

# In the Spotlight

## We want to showcase our wonderful women of the Florida Mosquito Control Association.

To start us off, please meet Andrea Leal.

Andrea is the Executive Director of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District. We asked Andrea if she would do us the honor of being our first **In the**

**Spotlight** participant and answer a few questions for us, and guess what? She buzzed us right back.

Here's what you need to know about Andrea Leal:

When we asked Andrea what she loved the most about her industry, she told us she loves the ever-advancing technology and the camaraderie of the professionals working together to protect the public.

Throughout her career, Ed Fussell was a huge inspiration. She feels his advancement of both their district and in public health was instrumental.

She defines success by coming up with a viable solution to a problem, no matter how small.

When we asked Andrea what advice she would give to someone who wants to enter her field, she told us to don't be afraid to think outside the box.

You may not know, but Andrea played basketball and was team captain at the University of Tampa. Or that audiobooks are the best way to travel up and down the Keys. Andrea is currently listening to *Blackout* by Erin Flanagan.

We asked Andrea what her first concert was and she admitted it was Debbie Gibson and New Kids on the Block. Not just that... she had the lunchbox too!

Andrea's favorite hobbies are boating, fishing and walking her dogs. Although she did recently find out that shaving dogs is not her forte!

Andrea would like to visit Colorado and cannot live without her HR Director.

Thank you, Andrea for taking the time to share with us!



Do you know someone that should be **In the Spotlight**? Let us know and we'll be happy to interview and showcase them.