

International Code Council Government Relations New Updates – May 2018

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Building Safety Month is your opportunity to raise the profile. Let us help you promote it!

May is [Building Safety Month](#) and this year's theme, "Building Codes Save Lives," is especially poignant after all the recent devastation from storms, fires, earthquakes, mud slides and hurricanes. As you know, current safety codes are developed as your community's and state's best defense to disaster damages and costs. Whatever you do to promote the 2018 Building Safety Month, we at ICC Government Relations want to make sure you have a successful event:

- Hold a city, county or state proclamation event. Here is the link to download a [Building Safety Month poster](#). Here is the link to download the [2018 Building Safety Month proclamation](#). Make your edits, get it signed email it immediately to bsm@iccsafe.org with a brief explanation. Here is the [link to the proclamations](#) that have already been sent in!
- Visit grade school classes to make presentations on getting a building permit, why inspections are necessary and the role of code officials in your community. Download and make copies of [this Building Safety Month Activity Book for Kids](#). And for just \$8, you can order a roll of [100 Junior ICC Building Safety Inspector badges](#).
- Decorate your office with posters and hand out copies of the [Building Safety Month information brochures](#). Go to the [ICC Government Relations webpage](#) and get the links for videos on the value of code officials, about ICC and the code development process and other valuable public information. Put the links up on social media and your community website.

Need more ideas? Visit the links on [how to conduct events](#) and watch what others are doing. Just send in [your photos and video clips](#) and share the fun!

Five weekly themes point to the value of code officials and protecting communities with ICC codes

This is your opportunity to shine and to [spread the word](#)! The 2018 BSM theme is "Building Codes Save Lives" and the weekly themes are:

- Week One (May 1-5): **"Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities"**
- Week Two (May 6-12): **"Advancing Resilient Communities Through Science & Technology"**
- Week Three (May 13-19): **"Protecting Communities from Disasters"**
- Week Four (May 20-26): **"Safeguarding Our Water"**
- Week Five (May 27-31): **"Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow"**

Need more information on sponsors, important dates and other information, [click here](#). And don't miss this [Building Safety Month editorial](#) by Sara Yerkes, Senior Vice President of ICC Government Relations.

May 8: Get ready to vote on cdpACCESS on Group A 2021 code update proposals from Columbus

The Committee Action Hearings in Columbus, Ohio, are done and [online voting on Group A proposals](#) is expected to open May 8 for two weeks for those who were registered with their governmental units. If you need a [refresher on using cdpACCESS](#), the ICC website has helpful information. There is a [cdpACCESS instruction webinar](#), and you will need this password to get in: cdpACCESS2017. Other ways to find help:

- Log into cdpACCESS.com and click the question mark icon at the top right for a user's manual.
- Contact ICC staff for help with cdpACCESS by emailing cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org.

The Group A Codes include the IBC (egress, fire safety, general), IFC, IFGC, IMC, IPC, IPMC, IPSC, IRC (mechanical, plumbing), ISPSC, IWUIC and IZC. [Group B changes are due Jan. 7, 2019](#).

June 4-6: Third annual Chapter Leadership Academy provides insights on stronger ICC Chapters

The ICC Chapter Leadership Academy is set for [June 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center](#) in Denver, Colo. Chapter Vice Presidents and Chapter Officers are encouraged to attend. Register by clicking [here](#), and let us know how many leaders from your Chapter plan to attend. Here are highlights:

- **Event Planning:** How to plan for a large event such as an ICC Educational Institute. Find the best presenters, ensure strong attendance and avoid pitfalls.
- **Running Efficient and Effective Meetings:** How to keep a Chapter meeting relevant while not breaking the bank. Making meetings dynamic, well-attended and cost effective.

- **Preserving the Past while Integrating the Future:** How to use the institutional knowledge of seasoned members to expand the chapter and recruit new members and leaders.
- **Mentoring Program:** A review of the Chapter program that pairs experts in the field with those who want to expand their skills.
- **ICC's Technical Training Program and Military Families Initiative with Jim Ellwood:** A review of ICC's updated training program for young Building Safety Professionals (formerly HSTTP), and the new support program for Military personnel and their families.

Emerging Leaders Membership Council produces 'Mentoring Mondays' for Building Safety Month

A series of several online videos titled "Mentoring Mondays" will debut throughout May, produced by Governing Council members of the Emerging Leaders Membership Council. Project manager Andre Jaen said the series was developed to honor veteran code officials while appealing to those seeking careers in code development and enforcement. "There is wisdom and insight for everyone who is in the safety codes professions, who would like to seek a career in codes and for the public who are protected every day by the building and safety codes we enforce," Jaen said. The first video will air May 7 on the [ICC ELMC webpage](#) and on the [ELMC Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. It will feature an interview between Jaen and [Becky Baker](#), the former Jefferson County, Colo., code official who won the 2017 Gerald H. Jones Code Official of the Year Award. Other Mentoring Mondays interviews will feature ICC Board Vice President [Bill Bryant](#), ICC Board Past President [Dwayne Garriss](#), [Tom Peterson](#) (ICC Board Liaison to the ELMC Governing Committee), ICC Board Member [Stuart Tom](#) and ELMC Governing Committee Vice Chair [Ben Breadmore](#) who was interviewed by his newest staff member at Holden, Maine.

International Code Council, ASME and the CSA Group chart a new course for plumbing standards

The International Code Council is working with the [American Society of Mechanical Engineers](#) (ASME) and the [CSA Group](#) to improve and streamline the development process for the A112 plumbing standards. The A112 standards regulate everything from water closets, showers, faucets, roof drains and grease interceptors to air gaps; and cover materials, fixtures, devices and equipment used or installed in plumbing or mechanical systems. The International Plumbing Code — the first model code published by the International Code Council in 1997 — references the A112 standards. [Click here to read more.](#)

Top national hoarding expert and TV host to address the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond

Matt Paxton, a top hoarding expert and a featured cleaner on the hit television show HOARDERS, is speaking at the ICC Annual Conference this year. Don't miss out on your opportunity to hear this renowned specialist share his expertise about a topic that is inextricably linked to building safety, fire prevention and the codes. The [International Property Maintenance Code](#) provides requirements for a minimum level of safety and sanitation in existing structures that covers cleanliness, rubbish disposal, rodent infestation and means of egress. The [2018 ICC Annual Conference](#) is Oct. 21-24 in Richmond, Va., followed by the Group A Public Comment Hearing.

Survey: NAWIC seeks input on supporting women in construction related positions

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is launching an effort to engage industry companies in a dialogue about advocating for women in construction and their path to leadership roles. Their first outreach is a national survey that will help NAWIC understand what employers are looking for and identify the barriers and opportunities that exist for their members. For your feedback, [vote now.](#)

Large exodus of retiring code officials opens the door to job opportunities for America's veterans

In the next 15 years, the building industry will experience a loss of 80 percent of the existing skilled workforce. [This is a tremendous opportunity for veterans](#) looking for a job after military service as the building safety professions include a broad range of jobs such as building and plumbing inspectors, plans examiners and administrators. That's why the International Code Council launched a [new website](#) for the ICC Military Families Career Path Program. The ICC Military Families Career Path Program is part of [Safety 2.0](#), the Code Council's signature initiative to welcome a new generation of members and leaders to the building safety profession. To learn more, visit www.iccsafe.org/military, share this [video on the program](#), and contact any of the ICC Government Relations Regional Managers.

Got PULSE? Third of ICC podcast series focuses on FEMA with John Ingargiola and Eric Letvin

The [ICC Pulse Podcast](#) is a monthly podcast that offers listeners the inside scoop on the International Code Council and the building safety industry. [In this month's episode](#) we welcome two guests from the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). John Ingargiola, Lead Physical Scientist of FEMA's Building Science Branch, and Eric Letvin, FEMA's Deputy Assistant Administrator of Mitigation join us to discuss pre-disaster mitigation, a prevalent topic after the series of tragic natural disasters in 2017. To read more, [click here](#). You can still listen to the first two podcasts:

- [Beth Tubbs](#), senior staff engineer with the International Code Council Codes and Standards Development department.
- Board of Directors President [Jay Elbettar](#), P.E., CBO, LEED AP, CASp.

July 13 is the deadline to compete and win \$2,500 in the World Standards Day Paper Competition

The World Standards Day (WSD) Paper Competition is open to any United States citizen who is in the private sector, government, or academia, including employees of standards developing organizations, and involves a \$2,500 prize to the winner at the WSD Dinner on October 18 in Washington, D.C. Every year a theme is selected and this year's theme is **Innovation Nation**. The U.S. Planning Committee sponsors a paper competition based on the theme and this year the rules for the competition allow various topics to be chosen as part of the general theme including use of standards to facilitate international trade; standards and the law (IP, copyright, antitrust); how standards support sustainability, accessibility, safety, etc. [Click here for more information](#).

Here's how it works: Prompt, reliable technical opinions are available through ICC memberships

The Technical Opinion Service for the International Codes is an exclusive benefit of ICC Membership. This service [provides prompt and reliable information](#) to assist in the [application of the ICC family of codes](#). ICC Membership types that receive this benefit fall into one of three basic categories:

- **Governmental Member** – Government/Municipality (includes agencies, departments & units) engaged in administration, formulation or enforcement of laws, regulations or ordinances relating to public health, safety and welfare. With this type of membership, any one that is an employee of the governmental member can use the service.
- **Corporate Member** – An organization such as an association, society, testing laboratory, institute, company, manufacturer or corporation, interested in the purposes and objectives of the Council. With this type of membership, any one that is an employee of the corporation can use the service.
- **Individual Member** – An individual who is interested in the purposes and objectives of the Council. Membership benefits are available to only the individual on the membership and cannot be used by anybody else. With this type of membership, only the individual that is the ICC Member can use the service.

[Completed Committee Interpretations](#) are posted on the ICC Website and are available to both ICC Members and non-members and can be seen online.

New features: Print your own wall certificates and new info on automatic combination designations

Code Council Members are now able to print their own wall certificates on **myICC** for their International Code Council certification. Instead of waiting for the mail to get your wall certificate, the Code Council has added a print-on-demand option for you to print your own certificate in your home or office. This comes at no additional cost to you. [Click here for more](#) from the [Building Safety Journal](#) on printing your own wall certificates, plus new information on automatic combination designations.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available 24/7 from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **May 10 - Choosing Construction Type Just Got Easier: Design Tools to Simplify IBC Chapter 5**, offered twice [10:55 a.m. to noon](#), and [1:55 to 3 p.m.](#) Ricky McLain, Woodworks, and Paul Coats, PE, CBO, AWC, are presenters.
- **May 16 - Overview of Code Enforcement.** This first of its kind series is geared toward the Permit Technician. Take one or take them all. This and the next five live webinars are the perfect opportunity to get training without taking time away from the office to travel.
- **May 23 - Reading Construction Documents.**
- **May 30 - Building Department Processes.**
- **June 6 - Legal Principles.**
- **June 13 - Finding the Answers in the I-Codes.**
- **June 20 - Principles of Customer Service.**

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **May 8-9** in Las Vegas, Nev., **Leadership Institute.** Manage change within your organization by obtaining the leadership techniques, tactical methods and critical knowledge that is critical for effective leaders.
- **May 14-17** in Emmetsburg, Md., FEMA [E0279 Retrofitting Flood-Prone Residential Buildings Course](#) at the Emergency Management Institute National Emergency Training Center.
- **May 21-22** in Washington, D.C., [Training on the 2017 Revision to ISO/IEC 17025](#). Learn about requirements in the 2017 revision to the laboratory QA/QC standard, ISO/IEC 17025, to accredit laboratories. Instructor is Ned Gravel, IAS Training Manager and 20 year veteran of the conformity assessment community in Canada and the US.
- **May 22-24** at Country Club Hills, Ill., **Fire & Life Safety Institute.**
- **June 11-12** in St. Louis "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.
- **June 20** in Brea, Calif., **2015 Means of Egress** with Doug Thornburg.
- **August 13-15** in Portland, Ore., **Fire & Life Safety Institute.**
- **September 10-11** in Brea, Calif., in St. Louis "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.
- **September 17-20** in Dallas, Texas, **14 Permit Technician Certification Test Academy | 2.1 CEUs.**
- **September 24-25** in Brea, Calif., **Permit Technician Institute | 1.2 CEUs.**
- **October 9** in Country Club Hills, Ill., **2015 Means of Egress** with Doug Thornburg.
- **November 5-8** at the ICC office in Country Hills, Ill., **64 Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy.**
- **December 3-4** at Atlanta, Ga., **Permit Technician Institute | 1.2 CEUs.**

END NOTE: Don't forget to join the conversation (*it's free!!!*) on [#CODEversation](#) on Twitter right now with [@IccFire](#). Starting May 14, [@BSoukupJD](#) hosts our Building Safety Month twitter chat about pre-disaster mitigation.