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TECH TALK

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018



From the President's Desk

Happy New Year!

I am honored and very excited to serve as CAPT President for 2018. I recently attended the Colorado Chapter ABM in Colorado Springs and had the joy of hearing many Chapter members speak volumes about their Permit Tech staff.



Many were beyond pleased and excited that either their long time Permit Techs are interested in learning Plan Review or their new Permit Techs were so eager to jump right in. It was inspiring to hear so many positive stories from jurisdictions across the State. This year is shaping up to be another successful year. I am looking forward to our planned speakers, new classes, more certified Permit Techs/Plans Examiners, new prospective Board members, OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY and especially, seeing all of you at our meetings. If you are interested in serving on the board or have a specific class you'd like to see, please feel free to contact myself or any board member.

"Don't tell the world your mission statement. Show the world you are on a mission"

Jon Gordon



Jessie with newly elected CCICC President, Tom Pitchford, at the CCICC ABM in December!

Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council 33RD Annual Educational Institute





A variety of courses will be offered this year. The following are a few you may find interesting:

Monday/Tuesday The Complete Permit Technician Steve Burger, Folsom California

This 2-day course is intended to provide essential information in the areas of code history and administration, legal aspects, customer service, basic construction, inspection process, zoning terms, permit fee calculations, basic occupancy, construction types, basic means of egress and dealing with difficult customers. Please bring a calculator, 2015 IBC, 2015 International Zoning Code, Legal Aspects of Code Administration and Basic Code Enforcement books.

Wednesday Over the Counter Plan Review Hope Medina and Bill Clayton Colorado Code Consulting

Designed primarily for the Building Department Employee who has an interest in learning more about the plan review aspects of working at the front counter. The course is intended to provide essential information that will assist in doing plan review as it relates to such items as patio covers, room additions, decks, garages, hot tubs and other items.

Thursday Decks and Porches by the Code Glenn Mathewson, City of Westminster

The latest IRC editions include new provisions for perspective deck construction and many of them rattle the norm of common construction methods. At the same time, conventional roof construction methods long understood by carpenters are being lost to the ease of prefabricated trusses. Decks and porch roofs pose a challenge to all building departments in that they are incredibly varied in design, not clearly or sufficiently covered by the IRC, and notoriously built by homeowners or new tradesmen that don't completely understand their potential complexity.

Friday Permitting, Plan Review and Inspections for Small Jurisdictions Building Official Panel

This class will take a look at the issues, concerns, problems and solutions when working in a small jurisdiction. The panel will give individual presentations on how things work in their jurisdiction, followed by moderated panel session and then the class will end with a Q&A period for the class to ask question of the panel.

For registration information and a list of additional courses offered go to www.coloradochaptericc.org

TALK OF THE TRADE



Winter Advice

It's that time of the year when slips and falls occur at an increasing number. Although crews do a very good job of keeping the sidewalks and steps clear of snow and ice there may be icy patches they may not have had a chance to get to before you've walked to your office or work site. The list below provides some good advice on being aware of your surroundings during the winter months and ways to prevent slips and falls.

- Wear proper footgear.
- Take small steps to keep your center of balance under you.
- Walk slowly and never run on icy ground.
- Keep both hands free for balance, rather than in your pockets.
- Use handrails from start to finish.
- Avoid carrying loads on stairways; or carry loads that you can see over.
- Keep your eyes on where you are going.
- Test potentially slick areas by tapping your foot on them.
- Step Don't jump from vehicles and equipment.

Keep walkways clear of debris, water, ice and slippery materials.

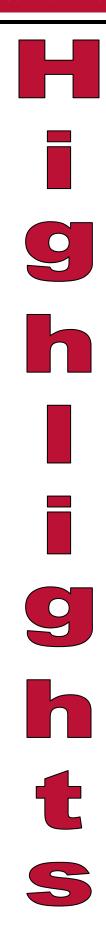
When these helpful hints don't work, and you know you are going to slip, try to reduce your potential injury when falling by:

- Roll with the fall. Try to twist and roll backwards, rather than falling forward.
- Relax as much as possible when you begin to fall.

Toss the load you are carrying. Protect yourself instead of the objects being carried.

(List from OEHS, Wayne State University)

Change Your Thoughts and You Change Your World



Congratulations to "Janice Beecher" on passing her ICC Permit Technician certification test.

Congratulations to "Kara Kirk" on passing her ICC Permit Technician certification test.

Permit Tech Spotlight

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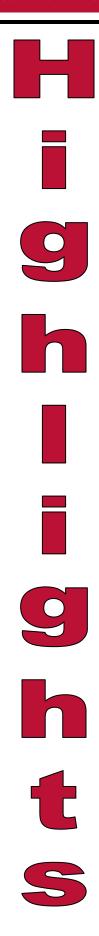
My name is **Janice Beecher** and I am the permit technician for the City of Black Hawk. I have worked for the City for about 3.5 years now; first as a temporary employee doing records management, currently as a direct hire City employee as the Permit Technician!

I have lived in Colorado all of my life and have worn many different hats in my working career but so far, none has been as satisfying as being a building permit technician. There is always something new to learn and always a lively contractor or two to talk with during the day. I enjoy my job in Black Hawk very much and unlike many other jobs in my past, I look forward to coming to work every day. I love the CAPT meetings and the feeling of being part of an industry that helps provide safe buildings for all of us.

Friday, December 15th 2017, I passed the Permit Technician Certification test and am looking forward to the next goal in my career as a Permit Technician Code Specialist! Please join us in Black Hawk in July 2018 for the CAPT meeting. We will be celebrating CAPT's 20 year anniversary in style! Fun and training provided.

Hi—

My name is **Kara Kirk** and I've been with Arapahoe County for 2.5 years. I came from the Real Estate industry into my new career at Arapahoe County. I have worked as a Permit Tech for 2 years and received my Permit Tech Certification earlier this year. I look forward to continuing to learn and expand my knowledge base. I've lived in the beautiful state of Colorado my whole life. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.



Congratulations to "Sara Aragon" on passing her ICC Permit Technician certification test.

Congratulations to "Theresa Campbell" on passing her ICC Residential Plans Examiner certification test.

Permit Tech Spotlight

Meet Sara Aragon—Town of Bennett Colorado

After working in the Private Sector for 10 years I made the choice to move over to the Public Sector for many different reasons. One of the biggest reasons being long-term job security and also needing reliable benefits. I was an Office Manager for a great little plumbing company for a long time, while also working for a couple of other companies doing HR and other miscellaneous things here and there. I never had guaranteed vacation time or other benefits. I would often answer the phone around the clock.

Once I started raising a family this type of schedule became more difficult. While I learned a lot and appreciate all that my start in the construction industry gave me, I am really grateful to be where I am now. Working set hours, with guaranteed benefits was a needed plus. I love my life-work balance and truly enjoy being at work, I really do love my job and I work with some truly amazing people. I work for a smaller Town that is growing like crazy (we all wear many different hats). I enjoy being able to learn so many new things I never would have otherwise had the opportunity to before and I love being challenged with new projects. I earned my ICC Permit Tech Certification in November and now I am going to start working on my Specialist and start moving into some plan review stuff as well. I am looking forward to the Ed Institute in March and always enjoy the chance to go to CAPT meetings.

The most important thing to know about getting ready for the exam is that on top of studying, really learn how to look for answers in all of the books, get familiar with them; if you know how to use the ICC books you should be able to pass the test!

Meet Theresa Campell—City of Loveland

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a great Holiday. My name is Theresa. I work for the City Of Loveland and was promoted to Plan Reviewer in May. On Dec 19th I went to Pearson Vue to take my test thinking I would fail and to my surprise I PASSED. This is a great reminder that you can achieve anything you put your mind to. Just believe in yourself.

NOVEMBER CAPT MEETING CITY OF WESTMINSTER



Kudo's to Glenn Mathewson who always keeps us entertained while teaching us code. Glenn has done a series of construction terminology classes for CAPT teaching phrases, terms, jargon and IRC definitions in structural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical trades. Thank you Glenn, there's never a dull moment and so much to learn.







NOVEMBER CAPT MEETING CITY OF WESTMINSTER



Very nice turn out for the ABM—40 attendees from jurisdictions throughout Colorado. The items donated for the homeless were very much appreciated. Thank you to all that participated. We hope you enjoyed your gift card.

CAPT Lifetime Honorary Member and ICC Code Official of the Year, Becky Baker, swore in the 2018 officers and presented CAPT President, Jessica Sorensen, with the prestigious ICC President's Coin.



CAPT Community Assistance Project 2017— Thank you to CAPT board members, Jessie Sorensen, Melinda Helmer, Darla Brooks, Ann Freiberg, Theresa Campbell, Leslie Carpenter and board member in training Ashley Iverson for helping sort and distribute items in the parking lot of the Denver Rescue Mission. It was a very rewarding experience for all of us.









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www.permittechnation.org

PermitTechNation was founded by Permit Technicians from across the United States via networking through ICC and the Annual Conferences.

CAPT is a member of PTN



Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council Meeting Announcement

Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 Location: Larimer County

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

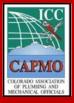


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Next meeting January 18, 2018 Breakfast / Election of Officers Jefferson County



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