

## ICC Government Relations Chapter Monthly Update – **May 2019**

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### **It's Building Safety Month!** Series of public events kicks off 2019's Building Safety Month

With the theme, “**No Code, No Confidence,**” the International Code Council will kick off 2019 Building Safety Month with public events around the nation. Building Safety Month is an international campaign celebrated in May to raise awareness about building safety. Here are the events at the ICC offices:

- May 2 – At the Cahaba Brewery Company, 4500 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Birmingham, Ala., hosted by the ICC Birmingham Regional Office.
- May 2 – At Max of Eastman Place, 25 Gibbs Street, Rochester, N.Y., hosted by General Code.
- May 14 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ICC Central Regional Office, 4051 Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Ill. RSVP by emailing Felicia Oliver at foliver@iccsafe.org
- May 22 – 5-7 p.m. at the ICC Washington office, 905 16th Street N.W., 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. [RSVP by clicking here.](#)
- May 23 - Noon–1:30 p.m. at the ICC Western Regional Office, 3060 Saturn Street - Suite 100 , Brea, Calif. RSVP by emailing Tara Lukasik, [tlukasik@iccsafe.org](mailto:tlukasik@iccsafe.org), or phone 562-908-5524, x 3241.

**We'd like to hear about your Building Safety Month celebration** because we're posting proclamations from local and state jurisdictions on the ICC website, and we'd like to post photos from your events. Just email photos with brief information of who is in the photos and what they are doing to [your Government Relations Regional Manager](#) who will send them in. ICC has [so many options that you can download and use](#) at your local Building Safety Month events. Here are a few ideas:

- **Issue proclamations [supporting building safety](#).** Don't forget to send in the .pdf of the signed proclamation to your Government Relations Regional Manager!
- **Plan an event** to celebrate building safety in your community.
- **Make school classroom presentations** with materials from the ICC store to hand out, including an [activity booklet for kids that you can download](#).
- **Send a news release** to your local newspaper, radio station and television networks.
- **Post on your social media pages** using the hashtag [#BuildingSafety365](#).

Read more about the 2019 Building Safety Month celebration and milestones [by clicking here](#). If you have questions or need help, call our ICC Call Center 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) and press 0, or email [chapters@iccsafe.org](mailto:chapters@iccsafe.org). Here are the weekly themes for 2019 Building Safety Month:

- **Week 1** – (May 1- May 5): **Preparing for disasters: Build strong, build smart**
- **Week 2** – (May 6- May 12): **Ensuring a safer future through training and education**
- **Week 3** – (May 13- May 19): **Securing clean, abundant water for all communities**
- **Week 4** – (May 20- May 26): **Construction professionals and homeowners: Partners in safety**
- **Week 5** – (May 27- May 31): **Innovations in building safety**

### **Hotel block cutoff date is May 4 for the 2019 ICC Chapter Leadership Academy June 3-5 in Denver**

May 4 is the [cutoff date for reserving rooms](#) for those attending the 2019 ICC Chapter Leadership Academy June 3-5 at the [Crowne Plaza Denver](#). You can sign up for the academy [by clicking here](#). The objectives of the Academy are to strengthen leadership and management skills, prepare ICC members to become future leaders and to provide an opportunity to earn CEUs. Here is the schedule:

- Monday, June 3 – Enjoy a night on your own with friends and colleagues in the heart of downtown Denver. For more information, click [here](#).
- Tuesday, June 4 – Day one focuses on the next generation of building safety leaders. We will start with a Chapter Leader Virtual Roundtable, followed by sessions on the High School Technical Training Program and building safety career path.
- Wednesday, June 5 – Day two features special guests providing dynamic sessions on leadership, and tips and best practices on effective Chapter management.

Chapter Leaders earn CEUs for participating. Details, including the Academy agenda, are available [here](#).

**CEO Dominic Sims releases 2018 Annual Report of programs, progress and preparation for the future**

The 2018 International Code Council Annual Report is now available. Offering a fresh new design and digital-friendly format, the report highlights many of the accomplishments of the Code Council Family of Companies during our 15th year as a consolidated association. Focused on innovation, the 2018 report provides a quick digest of the exciting work we are pursuing at the Code Council as well as some of the important projects that are helping us prepare for the future. To view the 2018 report, visit [www.iccsafe.org/annual-report-2018](http://www.iccsafe.org/annual-report-2018). You can also download a PDF of the report [here](#). Offering a fresh new design and digital-friendly format, the report embraces and reflects President Bill Bryant's theme for this year – **Working Today to Prepare for Tomorrow**.

#### **Group B hearings for 2021 I-Codes in Albuquerque can be heard online with live webcast coverage**

With approximately 1,300 proposed code changes being heard at this year's hearings, the International Code Council's live webcast coverage will help you stay up to date on proposed changes to the 2021 International Codes®. [Check out the Committee Action Hearings Schedule here](#). The hearings started April 28 and are scheduled to end May 8. Whether you attend the hearings in person or you participate online using [cdpACCESS](#)®, you can help ensure the 2021 International Codes promote safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Join the conversation **#2019codehearings**. And keep watch for the announcement to start voting on Group B proposals using [cdpACCESS](#).

#### **Chicago City Council approves major building code modernization and adopts the 2018 IBC**

The Chicago City Council recently voted to adopt a major update to the Chicago Building Code that will better align the city's construction requirements with up-to-date model codes and national standards. Chicago joins other major jurisdictions in the U.S. in adopting the 2018 International Building Code. The new code represents the first comprehensive revisions to the building code in 70 years and will make construction in Chicago more affordable by expanding options to design and build with a wider range of materials and technologies. [Read more about this historic event](#).

#### **Download applications here for 2019 ICC College Scholarship program to meet July 1 deadline**

The application cycle for the 2019 ICC College Scholarship program is now available for children of code enforcement agency personnel. (The William J. Tangye scholarship is available to children of all active ICC members.) To download program information and requirements, a list of sponsored scholarships and an application, [click here](#). To take advantage of this exclusive scholarship opportunity, your application and all accompanying materials must be submitted no later than **Monday, July 1, 2019**. For additional information, email [scholarships@iccsafe.org](mailto:scholarships@iccsafe.org).

#### **ANCR launches new committee to develop housing resilience benchmarks for national guidelines**

The International Code Council and the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) announced the creation of an expert committee to develop benchmarks for determining housing resilience in U.S. communities. The second of 19 functional areas of essential services, the housing benchmarks focus on the availability, quantity and quality of homes, emergency shelters and other housing options. The Housing Benchmarks Committee consists of 21 subject matter experts from the public and private sectors who will make recommendations on metrics to help define and determine levels of achievement in housing resilience. [Click here to read more](#).

#### **Study on urban flooding in America examines flood patterns and strategies to minimize damage**

New data on flooding in today's weather behavior is the subject of a fascinating article titled "[New Report Calls for Different Approaches to Predict and Understand Urban Flooding](#)," published by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. Flooding is a natural hazard which causes the greatest economic and social impact on Americans, causing significant loss of life, tens of billions of dollars in property damage, affecting millions of people and delivering heavy economic tolls on major metropolitan areas. Within cities, flooding results when the inflow of stormwater exceeds the capacity of a drainage system to infiltrate water into the soil or to carry it away. What are the strategies communities and rural regions can do to minimize damages and loss of life? [Read about it](#) now.

#### **'Future of Building Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization' meeting set for May 28 at Denver**

The newest [ICC Sustainability Membership Council](#) subcommittee is calling interested parties and experts to attend a new event that will dive into the future of energy efficiency and decarbonization. It will be held 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the Hilton Denver City Center, adjacent to the [2019 National Energy Codes Conference](#) set for May 28-30. ICC will also offer another **no-cost training – The Residential IECC Simplified**, from 1-5. Space is limited, [Sign up to reserve your seat today](#). If budget is a concern, **ICC is coordinating with DOE to again offer scholarships**. The scholarships are prioritized for government officials, but students, emerging professionals, and those new to the field are also encouraged to apply. To be considered for a scholarship, please [submit your request](#) as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Britt at [mbritt@iccsafe.org](mailto:mbritt@iccsafe.org).

### **ICC-ES now lists non-pressure polypropylene pipes and fittings for drainage, waste, vent applications**

The ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is now listing non-pressure polypropylene or polyethylene pipes and fittings for use in drainage, waste and vent applications to the new Standard Specification for Polyolefin Pipe and Fittings for Drainage, Waste, and Vent Applications (ASTM F3371). Prior to the availability of this new standard, such manufacturers needed to comply with the Standard Specification for Polyolefin Pipe and Fittings for Corrosive Waste Drainage Systems (ASTM F1412). [Click here for more information](#).

### **June 5 is deadline to apply for CPSC grant awarding up to \$2 million to prevent pool and spa hazards**

A grant application period runs through Wednesday, June 5, to assist state and local governments in reducing deaths and injuries from drowning and drain entrapment incidents in pools and spas. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a call for applicants for the 2019 [Pool Safety Grant Program](#) made possible through the [Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act](#). The CPSC will award up to \$2 million in two-year grants to state and local jurisdictions. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the solicitation on Grants.gov, under grant opportunity CPSC-19-001. For more information, read the full [grant announcement](#). Questions can be answered by emailing CPSC's grant coordinator Mae Durand at [mdurand@cpsc.gov](mailto:mdurand@cpsc.gov).

### **International Swimming Pool & Spa Code helps provide the highest possible level of public safety**

From drinking water to bathing water, irrigation to sewage, water is integral to our lives. Building, plumbing and green codes help ensure safe water is available for our families and communities and guards this precious commodity for future generations through proper construction, conservation and safe disposal. The International Codes, developed by the International Code Council and used throughout the world, have addressed water-related issues for years. Three jurisdictions recently moved to adopt and enforce the International Codes — including the International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC) — providing the highest possible level of public safety.

- The city of Mesa, Ariz., [adopted the 2018 International Codes](#), effective Feb. 10, 2019.
- The city of Fort Collins, Colo., [adopted the 2018 International Codes](#), effective Jan. 12, 2019.
- The city of Jefferson, Mo., [adopted the 2015 International Codes](#), effective Oct. 21, 2017.

The [International Swimming Pool and Spa Code](#) (ISPSC) is transforming our nation's backyard pool and spa industry. Read more on this article by [Tara Lukasik by clicking here](#).

### **May 31 is the deadline to nominate promising young leaders for the IREC's 2019 3iAwards**

Until May 31, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) is taking nominees for its 2019 3iAwards - a prestigious annual national search for innovative people, projects and programs that promote and accelerate the sustainable growth of clean energy. The IREC 3iAwards honor Innovation, Ingenuity and Inspiration by the nation's best in both renewable energy and energy efficiency. For the second year, the 2019 Young Clean Energy Innovator of the Year award will recognize a promising high school or post-secondary student in any academic or entrepreneurial discipline whose innate talents, depth and quality of studies, research and vision or hands-on action are emblematic of the next generation of innovators relentlessly pursuing bold clean energy solutions. [Click here for more information](#).

### ***GOT PULSE?* New episode features code official's path to Master Code Professional status**

Episode 15 of the International Code Council's Pulse Podcast features [David Naples](#), a building code official for Remington and Vernick Engineers in Middletown, Delaware. Since 2006, David has been a

Master Code Professional, the highest level of Code Council certification. In this episode, we discuss Dave's career path to MCP certification. [Click here](#) to listen. The Pulse is a monthly podcast that offers listeners the inside scoop on the Code Council and the building safety industry. Episodes of the ICC Pulse Podcast will feature interviews with leading industry experts discussing a wide range of topics including current events and new technologies. Be sure to subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#) and [Spotify](#). Follow the International Code Council on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and spread the word about our podcast using the hashtag #ICCPulsepod.

**Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.**

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **May 7** - Code Enforcement Webinar series [Gang Awareness for the Code Enforcement Officer](#).
- **May 17** - [Leadership Webinar - Get Connected](#).
- **May 22** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Administration and Legal Principles](#).
- **May 29** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Legal Principles Part II](#).
- **June 5** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Fire and Life Safety](#).
- **June 6** - [The Not So Simple Plan Review Webinar](#).
- **June 12** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical](#).
- **June 19** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Light, Ventilation and Occupancy](#).
- **June 26** - IPMC® Webinar Series [Property Conditions](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **May 7 & 14** and [Virtual](#) at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPC Design Installation and Inspection Principles](#).
- **May 7** and [Virtual](#) at Miami, Fla., or [Virtual](#), [2018 IPMC Overview](#).
- **May 9-10** at San Antonio, Texas, [When Disaster Strikes](#).
- **May 10** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IBC® Essentials](#).
- **May 21** at Garden Grove, Calif., [Getting the Most of the IPMC®](#).
- **May 30** at Brea, Calif., [2016 CBC Essentials](#).
- **May 31** at Brea, Calif., [2016 CRC Essentials](#).
- **June 9** at Chicago, Ill., or [Virtual](#), [2018 IRC® Significant Changes](#).
- **June 11** at Chicago, Ill., [2018 IBC® Significant Changes](#).
- **July 11** at Santa Rosa, Calif., [Getting the Most of the IPMC®](#).
- **July 22-24** at Mesa, Ariz., [Principles of Building Safety](#).
- **December 13 & 20** at Miami, Fla., [2018 IPMC® Overview](#).

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming opportunities:

- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide](#).
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1](#)
- **May 6-8** at Sacramento, Calif., and online, [14 - Permit Technician Certification Test Academy 2015](#).
- **June 12-14** at Denver, Colo., [P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).
- **July 15-18** at Atlanta, Ga., [B2 - Commercial Building Inspector](#).
- **August 21-23** at Columbus, Ohio, [64 - Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy](#).