

# Tech Talk Newsletter



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## From the President's Desk

With a snow shovel in one hand and a garden hoe in the other, spring has arrived. I know many of us are ready for some sunshine and warmer weather. Spring has brought us some much needed moisture and summer is right around the corner. Remember to stock up on the sunscreen and keep plenty of water handy.

Don't forget May is Building Safety Month. For ideas on how to participate visit the ICC site.

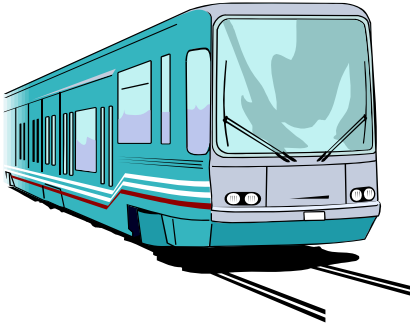
If you are looking for a project to volunteer for this summer the Colorado Chapter of ICC is looking for people to help with Heritage House in Louisville on June 8<sup>th</sup> and Wilderness on Wheels at Grants Pass on July 29<sup>th</sup>. They would love any help you could give them.

Thank you to everybody for their continued support of CAPT by becoming a member for 2013.

*It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. ~Theodore Roosevelt~*

*A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a simple step.  
Chinese proverb*

# Mark Your Calendar



Join us at the May CAPT meeting and take a scenic trip through Jeffco from the newest light rail station.

Tickets provided free of charge to all attendees. Light rail station is located in the Jeffco Admin parking lot.

**MAY CAPT MEETING**  
 Wednesday, May 22, 2013  
 Jefferson County Admin Bldg  
 Lookout Mountain Room  
 100 Jefferson County Pkwy  
 Golden, CO

**AUGUST CAPT MEETING**  
 Friday, August 23, 2013  
 City of Black Hawk

**NOVEMBER CAPT MEETING**  
 Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
 Annual Business Meeting  
 Election of Officers  
 Banquet  
 City of Wheat Ridge

## AGENDA

8:00 am—Registration

8:30 am—9:00 am  
Business Meeting—President Darla Brooks presiding

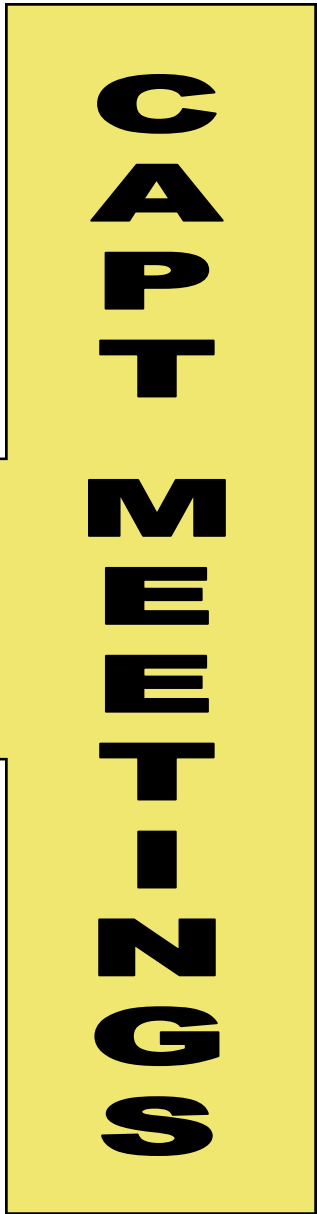
9 am—12 noon  
GroupThink  
*presented by Jerri Paulison—Jeffco Human Resources*

Groupthink is a phenomenon that occurs when the desire for group consensus overrides people's common sense desire to present alternatives, critique a position, or express an unpopular opinion. Here, the desire for group cohesion effectively drives out good decision-making and problem solving.

Through the lens of one team dynamic known as "GroupThink," this session will explore what causes this problem often inherent within teams. This class will help participants understand the ramification of too much group cohesiveness, how to identify when a group is in the midst of groupthink, and what to do if it does happen.

Lunch

1:00 pm—3:00 pm  
Ride the light rail—round trip



**Don't forget to  
 RSVP FOR THE  
 MAY MEETING**

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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, Light  
 Rail and is Non-refundable)

# TALK OF THE TRADE



## *Technology Improves Residential Fire Sprinkler Reliability*

**Myth: If one sprinkler goes off, they all go off.**

Fact: Unlike scenes from Hollywood movies, sprinklers activate independently and only the sprinkler closest to the fire will spray water.

**Myth: Sprinklers will leak.**

Fact: Home sprinkler systems are just as reliable as the other plumbing systems in our homes.

**Myth: Water damage from sprinklers is worse than fire damage.**

Fact: The property loss in a sprinklered home fire is a small fraction of the typical loss in an unsprinklered home where a fire can spread much faster and cause substantial heat and smoke damage throughout the entire home.

**Myth: Sprinklers will freeze in winter.**

Fact: The national installation standard provides guidance for proper installation in cold regions. Home sprinkler piping is protected from freezing just as other home plumbing pipes are.

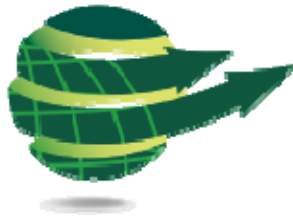
**Myth: I have smoke alarms so I don't need fire sprinklers.**

Fact: Smoke alarms are essential in every home. But they can only detect smoke. Fire sprinklers detect the fire and automatically control it.



*If you can imagine it, you can achieve it, if you can dream it, you can become it.*

looking back...moving forward  
**INTERNATIONAL  
CODE COUNCIL®**  
2003-2013



Since the International Code Council was formed more than a decade ago, it has become the hallmark professional Membership association dedicated to providing its Members and building industry professionals with the tools they need to ensure the public's safety in the built environment. ICC looks forward to working with Members and partnering with others to continue to advance this critical mission in years to come.

## Code Officials Keep You Safe



**BUILDING  
SAFETY  
MONTH**  
**MAY 2013**

— INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL —

The International Code Council is sponsoring Building Safety Month throughout the month of May to help create community-wide recognition and understanding of building safety and sustainability and the critical role of code officials. Building Safety Month Public Relations Toolkits can be ordered from the ICC store. Kits include a poster, activity books, stickers, brochures, pencils and BSM public relation materials.

[www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)



**Colorado Chapter of the ICC  
Educational Institute**

**March 4—8, 2013**

**The Complete Permit Technician  
Developing and Growing Talent  
2012 IBC Update  
2012 IRC Update**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**









**29th Annual  
CCICC Educational Institute  
March 3—7, 2014**

**Denver Marriott Hotel**

# CAPT Library



## MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT TO CAPT MEMBERS:

-  2009 International Building Code
-  2009 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:  
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303-271-8287 if you would like to  
check out materials from the library.

All computer based National Certification examinations that are referenced to the International Codes will be on the 2009 versions until June 2013.

Books needed for the Certified Permit Technician test:

- 2009 IBC (chapters 1-3, 6, 12 and 34)
- 2009 International Zoning Code
- 2002 Legal Aspects of Code Administration
- Basic Code Enforcement—8th printing

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: June 14, 2013  
Location: Garfield County, Colorado

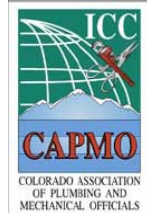
Visit [www.coloradochaptericc.org](http://www.coloradochaptericc.org) for meeting agenda, map and information.



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Annual Conference and Expo  
September 29—October 2, 2013

Group B Public Comment Hearing  
October 2—October 10, 2013