

Tech Talk Newsletter

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A Message From Our President

Building Safety Week will be celebrated May 7-13, 2006. This event recognizes the importance of making homes and buildings safer places where people can live, work, and play. Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation and was first observed in 1980. This year's theme is "Building a Safer World Together", which reflects the importance of getting everyone involved in prevention of safety and security hazards.

The **Colorado Association of Permit Technicians (CAPT)** will enlist the help of **Cody the Cougar and his Building Safety Team** to educate first graders on the importance of building and home safety. This event will take place Friday, May 12th between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Bertha Heid Elementary Campus in Thornton, Colorado.

In addition to building and home safety, **CAPT** has partnered with **St. Mary's Hospital EMS Outreach - Grand Junction, Colorado** to promote injury prevention. Preventable injuries are the leading cause of death and disability for youth in Colorado. The students will be introduced to **"SARA"** the **Safety-Saur-Us** van.

"SARA" is a highly visible and recognizable converted ambulance based on a dinosaur theme. With Colorado well known as a home for these creatures, kids of all ages are naturally drawn to the friendly **Safety-Saur-Us**.

When the students step inside the body of the dinosaur, computer simulations of behavior combined with robotics, lights, sound and action will provide an interactive educational experience demonstrating **WHY** injuries happen, **WHAT** happens **INSIDE THE BODY** when an injury occurs and **HOW** injuries can be prevented. Topics to be covered include: **Traffic Safety:** Seat Belts, Bicycle Safety, Pedestrian Safety, DUI, Road Rage, Safe Driving; **Head & Spine Injury Prevention:** Helmets, All Sports, Playground & Recreation Safety; **Fire Prevention:** Smoke & CO Detectors, Fire Extinguishers, 911, Stop-Drop & Roll; **Household Hazards:** Hazardous Materials, Poisons, and Fire Arms.

As an organization of building industry professionals, the **Colorado Association of Permit Technicians** recognizes the importance of building and fire safety codes. **CAPT** encourages its members to get involved, to take an active role in increasing public awareness and to educate their communities on this subject. Make Building Safety Week part of a continuing education program that takes place all year long.

Cynthia L. Linker



May 19, 2006

August 4, 2006

September 15, 2006

November 15, 2006

City of Black Hawk

City of Commerce City

Town of Gypsum

Jefferson County

CAPT Meeting Friday, May 19, 2006

Hosted by City of Black Hawk

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location:

Gilpin County Justice Center
2960 Dory Hill Road
Black Hawk, CO

Please RSVP to: Cindy Linker
303-582-0615 or
clinker@cityofblackhawk.org

For Directions/Map Visit
www.co.gilpin.co.us (Justice Center Main
Number - 303-582-1060)

Registration Fee: \$35.00
(Registration Fee Includes Breaks,
Lunch, Instructional Materials and is
Non-refundable)

Cash or Check Payable to CAPT at the
door

AGENDA

Assertive Communication for the Permit Technician

Presented by: Lisa Austin, The Service Factor Training Co.
Every time people interact with each other, they have a *choice* of how to communicate. *Assertively* is one of those choices, the best choice, but most individuals communicate assertively less than 30% of the time. Why is that? Come to this highly interactive workshop to learn how assertive communication can change your personal life and your workplace environment.

Participants who attend this workshop will learn:

- The four different communication styles
- What is assertive communication
- The benefits and roadblocks to assertiveness
- How to be more assertive at work and in personal life

Permit Tech SPOTLIGHT



Cindy Linker has worked for the City of Black Hawk Community Planning & Development Department since March 1999. As the sole Administrative Assistant for this department, she works directly with both Planning and Building. In November 2000, Cindy became certified as a Permit Technician and also holds certifications as a Building Inspector and Plans Examiner under the UBC and IBC/IRC.

Cindy's interest in the Colorado Association of Permit Technicians (CAPT) blossomed after attending her first meeting hosted by the City of Commerce City in 1999. After that meeting, she became an active member and has served on the Board of Directors since 2001.

Cindy currently is the presiding president and strongly believes CAPT is dedicated to the men and women of the building industry and provides numerous career development opportunities.

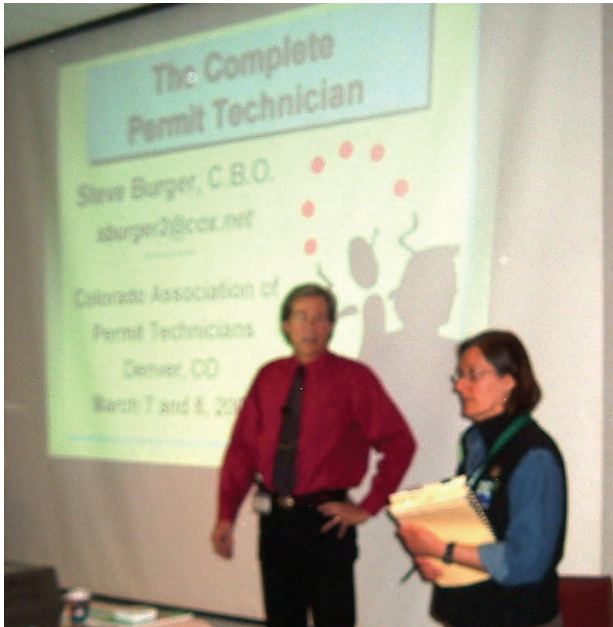
Life outside of work consists of spending time with her husband of 16 years and two dogs Elly May and Molly.



Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council Educational Institute

Permit Technician Course Path

The CAPT Board of Directors would like to thank the institute instructors for an outstanding educational week. Franny Knight, Steve Burger, Steve Thomas, Harold Stitt and Tim Carl.





2006 Educational Institute Statistics

Total Attendees: 1800

Permit Technician Course Path

Monday's Class: 84

Tuesday's/Wednesday's Class: 85

Thursday's Class: 90

Friday's Class: 54

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open."

Thomas Dewar

TALK OF THE TRADE



Swimming Pools

(submitted by Kathy Dean-Commerce City)

Section 3109, "Swimming Pool Enclosures and Safety Devices" from the **2003 International Building Code**.

A question came recently about the requirements for a swimming pool enclosure, and we are coming into the time of year when pools will be installed in many municipalities. This section applies to any recreational bathing or wading pool over 24 inches deep, and includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and fixed in-place wading pools.

Public swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence at least 4 ft in height or a screen enclosure. Openings in the fence shall not permit the passage of a 4-inch sphere. The fence or screen enclosure must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates. Pedestrian gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self closing and self-latching. Gates other than pedestrian access gates shall have a self-latching device. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least three inches below the top of the gate, and the gate and barrier shall have no opening greater than 0.5 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.

For residential swimming pools, the top of the barrier shall be 48 inches above grade measured on the side of the barrier facing away from the pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, the barrier is authorized to be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure, and the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches.

Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere. Solid barriers shall not have indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances. Where the barrier is composed of closely spaced horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches, the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches in width. Decorative cutouts within vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches in width.

For widely spaced horizontal and vertical members, and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches

Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a 2.25-inch square.

Barriers should be located to prohibit permanent structures, equipment or similar objects from being used to climb the barriers. Where the means of access is a ladder or steps, the ladder or steps shall either be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, and when secured shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere.

Your municipality may have special or additional provisions for the installation of swimming pools.



Colorado Chapter of the ICC Meeting Announcement

Dates: Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, 2006

Location: The Inn at Aspen
38750 Hwy 82, Aspen CO

Lodging: The Inn at Aspen
Reservations 1-800-952-1515

Rooms are \$119.00 per night double occupancy and includes breakfast buffet. Please mention Colorado Chapter when making a reservation. Room block (25) held until March 27th.

Registration: \$35 per person per day or \$70 total – due at the door and includes lunch and breaks.

Make checks payable to: The Colorado Chapter ICC. **No credit cards!**

Host: Stephen Kanipe, City of Aspen. For any further information call 970-429-2766 or email stephenk@ci.aspen.co.us

Visit www.coloradochaptericc.org for a meeting agenda.

QUESTION CORNER

Commerce City would like to ask this question - How do jurisdictions handle CO's? Do they issue them on the spot? Is there a turnaround time from the last inspection received by the jurisdiction?

Please send responses to afreiberg@ci.commerce-city.co.us

CAPT Directory and Pin

Directories and membership pins have been distributed. If you are a CAPT member and have not received your 2006 CAPT directory or the new CAPT pin please email Leslie Carpenter @ lcarpent@jeffco.us



ICC CONTACTS

1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233)

Web address: www.iccsafe.org

CAPT is an official Chapter of the International Code Council.



"SARA" (Safety-Saur-Us Van) and the Colorado Association of Permit Technicians Celebrate BUILDING SAFETY WEEK by EDUCATING FIRST GRADERS

DATE: *Friday, May 12, 2006*

TIME: *1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

PLACE: *Bertha Heid Elem.
2410 Poze Boulevard
Thornton, CO*

Safety-Saur-Us Promotes Injury Prevention Programs For Youth in Colorado

Programs Presented By:

St. Mary's Hospital EMS Outreach
Grand Junction, Colorado

Traffic Safety:

Seat Belts, Bicycle Safety, Pedestrian Safety, DUI, Road Rage, Safe Driving Head & Spine Injury

Prevention:

Helmets, All Sports, Playground & Recreation Safety

Fire Prevention:

Smoke & CO Detectors, Fire Extinguishers, 911, Stop-Drop & Roll

We welcome CAPT members that would like to come and help out!

ATTEND A CAPT MEETING.....

and you will receive 0.6 CEU credits towards renewal of your certification. Certificates of training will be available to you following each meeting.

Congratulations to the Educational Institute CAPT raffle winners.**Free Meeting Coupon Winners**

Marty Wilson Lloyd - City of Lakewood, Colorado

Debi Basson - Elbert County, Colorado

Rauchelle Chubb - City of Cheyenne, Wyoming

Staci Manivong - Town of Erie, Colorado

Gerri Benavides - Town of Ault, Colorado

iPod Winners

Marty Wilson-Lloyd - City of Lakewood, Colorado

Edie Montagul - San Miguel County, Colorado

\$100 Home Depot Gift Certificate

Lynn Young - Town of Carbondale, Colorado

Salary Survey Winner-\$25 Starbucks Certificate









Ruth Weiss—Town of Avon



As of January 1, 2004, examinations based on the International Codes have changed to the 2003 Editions.

Permit Technician Library

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT:

-  2003 International Building Code
-  2003 International Zoning Code
-  2002 Legal Aspects of Code Administration
-  2002 Legal Aspects Workbook
-  1989 CABO You Can Build It
-  VHS Video/World Trade Center: A Modern Marvel (1973-2001)
-  VHS Video/The Quiet Heroes
-  DVD People Helping People

Study Aids can be checked out from the CAPT Library.

Contact Leslie Carpenter at:
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 303-271-8287

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF PERMIT TECHNICIANS

DRAFT MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting Date: Friday, January 20, 2006
Location: City of Golden
Start Time: 8:35 am
Call to Order: Cindy Linker, President

ROLL CALL:

Cindy Linker, President	P
Marlene Manzanares, Past President	P
Maria Cadena, Treasurer	P
Angela Abeyta, Vice President	P
Ann Freiberg, 2 nd Vice President	A
Darla Brooks, Board of Directors	P
Leslie Carpenter, Board of Directors	A
Kathy Dean, Board of Directors	P
Kim Segura-Bates, Board of Directors	P
Carrie Vogt, Board of Directors	P

Cindy Linker called the Colorado Association of Permit Technicians business meeting to order at 8:35 a.m., Friday, January 20, 2006. Angela Abeyta took roll call and noted for the record a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:

Cindy Linker opened this item for approval and requested a motion to approve the November 16, 2005 business meeting minutes.

Carrie Vogt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2005 as presented. Jane Duncan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A clarification was made regarding the Ad Hoc Committee that is being put together by ICC to look at governance issues. Wally Bailey with ICC has informed us that a member from CAPT is not necessarily what the group is looking for, but rather a representative from Colorado. CAPT has decided to work closely with the Colorado Chapter in choosing our state's representative to this committee.

CAPT sent condolences to the family of Brice Miller.

The Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council is hosting a 2003 International Residential Code overview that will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2006, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., in Trinidad, Colorado. This fast-paced one-day seminar explores the major provisions of the 2003 International Residential Code. Steve Thomas, Colorado Code Consulting LLC, will teach the session. Handouts are available with additional information.

The Colorado Chapter will be holding their February meeting on Friday, February 17, 2006 at the University of Denver. Topics will include important legislation on contractor licensing & elevator/escalator inspections. Handouts are available with additional information.

Fire Protection Technical Training is now available via Coffee Break Training. Handouts are available with additional information.

CAPT sent e-mail invitations inviting members of the ICC Arizona, Utah and Wyoming Chapters to attend the Educational Institute March 6 -10, 2006.

Joan VanderMolen has been appointed to serve on the ICC Permit Technician Testing Committee. Marlene Manzanares has been appointed to serve on the ICC Accessibility Exam Development Committee.

REPORTS OF OFFICER COMMITTEES:

Education Committee – Cindy Linker (Chair), Angela Abeyta, Marlene Manzanares

Marlene Manzanares gave a quick reminder about the Educational Institute March 6 - March 10, 2006 inviting all CAPT members to attend.

Website – Leslie Carpenter (Chair), Cindy Linker

Cindy Linker encouraged the members to visit CAPT's website at www.cocapt.com.

Newsletter Committee - Leslie Carpenter (Chair), Carrie Vogt and Kathy Dean

Cindy Linker asked for member input and gave deadlines for articles to be submitted.

Community Service Committee – Maria Cadena (Chair), Ann Freiberg, Pat Kreie

Maria Cadena reported that the committee is currently researching various opportunities for volunteering. She mentioned that CAPT might participate in the "Baskets of Joy" program during the next Christmas season.

Cindy Linker also reported that CAPT has organized an activity for Building Safety Week, which will take place Friday, May 12, 2006 at Bertha Heid Elementary School in Thornton, Colorado. The program includes CAPT sponsoring the Safety-Saur-Us van from St. Mary's General Hospital, Grand Junction and will include programs geared towards first graders. CAPT has also purchased Cody Cougar Activity Books for this function.

Bylaws Committee – Cindy Linker (Chair)

Cindy Linker reported that a new set of Bylaws was adopted by the membership at the November 2005 meeting.

Marketing Committee – Kimberly Segura-Bates (Chair), Angela Abeyta

Kimberly Segura-Bates had no new information to report and asked the membership for their input and ideas.

Archive Committee – Ann Freiberg (Chair), Pat Kreie

Kathy Dean reported that the City of Commerce City is currently awaiting the arrival of their scanning equipment and that once it has been received and installed the committee has permission to scan CAPT documents.

OLD BUSINESS

Cindy Linker gave a positive review of the November meeting. Steve Thomas, Colorado Code Consulting LLC, presented a session on the Legal Aspects of Code Enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

On February 1, 2006, a new salary survey will be sent out to the membership. Participants will be eligible to win a \$25.00 gift card. The results will be available at the Educational Institute March 6-10, 2006.

The next newsletter will go out via email February 1, 2006.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current balance is \$9797.00

ADJOURNMENT

Cindy Linker adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.