

Tech Talk Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

"The Biggest Little City in the World"

Every year members of the International Code Council (ICC) and other professionals in the building safety and fire prevention fields come together to participate in the expo, educational programs, annual business meeting, and networking opportunities provided by ICC at their annual conference. This year's conference takes place at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada from September 30 – October 3, 2007. Reno is a world-class tourist destination better known as "The Biggest Little City in the World".

This conference offers something for everyone. But with the recent formation of an ICC Ad Hoc Committee to study the needs of Permit Technicians, I predict more attention will be focused on Permit Technicians.

As I travel to "The Biggest Little City in the World", to represent the Colorado Association of Permit Technicians (CAPT), I plan to take full advantage of all the opportunities offered at the conference from the educational classes to the formal and informal networking opportunities.

This is a golden opportunity to market and promote our profession as a career path of choice and CAPT as a professional organization. If anyone has specific issues regarding this profession that you would like me to share at the conference, please contact me before September 30th.



**Plan to attend the 2007
Annual Education Conference
September 30-October 3 at
the Grand Sierra Resort in
Reno, Nevada.**

For information.

Don't forget to RSVP

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Registration Fee: \$35.00
Cash or Check Payable to
CAPT at the door
(Registration Fee Includes
Breakfast, Breaks, Lunch,
Instructional Materials and
is Non-refundable)

Capt Meeting

Mark your Calendar

Date:
September 12, 2007

Place:
City of Greenwood Village
6060 S Quebec Street
303-486-5783

**Hosted by the City of
Greenwood Village Permit
Technicians.**

**Bring your new or
gently used Coats
for the "Coats for
Colorado" Drive.**

**Tina Lewis-Rowe
presents:**
**"Make it Easy on
Yourself: The
Amazing Power of
Effective
Communications"**



Permit Tech Spotlight

MEET THE GREENWOOD VILLAGE A-TEAM

Greenwood Village is a vibrant, progressive city focused on quality of life. It has a unique composition of 14,200 residents and a daytime population of approximately 35,000.

The Greenwood Village administrative team (A-Team) supports all divisions of the Community Development Department including: Administration, Building, Long Range Planning, and Current Planning. The majority of their time is spent facilitating the City's exciting growth and development through building permit related processing. All members of the team have an intense dedication to, and passion for, providing exemplary customer service to a diverse constituency.

This dynamic team has a broad range of functional and organizational expertise. Tracy Elazier, Administrative Coordinator, worked in the telecommunications sector for more than 20 years. Her background includes Finance, Human Resources, and Training.

Chris Nash, Karen Struss, and Donna Veatch are the department's Administrative Assistants. Chris, the most senior member of the team, has been with the City since January 2005. Her previous expertise is as a paralegal. Karen recently completed her first year with the City. She joined Greenwood Village from Cherry Hills Village, where she worked in the building department. Karen is currently studying to become a certified permit technician. Donna is the newest team member. Prior to joining the City in November 2006, she enjoyed an eight year career in banking.

Recently, the A-Team completed a large a project that involved converting more than 50 years of historic building and planning records into a digital format. This significantly improved the department's ability to quickly retrieve data. Currently the team is preparing to embark upon implementing a new software system that will enable them to provide even faster, more effective customer service.



The Village A-Team on the left, Karen Struss, middle front Chris Nash, on the right, Donna Veatch and in the middle back Tracy Elazier.



TALK OF THE TRADE



Mobile Phone and Fueling your Vehicle:

Courtesy of the City of Westminster information shared by the Fleet Division newsletter and produced by the Petroleum Equipment Institute

You should know that:

Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes.

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition.

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boats, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (i.e. solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.)

To sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling

- 1) Turn off engine.
- 2) Don't smoke.
- 3) Don't use your cell phone-leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off.
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static electricity" at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires.

His results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started, as a result of static.
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
- 5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.
- 8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Mr. Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door **TOUCHING THE METAL**, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As I mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger. You can find out more information by going to: <http://www.pei.org/>

Once here, click on Resources and "Stop Static".

I ask you to please share this information with ALL your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car with them while pumping gas.

If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time. Thanks for passing this along.



The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.

Maureen Dowd



WSAPT Fall Conference presents: CAPT Past President Marlene Manzanares

Greetings!!!

I am very excited to represent our CAPT organization in Walla, Walla Washington, September 24-26th for the WSAPT annual fall Permit Technician conference.

I have been asked to teach a full day class entitled: "The Professional Permit Technician".

This class will focus on areas that will provide essential information to assist in the arena of customer service, teamwork and chapter organization.

I look forward to this remarkable opportunity to network with other permit technician chapters and will give a complete update upon my return.



Meet Nicole Montgomery



Nicole Montgomery was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She received a Bachelors degree in Geography and Sociology from the University of Calgary in 1999. Shortly after graduating, she accepted a job in Kansas City as an Airport Planner. During her planning career, she also worked as an Environmental and Transportation Planner for planning consulting firms in Atlanta and Denver. After working many long hours and extensive travel for work, Nicole decided to switch careers and joined

the City of Westminster Department of Community Development Building Division in January 2007 as a Building Permit Tech.

The City of Westminster has a chief building official, 4 plans analysts, one secretary, and 9 inspectors.

The Division issues nearly 4,000 building permits each year. Nicole is enjoying learning something new each day in the fast paced environment of the Building Division. She also enjoys the fact that each day is different and she never

knows what is in store for her!

Nicole serves on the CAPT Corporate Affairs committee and is running for a board of director position in 2008.

Nicole has been married to her husband Austin for 3½ years, and they recently purchased and moved into their new home in Broomfield in March. They have two cats and one large aquarium. Nicole enjoys traveling, scrap booking, cooking and baking in her free time.

Coats for Colorado

Coats for Colorado has distributed used coats to individuals and families in need since 1982.

This year CAPT is helping out by collecting coats from members at CAPT meetings in September and November.

FACTS:

Over 77,000 coats distributed in 2005
Over 1,500,000 coats distributed since 1982
Over 100 Colorado charities participate
Over 20 years of service to people in need.



Meeting Highlights



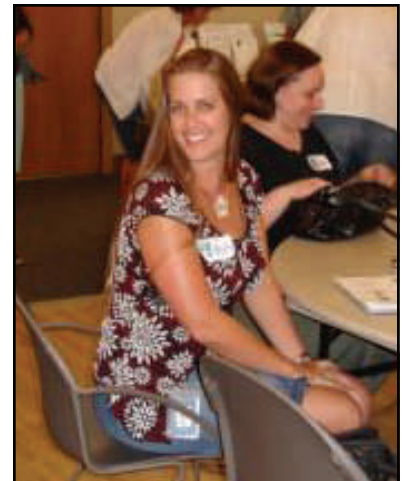
CAPT was delighted to have Tom Meyers, with Colorado Code Consulting LLC., as the main speaker for the July meeting. Tom taught us all about accessibility regulations using slides from the 2006 IBC and ANSI A117.1-2003. We learned all about accessible routes, doorways, means of egress, parking spaces, walking surfaces, kitchens and bathrooms.



Thank you Tom for spending the day with us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did.

The July CAPT meeting was held at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center hosted by Kristy Shutto and the City of Wheat Ridge.

Thank you Kristy for all your hard work in putting together an exceptional meeting.



During the business meeting under communications, CAPT President Cindy Linker introduced Bob Monahan with Huber Engineered Woods who gave a short presentation on the Zip Wall and Roofing system.



Meeting Highlights

In May 07 CAPT sponsored the Energy Hog Traveling Road Show for Building Safety Week. The children from Highline Academy Charter School in Denver filled our mailbox full of cards and letters to thank us for coming to their school. The show was an overwhelming success allowing each child to take away with them a very special message on what their part is to conserve energy for their future. CAPT displayed these cards and letters at the July meeting. The letters were very creative and lots of fun to read.



Chapter News



Colorado Chapter of the ICC Meeting Announcement

Date: August 9-10, 2007

Location: Glenwood Springs, Colorado

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

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)

ICC Campus Online Course

Exam Details and Fees

\$170.00 computerized

60 multiple-choice questions—

Open Book—2hour limit

General Administration 39%

Legal Aspects 22%

Plans and Documents 25%

Zoning and Site Development 14%

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CAPT Library



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

As of January 2007, examinations based on the International Codes will be changed to the 2006 Editions. "You Can Build It" will be replaced with "Basic Code Enforcement."

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.

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.

Jesse Jackson

