

Environmental Health Monthly Report for March 2016 Submitted by Stephanie Zmuda, RS

Food Safety

Galion City Health Department sponsored a ServSafe Food Protection Manager (Level 2) certification course on March 30 and 31. I partnered with Chef Sheila Hamm of Tri-Rivers Career Center in Marion to bring the course to Galion. The course meets the Level 2 certification requirement for at least one person per facility that begins March 1, 2017. I was a student in addition to being a sponsor, and earned my certification as well.

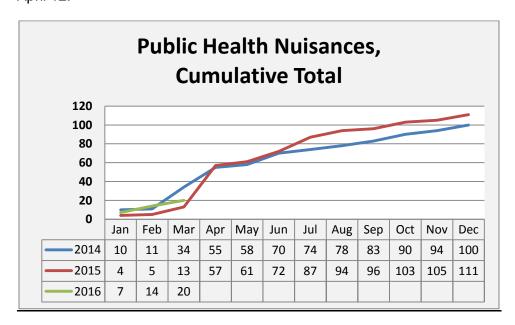
License renewal for 2016-17 was a challenge. Food service operation (FSO) and retail food establishment (RFE) licenses expire on March 1. Renewals must be received or at least postmarked by March 1 to avoid the 25% penalty fee required in Chapter 3717 of the Revised Code. More operators renewed late (7 FSOs, 2 RFEs) and the degree of lateness (last non-seasonal renewal issued March 16) was greater than in recent years. A total of \$892.99 in mandatory penalty fees was received. Consideration will be given to process improvements for next year in order to eliminate late renewals.

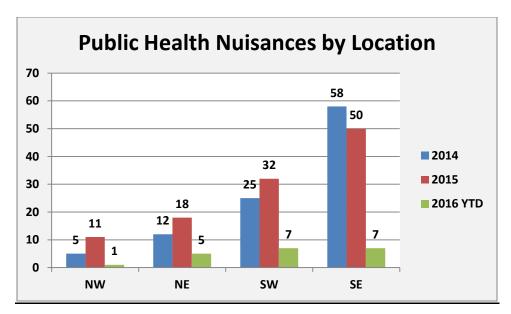
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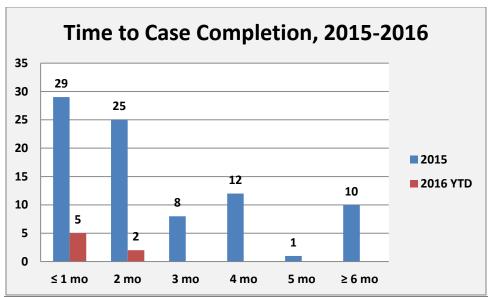
Lara Becker of Ohio Department of Health conducted a personnel needs assessment of the Environmental Health division on March 29. We also hosted 2 of Lara's ODH colleagues so she could train them in the assessment process. The written report will be available within 30 days.

Public Health Nuisances

Six new solid waste nuisance complaints were reported in March. One ongoing solid waste case went to pre-trial on March 15 in Crawford County Municipal Court. Sentencing has been set for April 12.







Tattoo & Body Piercing

City Council voted to repeal Chapter 769 relating to tattooing establishments, upon a third reading on April 5. This will allow the comprehensive, up-to-date state law and rules Chapter 3730 of the Revised Code and 3701-9 of the Administrative Code. This action of Council will streamline oversight and enforcement in the program should we ever have licensed facilities.

Respectfully submitted, Styphania Imade ns