

## International Code Council Government Relations Update February 2014

### Get Ready for the Committee Action Hearings in Memphis!

Join us in Memphis, Tennessee April 27 – May 4 to help ensure the 2015 International Green Construction Code provides the best in energy, water and cost efficiencies in sustainable construction. ICC Membership is not required and the hearings are free to attend. In addition, cdpACCESS will be live at the Committee Action Hearings. After the hearings, all ICC Members will be able to vote online on the Assembly Floor Motions made at the hearings. Following that online Assembly Floor Motion vote, cdpACCESS will be utilized to collaborate and submit Public Comments to the actions taken at the hearings. Those Public Comments will be posted on cdpACCESS around August 27<sup>th</sup>. In order to vote online, **ICC Members and Governmental Members must be current as of March 28, 2014.**

### Building Safety Month – May 2014

Founded by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month (BSM) is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May. Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and resilient structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

#### Theme

This year's theme is ***BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks***. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety.

#### Weekly Themes

Week One // May 5-11, 2014

**Code Officials: Keeping Fire in its Place**

Week Two // May 12-18, 2014

**Code Officials: Helping Homeowners Weather the Storm**

Week Three // May 19-25, 2014

**Code Officials: Surround Your House with Safety**

Week Four // May 26-31, 2014

**Code Officials: Building A Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow**

#### Proclamations

Building Safety Month has earned the highest recognition in the past three years with Presidential Proclamations as well as gubernatorial proclamations.

You can expand recognition for 2014 Building Safety Month with an official proclamation from your local, state and national leaders.

Download the 2014 Building Safety Month Proclamation in [Word](#) and [PDF](#).

Read more: [www.iccsafe.org/BSM](http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM)

### **ICC Call for Committees**

The International Code Council is seeking volunteers to serve on Code Committees, the Code Correlation Committee and Code Interpretation Committees for the 2015-2017 Code Development Cycle. Both new and veteran committee members must complete an application. Applications for committee service are due by June 2. Click here to apply for a committee: <http://www.iccsafe.org/CC/Pages/calls.aspx>

### **Call for 2014 Annual Conference Presentations**

The International Code Council Training and Education department is looking for presenters for education programs at the 2014 Annual Conference. The education program theme for this conference will be Accessibility. Click here for details: <http://www.iccsafe.org/Education/Pages/Call-Presentations.aspx?r=presentations>

### **When Disaster Strikes Institute Event March 12-13, 2014 in Dulles, VA**

Learn the critical elements and resources needed to assist communities after a natural disaster. Don't miss this two-day, interactive event with expert instructor Mike Rimoldi, who has more than 25 years of experience in the construction industry and is an ICC Certified Building Official, Certified Floodplain Manager and a disaster response inspector. If you are interested in attending please click on the following link for more information: [http://media.iccsafe.org/CG/14-09089\\_TE\\_2014\\_WDS\\_03/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/CG/14-09089_TE_2014_WDS_03/index.html).

### **ICC-ES Evaluation Report of the Month: PMG-1161**

February may be a short and cold month, but there's always Valentine's Day to look forward to! And what better way to heat up a romantic Valentine's Day than in a hot tub? But while you're in there, you don't want to worry about if the shell is up to code. That's why there's an Evaluation Report for that, showing that NESPA's spa shell meets the requirements of the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code – just another example of how ICC-ES keeps up with the latest codes and products: [http://www.icc-es.org/Reports/pdf\\_files/load\\_file.cfm?file\\_type=pdf&file\\_name=PMG-1161.pdf](http://www.icc-es.org/Reports/pdf_files/load_file.cfm?file_type=pdf&file_name=PMG-1161.pdf)

### **ICC Expands Services for Chapter Members to Support Attendance at Professional Events**

To support your participation in International Code Council and Chapter events, and to justify to your supervisor and elected officials the value to your community and public safety as a result of your attendance at ICC and Chapter events, we are providing a new service to all Chapter members.

ICC will write and send a letter to your employer, supervisor, elected official or other individuals who play a part in authorizing your attendance at the ICC Annual Conference and/or your participation in your local, state and/or regional Chapter(s), encouraging their support for your efforts. Simply take just a moment to provide us with some basic information. ICC will customize the letter with the information you provide and either send it directly to your chief administrative authority or to you so you can provide the letter.

Complete the form now so you may continue moving your career forward and providing public safety.

<http://www.iccsafe.org/Membership/Pages/SupportLetter.aspx>