

ICC Chapter Leader



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NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTERS

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1, 2005. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS THIS YEAR AND FOR ALL BENEFITS IN THE COMING YEAR, please do not fail to meet this important requirement of your chapter policy. The ICC board allowed a grace period since 2002 in order to acclimate chapters to this requirement that is now being enforced.

IF YOUR CHAPTER WANTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO:

- compete for 2005 Chapter of the Year,
- receive a complimentary registration for YOUR president to attend this year's annual conference,
- receive a chapter education benefit in 2006, and
- carry over a 2005 chapter education benefit to 2006...

YOUR CHAPTER MUST HAVE A 2005 ANNUAL REPORT ON FILE WITH THE CHAPTER DEPARTMENT IN THE OHIO FIELD OFFICE BY JUNE 1, 2005. Chapter officers may submit a 2005 annual report electronically any time before June 1 of each year. Information and material are available on the chapter page of ICC's website at www.iccsafe.org/membership/chapters. In addition, forms will be mailed in March to each chapter president and secretary of record.

TBOA Issues Challenge to Chapters

The **Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA)** is the first chapter to make a donation to the International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) Tsunami Relief Fund. ICCF is collecting donations to aid victims of the tsunami disaster. TBOA and ICC would like to issue a challenge to all chapters to join members of the International Code Council and other construction industry professionals in providing the funds that are desperately needed to assist those whose lives have been devastated by this terrible disaster. Donations may be made online by visiting our website at www.iccsafe.org or through the mail. Make checks payable to ICCF Tsunami Relief and mail to ICCF, Attention: Accounts Receivable, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795. Please be sure to indicate your chapter name.



The Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA) recently made a donation to the ICCF Tsunami Relief Fund and has challenged other ICC Chapters to do the same. Pictured above are ICC Board of Directors and TBOA member Terry Cobb (left) and TBOA Treasurer Rick Shepherd.

Are you ready for Building Safety Week?

Now is the time to begin planning Building Safety Week 2005 activities for your Chapter and your community. This year's theme is "Making Homes, Schools and Workplaces Safer Together."

Please note that Building Safety Week 2005 will be observed May 8-14. Several factors led to the change from the traditional date of the second week in April, including inclement weather in early spring, conflicts with Congressional schedules and religious holidays.

Your Chapter can promote building safety in numerous ways in your area:

- Put up a Building Safety Week 2005 poster at your Chapter office, hand out posters to your member building departments, and distribute posters to your local hardware stores and home centers.
- Set up a booth at an area mall, home center or local fair to promote home safety. Staff it with code enforcement officials available to answer questions. Hand out building permit forms, information on local building requirements, and building safety brochures.
- Organize an "Ask the code official" question and answer session with the local radio station or schedule an interview with the home editor of the newspaper.
- Write a letter to the editor of the local paper discussing the important role code enforcement professionals play in protecting lives and property.
- Submit a proclamation to your local and state government proclaiming May 8-14 Building Safety Week 2005.
- Send a news release to area papers promoting Chapter activities to celebrate Building Safety Week.
- Visit with area grade schools to talk about building safety and what code officials do to make homes, schools and workplaces safer. Distribute activity books, pencils and stickers.

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Harley-Davidson Raffle to Benefit Scholarship Fund

Join us in Detroit, Michigan, at the ICC Annual Conference for the First Annual Bob Fowler Motorcycle Ride and Raffle to fund the AIA-ICC Bob Fowler Memorial Scholarship Fund (BFMSF). Bob, considered by many to be the "Father of ICC," was an avid motorcyclist, so the BFMSF Board of Directors will be raffling off a 2005 Harley-Davidson Dyna Low Rider at the ICC annual conference in his honor. The motorcycle ride in Detroit will feature replicas of motorcycles from the movie Easy Rider. For a donation, you may have your picture taken with one of the Easy Rider Motorcycles, and purchase t-shirts and pins.



ICC Chapters are being recruited to assist with the sale of raffle tickets to their members. A complete raffle ticket package from the BFMSF was mailed to all chapter presidents in January. The BFMSF Board of Directors consists of ICC Board Members Gerry George, Steve Shapiro and Adolf Zubia as well as Paul Heilstedt, Jim Sealy, and Dave Collins.

The National Multi Housing Council and the National Apartment Association have made substantial contributions to the fund to help pay for the purchase of the motorcycle. Contributors are still being sought. Sponsors of \$500 or more will be included in a list of Supporting Sponsors. Contributors of \$1,000 or more will be listed in promotional materials. Raffle tickets may be purchased by mail: Bob Fowler Memorial Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 22561, Washington, D.C. 20033-3561. For more information, contact Ron Nickson, Raffle Coordinator, at (202) 974-2327.

Region V holds Mock Code Hearing

The first regional activity sponsored by ICC Midwest Region V was a mock code hearing held on January 11 in Rossford, Ohio, a central location in the region. The purpose of the training was to educate and to encourage chapter members to participate in the upcoming ICC Codes Forum in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mark Stimac, Building Official for the City of Troy, Michigan, presented the fundamentals of the ICC code development process followed by Wayne Jewell, C.B.O., City of Southfield, Michigan, who conducted the mock code hearing. The Region V board and committee members played the roles of the code committee, code officials and industry representatives, proponents and opponents of hypothetical code changes.

Jewell, who has years of experience in code hearings and playing the role of model code moderator in real life, shared a number of interesting stories and helpful advice to help put "first-timers" at ease. "Giving of your knowledge and experience as a code official through the ICC code development process is one of the



Pictured in the front of the room (left to right) are "Moderator" Wayne Jewell, "Committee Chairman" Steve Regoli, "Opponent" Mark Stimac and "Proponent" Don Le Brun.

most valuable gifts you can give to this organization," Jewell said.

Region V, which represents all chapters in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, will be playing another prominent role this spring when the ICC Code Development Hearings take place in Cincinnati and the annual conference comes to Detroit, Michigan. Look for the announcement of activities to be sponsored by Region V in coming months. Information and activities from all regions may be found on the Region V bulletin board accessible via the following link: www.iccsafe.org/membership/chapters/regions.

Win complimentary hotel accommodations for 2005 ICC Annual Conference

As part of the 2004-2005 Member-Get-A-Member program, all International Code Council chapters have the opportunity to win a three-night hotel stay at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center for the 2005 ICC Annual Conference (September 25-October 2 in Detroit, Michigan). Each ICC chapter that recruits 10 or more chapter members to join ICC will have its name entered into the drawing and three chapters will win! One hotel reservation will be awarded to each winning chapter. Winning chapters may choose which member of their chapter receives the complimentary hotel stay. In addition to the ICC chapter drawing, any ICC member may participate and win additional exciting prizes in the general 2004-2005 Member-Get-A-Member program, including a getaway vacation to San Francisco. Contest ends March 1, 2005. For more information and to participate, visit www.iccsafe.org/getaway.

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The International Code Council Foundation, the sponsor of Building Safety Week 2005, has created a new mascot to promote building safety to children. Cody the Cougar and the Building Safety Team are featured in a new activity book to help kids learn about building safety.

Do not forget to take photos and tell the International Code Council about your Chapter events. We love to hear about Building Safety Week Chapter activities and will print them in the Building Safety Journal. Also, let us know about your proclamations. ICC posts a list of state and local proclamations on the Web site.

For information about Building Safety Week 2005, to download sample letters, news releases and proclamations, and to order materials, visit www.iccsafe.org/BSW.

Silent Auction

ICC will again sponsor a silent auction at this year's annual conference in Detroit to benefit a local charity. Look for more information in the April/May issue of Chapter Leader.

2005 ICC Code Forum

Code development hearings on the International Codes®, an education program for building safety and fire prevention professionals, and an expo will be featured at the 2005 International Code Council Codes Forum, set for February 21-March 4 at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. The code development hearings lead to the 2006 editions of the International Codes. The 2005 ICC Codes Forum Education Program's "Code Boot Camp" offers a selection of four full-day technical sessions that provide an overview of the critical concepts of the 2003 International Building Code®, the 2003 International Fire Code®, the 2003 International Plumbing Code®, and the 2003 International Mechanical Code®. The International Code Council Expo showcases the latest building and construction technologies and products offered by manufacturers, trade associations and related companies exhibiting at the event. For more information and to register, visit www.iccsafe.org/codesforum.

Regions meeting space will be available during the Codes Forum and Expo in Cincinnati. Look for the room location and meeting scheduling information in the registration area.

Becky Baker Receives Denver Metro BOMA Presidents Award

Jurisdictions throughout Colorado have adopted I-Codes, in part, as the result of a broad-based coalition dedicated to public safety that represents the building industry including architects, engineers, building owners and managers, contractors, roofers, realtors, people with disabilities, higher education and government.

Denver Metro BOMA presented Becky Baker the award for her role in the Chapter's efforts in I-Code adoptions across Colorado. Baker is a past president of the **Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council** and is Director of Building Safety for Jefferson County, Colorado. She is an honorary member of ICC, a member of the advisory council for the ICC Foundation, and was recently appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Provisions in the I-Codes. Becky also served on the board of directors of ICBO.

"Denver Metro Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) is a great organization," Baker stated when she accepted the award. "In the advocacy arena they are real leaders."



Left to right: Norm Ullemeyer, President, Denver Metro BOMA ; Jeannie Bernard, BOMA Executive Vice President; Becky Baker, award recipient; Judy Purviance-Anderson, BOMA President-Elect; and David Bernard

2005 Property Maintenance and Housing Institute

The 2005 Property Maintenance and Housing Institute, co-sponsored with the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE), will be held on May 19-20, 2005, in Chicago. The Institute offers housing inspectors, code officials and building department administrators a unique opportunity to exchange up-to-date information about issues of mutual interest and increase their knowledge, skills and abilities in protecting the public health, safety and welfare relating to the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises.

The Property Maintenance and Housing Institute will provide a learning environment that encourages sharing of viewpoints, experience and code knowledge and networking among peers. Participants will discuss issues of major importance to their jurisdictions with industry experts and fellow code enforcement practitioners.

Attendees will learn strategies for effective program implementation, current techniques and trends in the property maintenance and housing code enforcement industry.

A highlight of this institute is the panel discussions. Each panel is made up of industry experts who deliver concise information on related topics. Following the presentations, a panel moderator will lead an audience question-and-answer session.

Registration cost is \$350 for ICC members and \$420 for nonmembers. Registration includes instructional materials, breakfast and lunch. Registrations will be taken up to the first day of the institute. There are no one-day registrations. Walk-ins will be accepted. Register on-line at www.iccsafe.org/training. For more information, call (800) 214-4321, extension 4329.

The Silent Defender Award

The International Code Council Foundation has initiated the Silent Defender Award Program. This award recognizes persons and organizations that perform an extraordinary act that demonstrates a commitment to the ICC Foundation's mission of building stronger, safer communities. If you know someone who made a difference in the lives of people by performing a selfless act of benevolence, has high ethical standards, and lends themselves to the dignity and credibility of their profession, then help give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate them for the Silent Defender Award. This award may be awarded to more than one person and is not limited to those in the building safety profession.

To nominate someone to be one of our Silent Defenders, tell us in 150 words or less the details of the nominee's act. Nominations will be accepted by e-mail, mail or fax. ICC will be accepting nominations until March 31, 2005.

- E-mail nominations: pmyers@iccsafe.org
- Mail nominations: Silent Defender Awards Program, Attention: Paul Myers, President, International Code Council Foundation, P.O. Box 11335, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211
- Fax nominations: (513) 574-2159

Winners will be announced during Building Safety Week 2005 at the ICC Foundation Annual Meeting.

The new look of ICC Training and Education

In order to better serve the regional needs of ICC constituents, the Training and Education Department has organized its seminars regionally based on local needs.

Specific regional training cities were selected based on training demand in the area, ease of access and cost of travel accommodations. I-Code seminars, along with a host of seminars on additional topics, are now scheduled from January through December 2005 within 12 regions spanning the U.S. and the world.

A catalog listing scheduled seminars under this new regionalized concept was sent to chapter officers in December. The catalog can also be found online at www.iccsafe.org/training/seminars. You will find this catalog easy to use with seminar listings organized by training cities, training blocks and by region.

Let us know what you think. Significant research was conducted in the development of the regional training approach. We will continue to refine and adapt regional training to meet specific needs. If you have questions or comments, please send an e-mail to regionaltrng@iccsafe.org.



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