



## **TDLR FLASH** - Newsletter of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Program

### **Welcome to the TDLR FLASH**

This is the first edition of our newsletter that is intended to keep city officials and electricians throughout Texas informed of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act and the associated requirements. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) offers building officials, electrical contractors, and electricians support, makes them aware of agency activities, and keeps them abreast of any state law or rule changes which may be of interest and could possibly affect the way the agency conducts its daily business. To receive news and updates on any of the programs TDLR administers, you may sign up for TDLR's free email subscription service at: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/newsletters/TDLRnotificationLists.asp>.

### **Questionnaires for Local Electrical Requirements**

A while back, TDLR sent municipal building officials a survey questionnaire to collect information concerning changes/updates to the various local electrical licensing requirements. The information collection is on-going and TDLR has not yet heard from all jurisdictions. If you have not already provided the agency with your local electrical licensing requirements, or if you wish to change or update the information about your city, you may go to TDLR's website, download the questionnaire, and fax it to (512) 463-2417. You can also email the form to: [jerry.daniel@license.state.tx.us](mailto:jerry.daniel@license.state.tx.us)

### **ESLA Board met in June and will meet again in September**

TDLR's Electrical Safety and Licensing Advisory (ESLA) Board met on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. The ESLA Board meeting is archived and an audio file of the meeting is available via RealPlayer at: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/electricians/elecmeet.htm> • The board was informed that TDLR's General Counsel is continuing work with the electrical licensing board in Arkansas to develop a reciprocal agreement on electrician licensing between the two states. Additionally, Assistant General Counsel Jeff Hill attended the annual meeting of a multi-state electrical licensing consortium to further Texas' chances of joining the consortium. This could result in electrical licensing reciprocity with more than a dozen Western and Northern states.

### **Compliance Division – Electrical Program**

Electrical Occupations & Code Specialist Jerry Daniel coordinated with Enforcement Division staff to provide technical support for electrical and air conditioning stings in Houston and Mesquite. The Mesquite sting was covered by WFAA news in Dallas and aired in three parts at 10:00 PM on May 23, 24 & 25, 2006. The video is available for viewing via a link from on our website at: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/press.htm#video> • Jerry Daniel has completed his comparison research on all state electrical programs in the U.S., so that experience under a master could be assessed for electrical applicants who have earned experience outside of Texas. • Building & Mechanical Section Manager David Gonzales and Jerry Daniel attended the Building Professional Institute (BPI) Conference in Arlington, TX. from May 22nd – 26th • Michael Rodriguez, chief investigator for the State Fire Marshal's Office, and Jerry Daniel worked together on an electrical inspection of an indoor retail fireworks stand in Seguin, TX on June 16th. The stand was cited for several electrical code violations. • Jerry Daniel, along with director of compliance George Ferrie and lead investigator Jeff Rinard made a presentation at a meeting of the Texas State Association of Electrical Workers(TSAEW) on June 24<sup>th</sup>. An overview and update of the electrical program was provided.

### **Additional Contact Information:**

For general questions about the electrical program you may contact TDLR at (512) 463-6599 or toll-free (in Texas) (800) 803-9202. For the hearing impaired, Relay Texas - TDD is available at (800) 735-2989. You can also email the agency at the addresses referenced below:

For Questions About the Statewide Licensure of Electricians: [electricians@license.state.tx.us](mailto:electricians@license.state.tx.us)

For Questions About Continuing Education: [education@license.state.tx.us](mailto:education@license.state.tx.us)

For Questions About Examinations: [examinations@license.state.tx.us](mailto:examinations@license.state.tx.us)

For Questions About Enforcement: [enforcement@license.state.tx.us](mailto:enforcement@license.state.tx.us)

To File a Complaint or Report a Violation go to: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/Complaints/>

### **Closing the Circuit**

Your input/participation is critical! If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or observations, please contact us – we want to hear from you. You may reach Jerry Daniel at (512) 475-0538 or e-mail him at: [jerry.daniel@license.state.tx.us](mailto:jerry.daniel@license.state.tx.us)

 **Did You Know...?** TDLR Commission and Advisory Board meetings are broadcast live via RealAudio and the broadcasts also are archived on the TDLR website. You can access this information and more by visiting the TDLR website at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/agendas.htm>