



## **Certified Pest Control Operators Association of Georgia**

**“Promoting Professionalism for the Pest Control Industry”**

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### **Why should I be a Member of CPCO of Georgia?**

#### **\*Resource for certification questions and rules and regulations questions.**

CPCO contacts the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) and/or the Regulatory Commission to ask questions on behalf of the members as requested. We encourage PMPs to develop a healthy working relationship with the GDA.

#### **\*Representation at the Department of Agriculture’s Regulatory Commission meeting.**

We will forward all pertinent information to you as a member regarding any directives or changes that are announced at these monthly meetings. We meet quarterly with the Director of the Structural Pest Division and biannually with the Commission of the Department of Agriculture to strengthen legislative partnership and provide opportunity for personalized communication.

#### **\*Training courses offered state-wide at a free or minimal cost.**

Our District Advisors are put in place throughout the State to be a point person in your area to organize training towards re-certification for all Certified Operators and Registered Technicians. The cost of these trainings will be free or a minimal cost to members. Other operators/technicians are welcome to attend at the non-member fee. Webinar classes offered monthly; business development classes, Women’s Lunch & Learn events, a webinar style Certified Operator Exam Prep course-STEP UP, and CBT courses available on the website All at a minimal cost for members. Refer to [CPCOofGA.com](http://CPCOofGA.com) for updates.

#### **\*Annual Fall Conference and Seminar Training**

Savannah Spring Seminar held in April includes 6 hours of training and lunch with excellent speakers. In the Fall, members are offered a 2-day annual training conference. This training offers 11 CEUs each year that includes well known speakers and access to many exhibitors in a conference style setting including breakfast and lunch for all participants.

#### **\*Resources**

CPCO continues to sell Forms (including the Official Waiver, Official WIIR, Graphs, Lawn Caution signs, Multi-Purpose and Commercial Service Tickets) that have been reviewed by the Department. Other resources are made available as needed.

#### **\*Publication Subscription**

Members receive 10 annual issues of *PCO Pro* publication which highlights information geared towards the pest control industry, a synopsis of the monthly Georgia Department of Ag Structural Commission meeting as well as, human interest articles about members statewide.

#### **\*American Income Life Insurance Company Plus Benefits**

Members are offered benefits at no cost that includes a \$3000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, discounts of up to 60% on prescriptions, hearing care, vision care and chiropractic care. Go to [mybenefits.ailife.com](http://mybenefits.ailife.com) and enter: sgmnj

#### **\*Membership Discounts**

CPCO of GA creates partnership opportunities with industry related businesses that offer special discounts for members. Currently, members with a Business Tax ID, can receive fleet discounts at **Nissan Business Certified Dealerships**, membership options for **Excel Federal Credit Union** and discount with **LinxUp** GPS tracking systems.

#### **\*Membership Directory**

You are not in this alone! CPCO members are listed on our website with company name according to County. This directory is a resource to encourage communication and networking with other peers in the industry. Also, a list of Allied Members is included on the website with links to their websites. [CPCOofGA.com](http://CPCOofGA.com)

#### **\*\* Opportunities of Service \*\***

CPCO has adopted **P.E.S.T. Relief International** as their designated charity. This organization’s goal is to bring comfort and relief to those in need. CPCO offers joint efforts with PEST Relief to provide training/workdays and service opportunities. You can be a **CPCO P.E.S.T Relief Responder** and use your time and talent by giving to others. View more information at [pestreliefinternational.org](http://pestreliefinternational.org)