 1234 | 1239 | 1190 | 1224 | 1221 | 1298 | 1191 | 1207 | 1274 | 1201 | 1245 | 1247 | 1275 | 1247 |



Max
Min

Growth from 2003 to 2021
 Certified Operators 12%
 Registered Employees 66%
 Companies 9%

Note: Data is reported annually in September of each year, except in 2018, when data was reported in June instead