

Weekly Newsletter

Greetings!

Steve Toohey of Mr. Rapid's and his team on their seventh Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Steve Toohey of Mr. Rapid / Water Out in Canton, Ohio and his team have just completed their seventh *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* assignment in Erie, Pennsylvania on June 29, 2009. Steve Toohey reports: "Maleno Development / Builders from Erie were the host general contractors who provided a beautiful home to the Clara Ward Family (see details at www.malenodevelopment.com) . The house is a great fit for the neighborhood and the new improved home will allow Clara Ward the chance to assist children who are also wheelchair bound. We set up two Water Out trailers and provided drying of the drywall mud. The finishing was a challenge with limited space for both the trailers and gaining access to the interior of the home. With a little creative thinking we hung the hoses above the driveway and yard. This allowed the cement and landscaping work to continue without interruption. It was a lot of work in a 16 hour time period, so I was grateful to have the assistance of my brothers, Denny and Lance Wilcox. If any Water Out member has the opportunity to provide their services for an Extreme Home Makeover, it is work, but well worth the enjoyment and the knowledge that you are giving back to another in need.

Water Out attends the Conference in New Orleans

Kelly Cressy of Water Out Drying Corp reports on Conference in New Orleans. Kelly's report: "Thank you to everyone who attended my session, "After the Disaster- Incompetence and Fraud in the Restoration Industry", at the recent National Disaster Reconstruction Conference in New Orleans. This was the first NDR Conference and I was thrilled to be part of the experience. There was a mix of restoration, emergency management personnel, government agencies and insurance professionals. The conference was organized by Jimmy Mouton of Imago Productions. The turnout was around 750, not bad for the first year.

The goal of the conference was to provide a forum for Disaster Professionals to work together before tragedy strikes; to offer an opportunity for Disaster Professionals to learn more about each other, how they affect each other, how they can rely on each other, and how they can work together to ensure loss of life and property resulting from the next catastrophic event are minimized.

I spoke with many exhibitors, presenters and attendees. Of course, everyone would like to see the numbers grow next year; I don't doubt they will. I did hear unanimously the presentations were great. The content was new to most of the attendees and with the small groups the give and take between the presenters and audience was fantastic.

I would also like to thank Jimmy for organizing the great event at Lucy's. I am looking forward to next year."

Ozark Water Out welcomes their newest member

Randy Owsley sent in a photo of their newest family member. He is the proud grandfather of his fifth grandchild. Ozark Water Out in Joplin, MO welcomes their newest addition: Lillian Grace Brown, 8 lbs 10oz born to Meegan and Steve Brown on June 8th, 2009.

Welcome home, Lillian and congratulations to the Browns.

" These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

- Thomas Paine 1776

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Photos Above: Steve Toohey and his brothers Danny and Lance Wilcox on the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* project in Erie, PA



Welcome home Lillian Grace Brown