



Protection Team News



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LINES OF PROTECTION

DEAR FRIENDS,

It's hard to believe that we have already had the first hurricane of 2014. The really good news is that the residents of Florida didn't have any damage from Hurricane Arthur. It appears that most affected areas survived really well, except for some flooding and downed power lines. I certainly hope that all of you took full advantage of the hurricane tax-free days last month and stocked up on all your supplies - just in case!!!!

While on the topic of weather-related claims, I recently read that in 2013 lightning claims were down 31%. Despite this decrease, insurance companies still paid out over \$673 million in lightning claims in the United States last year to over 100,000 policyholders, according to the Insurance Information Institute. During the period of 2010-2012, insurance companies paid approximately \$1 billion per year, on average, to policyholders. Those are some really big numbers just from lightning claims. The most shocking part of this report is that Florida did NOT make the Top 10 list of states for lightning claims. Can you guess the #1 state? Answer is at the bottom.

This month marks the halfway point of our summer, not on the calendar, but in terms of school. It's hard to believe that in just over one month, school will be back in session. Hopefully, each of you is enjoying this time and getting away for a family vacation before the hustle and bustle of life kicks back into high gear. I know my girls are gearing up for their annual trek to South Carolina for two weeks of fun with Nana and Papa! When they return, it will be time for a reality check for ALL of us. High School!!!!!!!

July also means the Major League Baseball All-Star game. The Rays could only muster the obligatory one player from each team. Our team representative will be David Price, a good choice and possibly one of the last times we could see him in a Ray's uniform, if all the rumors are true. Only time will tell... The Rays have finally started to play like the team we expected, and it is fun to watch again. Let's just hope they can dig themselves out of this giant hole and make a run at the playoffs.

Until next month,
Darren

Answer: Georgia



Ainsley & Noelle celebrating the 4th with George Washington and Betsy Ross!

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...And More!



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Donate Blood, Save Lives

Personal Lines agent John O'Brien was recently coming out of church with his family and stopped in to the Big Red Bus for a blood donation. John tries to donate as often as he can. Not only does his donation produce a universal blood type, but he has what is sometimes called "Babies' Blood". Most adults at some point in their life are exposed to the Cytomegalovirus, or CMV. Only about 11% of the donors test negative for CMV, so John's universal, CMV negative blood is sent off for pediatric transfusion.



John O'Brien pictured donating blood.

On this particular day, they took a double batch through a process called Automation. They keep the compacted red blood cells and return the plasma and platelets back to the donor by using a machine called Alyx! The machine separates the components, keeping the red cells and returning the rest with an added sterile saline solution to make up for volume. To the donor's delight... through a smaller needle than whole blood donation!

Did you know that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood? More than 41,000 blood donations are needed daily? The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O?

While the free gift cards and t-shirts are great, it's nice to know that your gift saves lives! Donate to save lives. One day, it may be the life of a family member or yourself that you save!

For more information please visit: <http://www.thebloodcenter.org/donor/AlyxFacts.aspx>



Funny Insurance Claims

You can't make up this stuff!

Check out these hilarious stories.



- A woman was driving down a country road and, according to her, a cow fell on top of her car. Strangely enough, there were no cliffs anywhere for it to fall from. When she called her insurance company, she happened to speak with Max, who was known for his odd sense of humor. When she relayed her story to him, Max told her, with a straight face, that bovine suicide was not covered on her policy, but if she could prove that the cow accidentally fell on her car, her claim would be considered!
- In San Diego, CA, a 2 year old Labrador retriever jumped over a balcony wall, falling 20 feet, and landing on the roof of a car. The roof of the car was dented, and luckily the dog survived with minimal injury.

words to live by...

"Let every Nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."

- John F. Kennedy



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Ken Gillespie is June's Gas Card Winner! Congrats Ken!



Q: What's red, white, blue, and green?

A: A patriotic turtle!

HA!
HA!
HA!

Q: Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?

A: Yeah, it cracked me up!

Q: What did one flag say to the other?

A: Nothing, it just waved!

Q: What dance was very popular in 1776?

A: Indepen-dance!