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Tech Talk Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

In reading through the draft copy of the July edition of the Tech Talk Newsletter – I noticed a quote that said “The decisions you make today will be your future tomorrow . . .”

This year, with the celebration of the 10 Year anniversary of CAPT, it certainly is a good idea to reflect on the last 10 Years of CAPT – but I got to thinking – it is probably a good idea to set some goals for the future.

The best way to do this would be to reflect on some topics of discussion explored by the ICC Permit Technician Focus Group. (The following is taken, in part, from the President's news article from the Washington State Association of Permit Technicians Newsletter— Winter of 2008 edition.)

- Certification
- Training
- Needs of the Permit Technician

Certification – By obtaining your Permit Technician certification, you will elevate yourself, your profession and your credibility within your work group, as well as the public. But let me challenge you to continue learning by advancing your skill to obtain a certification in an additional category.

Training – If you would like additional training in a subject, ask for it. If you would like to see CAPT offer specific classes, contact any board member – we would love to help you out. Attend CAPT meetings and participate in the

business meetings to offer your thoughts and hear new ones. Inspire others to achieve goals – lead by example. It really works!!!!

Needs of the Permit Technician

– How you define your self worth and value is totally up to you. Feel good about what you accomplish and know that your participation greatly enhances the team as a whole. Networking is one of your most valuable tools – use it!

Let me leave you with a challenge:

Choose any one or more of the items below to demonstrate your support in raising the awareness of the Permit Technician profession.

- Acquire your Permit Technician certification or obtain additional ICC certifications.
- Volunteer for a committee or board position with CAPT or your local ICC Chapter.
- Join ICC as an individual member.
- Cross train for a day in another area like inspections, plan review or code enforcement.
- Submit an article for publication for the CAPT Newsletter or ICC news publication.
- Mentor a co-worker about the importance of your profession.

See you at the 10
Year Anniversary
Celebration!!!!
Ann



CAPT Members are invited to Celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary

Mark Your Calendar

*Wednesday,
July 23, 2008
11 am to 2 pm
The Chateaux at
Fox Meadows
13600 Xavier Lane
Broomfield CO*

*Please RSVP by July 2nd
303-430-2400 ext 2074 or
nmontgom@ci.westminster.co.us*

*Lunch will be served
compliments of CAPT.*

**← Don't forget to
RSVP**

Silent Auction baskets donated by:

- Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council*
- Colorado Code Consulting LLC*
- CAPMO*
- CAPT*
- FMAC*
- International Code Council*
- SAFEbuilt*

Not a CAPT member? Mail in your application and membership fee by July 1st and you will receive an invitation to this historical event.

Thank you to the above organizations for donating baskets. All proceeds will go to Food Bank of the Rockies.

TALK OF THE TRADE

Are You Ready?

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard.

Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible.

Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

The following are facts about tornadoes:

- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 MPH, but may vary from stationary to 70 MPH.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.
- Peak tornado season in Colorado is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., but can occur at any time of the day or night.

Know the Terms

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:

Tornado Watch

Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

(continued)



TALK OF THE TRADE

Take Protective Measures

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Be alert for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, supermarkets or shopping malls.
- If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.



Preparing a Safe Room

Extreme windstorms in many parts of the country pose a serious threat to buildings and their occupants. Your residence may be built “to code,” but that does not mean it can withstand winds from extreme events such as tornadoes and major hurricanes. The purpose of a safe room or a wind shelter is to provide a space where you and your family can seek refuge that provides a high level of protection. You can build a safe room in one of several places in your home.

- Your basement.
- Atop a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor.
- An interior room on the first floor.

Safe rooms built below ground level provide the greatest protection, but a safe room built in a first-floor interior room also can provide the necessary protection. Below-ground safe rooms must be designed to avoid accumulating water during the heavy rains that often accompany severe windstorms.

- To protect its occupants, a safe room must be built to withstand high winds and flying debris, even if the rest of the residence is severely damaged or destroyed. Consider the following when building a safe room:
- The safe room must be adequately anchored to resist overturning and uplift.
- The walls, ceiling, and door of the shelter must withstand wind pressure and resist penetration by windborne objects and falling debris.
- The connections between all parts of the safe room must be strong enough to resist the wind.
- Sections of either interior or exterior residence walls that are used as walls of the safe room, must be separated from the structure of the residence so that damage to the residence will not cause damage to the safe room.

Additional information about Safe Rooms available from FEMA:

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/tornadoes.shtm>

Work Zone Awareness ... Safety Tips to Live By.

1. Stay alert. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
2. Pay close attention. Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
3. Turn on your headlights. Workers and other motorists must see you.
4. Don't tailgate.
5. Don't speed. Note the posted speed limits in and around the work zone.
6. Keep up with the traffic flow.
7. Don't change lanes in the work zone.
8. Minimize distractions. Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones while driving in the work zone.
9. Expect the unexpected. Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
10. Be patient. Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.



City of Lakes to Host Annual Conference

The Code Council's 2008 Annual Conference and Final Action Hearings takes place September 14-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Events will include the ICC Expo, Education Program, Annual Business Meeting, Certification Exams and much more.

Register today at: www.iccsafe.org/conference

Congratulations

"your name here"

If you have recently passed an exam or have a milestone you would like to share let us know. We would like to acknowledge your success. Contact lcarpent@jeffco.us

***The decisions you make today
will be your future tomorrow..***

**There are currently 100 certified
Permit Technicians in Colorado.**

Permit Tech Spotlight

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The Town of Mountain Village, Colorado, is located on the Telluride Ski Mountain in the Uncompahgre National Forest at an elevation of 9500 feet. A vision of alpine elegance has inspired the Mountain Village.



This European-style village tempts guests with the best of everything in the Telluride region. The Mountain Village sits high above the historic Town of Telluride and encompasses approximately 2,100 acres of rolling, aspen and spruce covered mountain side.

Many homes, condominiums, and hotels have direct ski run access. The alpine views from most areas of the Mountain Village are unsurpassed, thus the slogan "the most beautiful

place you'll ever ski." The Town was incorporated in March 1995 as a Colorado Home Rule municipality. A three-stage gondola transportation system connects the Town of Mountain Village with the Town of Telluride. The views from the gondola are breath taking and the ride is free.

I am the permit technician for this beautiful place. My name is Jackie Williams. I have been with the Town of Mountain Village for little over one year. I am originally from the area and love living here.

My co-workers are also certified permit technicians and members of CAPT. Rebecca Mossige has been with us for a year as a planner. She is new to our area and loves to hike with her dog, Duncie. Our veteran, Lori Wood, has been with the Town for over ten years. She has participated in almost every aspect of Community Development. Currently her title is Building & Planning Administrator. She has lived in the area for many years with her family.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS..... CAPT 1998-2008

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TECH TALK NEWSLETTER

REMINDER job openings can be posted on the CAPT Web Site. Email the job description, when the job opens and the closing date to lcarpent@jeffco.us

May CAPT Meeting Erie, Colorado

The CAPT May educational meeting was held in Erie Colorado. Erie has grown quite a bit in the past several years. Their new Community Center was very impressive and a great place to hold our meeting. Thank you to the Town of Erie and Permit Technicians Melinda Helmer and Staci Manivong for all your hard work and for letting us share in the experience of Erie's growth.

Past CAPT President, Marlene Manzanares, started off our meeting with a fun interactive powerpoint presentation on customer service. Thank you Marlene for volunteering to share this program with us. Marlene will be presenting her customer service class in September for the Permit Technician group in Eastern Nebraska.



Jimmy Brothers, ICC Board Liaison, joined us before lunch to give us an update on current ICC events. What an honor to have both Jimmy and ICC Staff Liaison, Justin Wiley at our meeting.

The afternoon "Power Against Fraud" speaker Cary Johnson, with the Jefferson County District Attorney's office, gave us several tips on preventing identity theft. Cary is such a dynamic and entertaining speaker that he had us all mesmerized for hours. Lots of laughter filled the afternoon and we thank Cary for all the valuable information we left with.



May CAPT Meeting

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Justin Wiley helping Joan VanderMolen sign the online petition for the adoption of a resolution in support of the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG).

CAPT members voted during the May business meeting to send a resolution to Sara Yerkes, ICC Senior Vice President of Government Relations, in support of this act.

If you would like to add your name in support of this resolution go to:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/download/forms/cbcag-petition.html>



CAPT Meeting Attendees with Justin Wiley, Jimmy Brothers and Becky Baker.









From left to right, Justin Wiley, 1st VP Darla Brooks, Jimmy Brothers, President Ann Freiburg, Director Carrie Vogt and 2nd VP Leslie Carpenter.



CAPT Library

Study Materials available for
Checkout to CAPT Members



-  2006 International Building Code
-  2006 International Zoning Code
-  2002 Legal Aspects of Code Administration
-  2002 Legal Aspects Workbook
-  Basic Code Enforcement
-  VHS Video/World Trade Center: A Modern Marvel (1973-2001)
-  VHS Video/The Quiet Heroes
-  DVD People Helping People

Contact::
Leslie Carpenter at lcarpent@jeffco.us or
303-271-8287 if you would like to check
out materials from the library.

How to Become a Certified Permit Technician

Books needed for the test

2006 IBC (chapters 1-3, 6, 12 and 34)
2006 IZC
2002 Legal Aspects
Basic Code Enforcement 8th printing

Additional Study Material

2006 Permit Technician Study Companion
ICC Campus Online Course

Exam Details and Fees

\$180.00 computerized
60 multiple-choice questions—
Open Book—2 hour limit
General Administration 39%
Legal Aspects 22%
Plans and Documents 25%
Zoning and Site Development 14%

Number to call to schedule an exam
1-800-275-8301

<http://www.iccsafe.org/certification>

Chapter Information



Colorado Chapter of the ICC Meeting Announcement

Date: Thursday and Friday, July 31 – August 1, 2008

Location: Telluride, Colorado

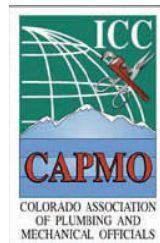
Visit www.coloradochaptericc.org for meeting agenda, map and information.



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Jefferson County

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