

International Code Council Government Relations Update – September 2015

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2015 ICC Annual Conference Starts This Month!

It's here! The 2015 ICC Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings, September 27 - October 7 in Long Beach, California, is approaching quickly and it's time to register. Take advantage of the quick and easy registration process and receive your email confirmation the same day! Click here to get started: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/124399>

Check Out the GR Forum at the Annual Conference

This year's ICC Government Relations Forum features an all-star lineup of speakers and topics, with Columbia University professor Jesse Keenan discussing resilience in the built environment, a panel discussion on how to build effective coalitions, Mark Menzer of Danfoss giving an update on HVAC refrigerants, and the *tour de force* of the High School Technical Training Program himself, Jim Ellwood, providing the latest info on reaching the next generation of code officials. The full agenda is attached as a PDF, but don't miss a minute of it starting at **8 AM on Tuesday, September 29** in Room 201!

Quick Facts about the New Membership/Certification Wallet Cards

- You will no longer need to carry multiple cards because the new ICC card will be all you need to demonstrate your Membership and certifications.
- Each card will have a QR (quick response) code and website address that can be scanned or entered to reach your personal page.
- Your page will show current certifications held, along with expiration date, and the status of your ICC Membership.
- To personalize your new ICC wallet card, submit a photo by emailing walletcardphoto@iccsafe.org or going to verify.iccsafe.org and enter your certification or Member number, or email address, and upload a photo directly from your personal page.
- Wallet cards with submitted photos will be sent out first, so send in your photo as soon as possible to be one of the first to receive your new card.
- Every current ICC certification holder and/or ICC Member will receive a new wallet card; you do not have to request one.
- Cards will be sent in batches from April through the fall of 2015.
- For more information, contact Certification and Testing at certexam@iccsafe.org or at 1-888-422-7233, ext. 5524.

New FLASH Paper Calls for Building Code Innovation Post-Katrina

FLASH today released its latest commentary paper, *Disaster Resilience Rising Means the Time is Right*, offering bold recommendations to strengthen the U.S. building code system by putting innovative disaster resilience policies into place ahead of the next disaster. The commentary cites the pattern of disaster-impacted communities pledging to "Build Back Better", but missing out on pre-disaster

opportunities to embrace the most fundamental element of disaster resilience—updating, adopting, and enforcing strong building codes. Read the full commentary here:

<http://www.flash.org/disasterresiliencerising.pdf>

IBHS Analyzes Roofing Regulations Post-Katrina: 10 Years Later

During the decade since Hurricane Katrina, many things have changed along the Gulf Coast including enactment of stronger building codes, standards and requirements in a number of areas. The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) has examined changes specific to roofing requirements during the last ten years in these communities. IBHS researchers evaluated and analyzed several key aspects of roofing regulations, such as building codes, contractor licensing, permits and inspections. Click here to read the full report: <https://www.disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/IBHS-Katrina-Roofing-Study-2015.pdf>

Spots Still Left for the 1st Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing!

In celebration of the life and work of William Ronald “Ron” Burton, a renowned code expert who worked on many code-related projects for ICC, BOMA and NAHB, this 1st Annual Ron Burton Golf Outing is a fundraising effort developed by the Past Presiding Officers to develop training and resources for the next generation of code officials. It offers a great opportunity to get together with fellow code professionals during a shotgun start golf tournament to be held on Sept. 27, 2015, at the Recreation Park 18 Golf Course.

The tournament will be a shotgun-start on one of Long Beach’s best golf courses. The tourney will include a 50/50 drawing; prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin; a hole-in-one contest (with a chance to win a Mazda 6); and gifts for all participants. Transportation, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Click here for registration: http://media.iccsafe.org/2015_MarComm/15-10614_Long_Beach_Site/docs/15-11069_Sign-Up_Form.PDF

Earn Your Certification on the 2015 I-Codes

Register now for the International Code Council's National Certification exams based on the 2015 I-Codes®. Computer-based and paper-and-pencil testing are available at more than 350 sites nationwide. Remember, ICC Certifications are an asset to your career – just look at what James Southerland, owner of A&D Inspections, had to say: “I received the ICC Commercial Energy Inspector Certification last fall and it has more than paid for itself already. My name is out there and I'm getting contacted with work.” Demonstrate your commitment to public safety in the built environment by pursuing certification in the 2015 I-Codes®. Register now at this site:

<http://go.iccsafe.org/e/25182/tional-exam-info-registration-/2lxm3s/748549503>

Also, Exam administrations on the 2009 I-Codes will only be held once more this year, on December 12. Register now for this final upcoming exam administration – the deadline is October 31, but don't delay and save your seat!