



# Tech Talk Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk

With November right around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for the honor of serving as CAPT President for 2010. I had the great fortune of working with a fantastic group of people. The board members clearly have the best interest of CAPT in mind and inspired me throughout the year. I have enjoyed this experience and grown from the opportunity.

The biggest challenge CAPT faces past, present and future is member participation. Becoming part of the entire process of an organization may seem a bit overwhelming at first but the opportunities available to each of you are a worthwhile experience that will leave you with a feeling of great accomplishment.

I encourage each and every one of you to become involved in the CAPT organization. Start out by signing up for a committee. Any amount of time and knowledge you can contribute will make a huge difference.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the November 17th annual meeting and election. There is currently a vacant position for a director for 2011. If anyone is interested in serving on the board please contact me, it's never to late to sign up.

Plan to attend the 2010  
Annual Education  
Conference  
October 23—October 31  
at The Westin Charlotte  
Charlotte North Carolina



Next CAPT Meeting  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Hosted by The City of Westminster  
Westminster City Park Recreation Center  
10455 Sheridan Blvd



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## Manifesting Our Greatest Potential

### Closing the Gap Between Where We Are and Who We Were Meant To Be

Come and hear internationally acclaimed corporate trainer and author, Randy Ferguson, M.A. present profound insights and breakthrough tools that have transformed lives around the world. Come prepared to re-define who you are and what you are capable of producing in your lifetime.



- **Discover** how to turn stress & overwhelm into confidence
- **Discover** how to turn conflict into cooperation
- **Discover** how to bring out the best in the people you care about
- **Discover** how to close the gap between where you are...and who you were meant to be.
- **Discover** how to wake up each day with joyful anticipation

Luncheon  
Election of Officers  
Annual Business Meeting

### Food Drive

Bring your canned food  
for distribution to a  
local food bank.



Registration Fee: \$35.00 or \$25.00  
(see below) cash or check payable  
to CAPT at the door. (Registration  
Fee includes Breakfast, Breaks,  
Lunch, Instructional Materials and is  
non-refundable)

\$10 Discount on registration with a  
food item donation.

# TALK OF THE TRADE



## Test your skills:

Answers can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

1. The building official has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ the provision of the code.

- A. ignore
- B. violate
- C. waive
- D. interpret

*Ref IBC 104.1*

2. Where there is a conflict in the code between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the \_\_\_\_\_ requirement shall apply.

- A. general
- B. least restrictive
- C. specific
- D. most restrictive

*Ref IBC 102.1*

3. In construction classification, there are \_\_\_\_\_ construction types.

- A. four
- B. six
- C. five
- D. ten

*Ref IBC 602.1*

4. A building or tenant space used for assembly purposes with an occupancy load of less than \_\_\_\_\_ persons shall be classified as a Group B occupancy.

- A. 100
- B. 50
- C. 75
- D. 25

*Ref IBC 303.1 Exceptions 1.*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the improper performance of some act that a person may lawfully do.

- A. malfeasance
- B. malice
- C. misfeasance
- D. malicious prosecution

*Ref Legal Aspects of Code Administration—Index of Terms*

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## Permit Tech Spotlight

I'm Laurel Landsman and I'd like to celebrate permit technicians. For the past year I've worked for the City of Cherry Hills Village as their Community Development Clerk. Cherry Hills Village is a smaller municipality and that means that there are very few clerks to do very many tasks. I am continually impressed by how well they all juggle the many situations and tasks that come their way every day. Having had the opportunity to perform permit technician duties for the last year, I am truly in awe of all of you fellow technicians. You manage to keep the homeowners and contractors on the right track with their building permits and inspections as well as dealing with a multitude of phone calls each day. It takes patience, kindness and perseverance to be a good permit tech as well as attention to detail. Celebrate yourself today and remember that the qualities that make you so good at your position also make you a great friend and co-worker.



In my non-work life I train two Australian Shepherds in Freestyle Dog Dancing, Agility, and Rally Obedience. We go to competitions and also perform Freestyle demos at National Western Stock Show, assisted living centers, schools, libraries and other venues. I have a vocal performance degree and enjoy singing. I was a member of Colorado Choir for many years and perform solos at weddings and other events.



Congratulations to:

**Your Name Here**, on passing your **certification test**.

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

Please send your name, jurisdiction and type of certification received to:

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## NOVEMBER ELECTION CANDIDATES

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City of Commerce City  
**Kimberly Segura-Bates**  
City of Lakewood  
**Vacant**  
Your name here
- Past President **Darla Brooks**  
Arapahoe County

## THE FUTURE OF CAPT

In December 2006 then CAPT President, Cindy Linker wrote the following in her Presidents Letter:

What makes good volunteers? They are people who let their efforts rise above their excuses. Each of you has strengths, talents and skills that would benefit this organization. Member dedication and hard work leaves an impression that will continue to make a difference. Involvement in this Chapter will ensure its continued existence and success.

Four years later CAPT currently has over 90 members with only a handful of those members having ever volunteered for an officer, director or committee chair position. The ones that have volunteered have served for years and as they drop off with no one to replace them the board diminishes. When there is no longer enough volunteers to serve the organization will have no other choice but to sunset.

Serving on the CAPT board or as a committee chair does not require time out of the office. Important issues can be decided via email. CAPT is a great organization supporting the position of Permit Technician to it's highest potential. Do not let this organization be swept under the rug due to lack of participation.

## VOLUNTEER TODAY!



If you have been thinking about taking the Permit Technician certification exam and want to test on the 2006 codes the registration deadline for the final paper/pencil exam is October 29, 2010, the exam date is December 11, 2010.

For an application go to [www.cocapt.com](http://www.cocapt.com) and click on National Certification Paper and Pencil Application link on the front page.



## CAPT BYLAW CHANGES

The process of changing the CAPT bylaws has been initiated, signed by five CAPT members and was presented to the CAPT board at the June 2nd board meeting.

Changes have been made under Article III Board of Directors—Section 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. The number of board positions has been reduced to seven. The 2nd Vice President position and two director positions have been eliminated. The number for a quorum for a board meeting has been reduced to four.

Section 7 has been changed to reflect when the newly elected board begins serving their term - which would be immediately after the election at the Annual Association Business Meeting.

These proposed amendments will be discussed and may be further amended at the Annual Association Business Meeting. If passed by a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the bylaw changes will be adopted on such date.



1. D.—interpret
2. C.—specific
3. C.—five
4. B.—50
5. A.—mistfeasance

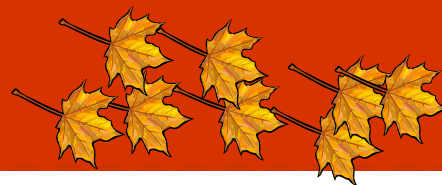
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# Tid Bit

**Safety Tip** — A culture of safety is not just a new set of rules; it is a new philosophy of preventing injury in the workplace. In a true safety culture, safe behavior is not something the boss makes you do; it is a vital part of your job.

An unsafe worker is an uneducated and vulnerable worker, while a safety-conscious employee is informed beyond the strict duties of his job. When safety standards are internalized, employees can police their own safety much more effectively and thoroughly than an authority figure. As one safety professional put it, having a culture of safety means "having people work safely when nobody is looking."

(From: " Tips for Building a Culture of Safety"; safetyxchange.org)



## Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council Meeting Announcement

Date: October 15, 2010

Location: Aspen, Colorado

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



## ICC CONTACTS

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

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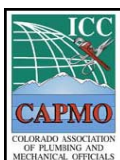
International Code Campus:  
[www.icccampus.org](http://www.icccampus.org)

## ICC eNews

The International Code Council's award winning electronic newsletter, distributed monthly,

keeps members and interested parties up to date with International Code Council programs and relevant industry activities. Read the current issue at:

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



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Next meeting November 18, 2010  
Jefferson County



## Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado

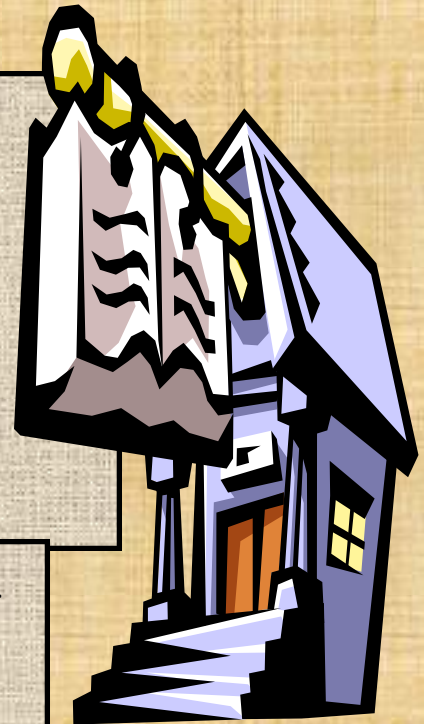
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- 📖 2009 International Building Code
- 📖 2009 International Zoning Code
- 📖 2006 International Building Code
- 📖 2006 International Zoning Code
- 📖 2002 Legal Aspects of Code Administration
- 📖 2002 Legal Aspects Workbook
- 📖 Basic Code Enforcement
- 📖 VHS Video/World Trade Center: A Modern Marvel (1973-2001)
- 📖 VHS Video/The Quiet Heroes
- 📖 DVD People Helping People



Study Materials available for checkout to CAPT members.

Contact:

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

## BECOME A CERTIFIED PERMIT TECHNICIAN

All National Certification examinations that are referenced to the International Codes will be on the 2009 versions.

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>

*Excellence is not a skill it's an Attitude*