International Code Council



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release Oct. 7, 2008 www.iccsafe.org Contact: Gretchen Hesbacher 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x6240

Be ready to respond when the next disaster strikes

The When Disaster Strikes Institute, October 28-29, in Birmingham, Ala., will help train building officials, building and residential inspectors, plans examiners, architects, engineers and others to identify hazards and evaluate sites in the aftermath of a disaster.

The International Code Council offers the training that will help millions of Americans whose property is damaged by hurricanes, floods, wildfires and earthquakes. The program teaches building safety professionals skills to become a Disaster Response Inspector and better prepare for future disasters. Participants will learn how to prepare for mobilization, conduct site inspections, estimate damage and identify buildings made uninhabitable by a catastrophic event.

Communities will benefit from the Institute by preparing their personnel to become part of a nationwide multi-hazard group of disaster response inspectors. Attendees will advance their professional skills and accrue continuing education units (CEUs) and learning units (LUs), which may fulfill licensing requirements in their state.

To register for the When Disaster Strikes Institute, visit www.iccsafe.org/training/institutes or call 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 33818. The registration fee, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$360 for Code Council members and \$450 for non-members. Registrants also receive instructional materials and continuing education credit.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.