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State Codes Advisory Committee Officers For 2010-2011

Commissioner Mike Beatty has appointed the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) leadership for the next term. The officers for the SCAC 2010-2011 term are Morgan Wheeler, Chairman; Tim Williams, Vice Chairman; and William Guinade, Secretary. They will serve two years in this capacity. In addition, effective August 1, 2010 Joel Rodriguez with Gwinnett County has been selected to serve out the remainder of the code enforcement officials vacancy.

The State Codes Advisory Committee plays a major role in the development and review of the State Construction Codes. The committee is made up of 21 members who are experts in the various codes and who are chosen to represent the diverse interests of Citizens, Builders, Codes Enforcement Officials, Designers, and other groups. The Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner and the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, or their designees, are ex officio members of the Advisory Committee. The remaining members are appointed by the Commissioner of DCA. The SCAC advises the DCA Board on the adoption of any new code editions and/or amendments.

Commissioner Beatty and staff would like to thank all those organizations and individuals who serve on the SCAC. DCA is always seeking individuals to serve in various capacities and individuals may be selected for future public service. If you need additional information, please contact Ted Miltiades, Director, at 404-679-3106 or at ted.miltiades@dca.ga.gov.

2010 Legislative Session

HB 1196: No building code to require fire sprinklers in single family dwelling: Prohibits any state or local building code from requiring fire sprinklers to be installed in any one or two family dwelling. Neither DCA nor any local government will be permitted to adopt any provisions that require the installation of fire sprinklers in one and two family dwellings.

HB 516: Industrialized Buildings: comply with local ordinances: This bill relates to factory built buildings and dwelling units to provide that industrialized buildings shall be deemed to comply with state minimum standard codes and local ordinances and regulations applicable to such buildings.

SB 370: Water; examine practices, programs, policies: Establishes measures to improve water conservation in the state. DCA will be tasked with amending the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code to require the installation of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures in new construction. Also, DCA will be tasked with amending the Georgia State Minimum Standard Energy Code. The effective date of the requirements prescribed under these sections of the bill is July 1, 2012. In addition, DCA programs regarding Environmental Management and Comprehensive Planning will be required to enhance programming and incentives for voluntary water conservation,



identify and provide rules, regulations or opportunities. DCA will coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources to establish administrative programs and procedures to encourage water conservation and to provide information for DNR's interim report to the Governor to be completed by July 1, 2010, the final report by August 1, 2010, and yearly reports by January 1 of 2011 through 2015.

All three pieces of legislation have been signed by the Governor.

2010 SCAC Amendment Review Subcommittee

The 2010 SCAC Subcommittee which was tasked with reviewing the proposed amendments to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes for construction will make their final report to the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) at the July 29th SCAC meeting. Mr. Bill Guinade, Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee will be presenting the final report and recommendations to the SCAC. There is a total of (5) amendments that will be recommended for adoption, of these 5 Amendments; (1) Amendment is to the International Residential Code, (2) Amendments are to the International Mechanical Code (IMC), and (2) Amendments are to the International Plumbing Code (IPC) which included adoption of *Appendix J: Reclaimed Water Systems for Buildings*. If adopted by the Board of Community Affairs, the amendments will become effective January 1, 2011. If you have questions or would like a copy of the approved proposed amendments of the Subcommittee, please contact Max Rietschier, SCAC Subcommittee Coordinator, at 404-679-3104 or max.rietschier@dca.ga.gov

2009 International Energy Conservation Code Task Force Update

The 2009 IECC Task Force was charged with assessing the differences between the 2006 IECC with Georgia Supplements and Amendments (existing code) and the 2009 IECC. After seven meetings over a six month period the task force has completed its charge. The task force will make a recommendation regarding the adoption of the 2009 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1-2007 and 44 proposed supplements and amendments to the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) at its July 29, 2010 meeting. All task

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CODY SAYS



Always use the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Construction Codes and Industrialized Building webpage to find the most current happenings with regards to the State of Georgia building codes. Using the link below will allow you to view current code editions in effect and also give you all contact information needed for assistance.

www.dca.ga.gov/development/ConstructionCodes/index.asp



force information can be found on the web at: www.dca.ga.gov/development/constructioncodes/programs/IECTaskForce.asp. Upon approval of the SCAC and the DCA Board this new code will take effect on January 1, 2011. This project is funded in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in cooperation with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. For more information or to be placed on the interested parties list, contact Ryan Meres at (404) 679-3109 or Ryan.Meres@dca.ga.gov.

Residential Green Building Code Update



The Residential Green Building Code Task Force held their final meeting on June 15, 2010 at the Department of Community Affairs. This residential green building code will be based on the National Green Building Standard (ICC 700-2008), developed by the International Code Council (ICC) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The Green Building Standard will be for One-and –Two Family Dwellings including Townhomes.

The Task Force has reviewed this code and will make the final recommendation to the State Codes Advisory Committee (SCAC) regarding its adoption and the adoption of the Georgia amendments at the July 29, 2010 SCAC meeting. Upon approval by the SCAC and the DCA Board, this code will take effect on January 1, 2011. ICC 700-2008 will be a permissive code for local governments to adopt if they choose to enforce as there Green Building Standard. For more information, please contact Anthony Z. Claffey, Building Codes Consultant, at 404-679-4845 or anthony.claffey@dca.ga.gov.

Your Voice Needs to be Heard to Direct ICC's Future



We are reviewing the current ICC strategic plan through an initiative called Blueprint to 2015. It's very important that we hear from many voices as we plan for where ICC should place its focus during the next five years. This summer, we are conducting a variety of outreach activities to seek feedback from our members, chapters, partners and other stakeholders.

Yours is a very important voice in this process. We invite you to participate in a Blueprint to 2015 web meeting for ICC Chapter Leaders at 12 noon Central Daylight Time on Friday, July 9. The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with a forum to share your thoughts about ICC's business strategy. We'll start with an overview of where we are in the Blueprint to

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

7-10 NFPA Conference and Exposition – Las Vegas, NV

JULY

18-22 Georgia State Inspectors Association – St. Simons Island, GA

19-22 National Building Energy Codes Conference – Charlotte, NC.

29 State Codes Advisory Committee Meeting @ DCA

SEPTEMBER

23 Industrialized Buildings Advisory Committee @ DCA (tentative)

OCTOBER

8-12 Georgia International Association of Electrical Inspectors – Savannah, GA

23-31 International Code Council Annual Conference and Final Action Hearings - Charlotte, NC

If you have any meetings that you would like to include in this newsletter, please contact the Construction Codes Program at 404-679-3118.

2015 process, and then moderate a feedback session asking you to express your thoughts and vote on a series of items important to our strategic direction.

We know that some of you will not be able to attend due to other commitments. Whether you are able to attend, we'll communicate the results of the meeting to you within a couple of weeks after the meeting.

Please let us know if you'll be able to attend by responding via the following webpage:

www2.iccsafe.org/chapters/index.cfm?ICC_Chapter_Event

On Friday, July 9, please use the following instructions to join the meeting:

Dial 866-609-4868 and enter *7777# to participate in the conference room.

Go to the following website and sign in using your full name as a guest:

<http://iccsafe.adobeconnect.com/blueprintchapter/>

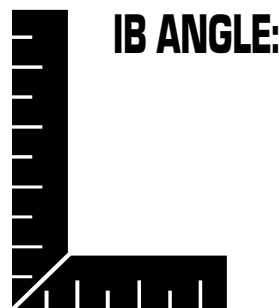
Prior to the meeting, please visit the website below to ensure your computer meets the minimum hardware and software requirements.

https://admin.acrobat.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

If you experience any trouble with the test or during the webinar, please call 205-591-1853 x 33822.

We look forward to hearing your voice.

New Fee Schedule For Industrialized Buildings Program



A recommendation from the Industrialized Buildings Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Community Affairs has resulted in an increase in fees for the Industrialized Buildings Program. The new fee schedule will become effective on July 1, 2010. All applications submitted to the Industrialized Buildings Program beginning July 1, 2010, will be subject to these new fees.

When the Georgia Legislature approved and the Governor signed legislation in 1982 that established the Industrialized Buildings Program, they envisioned the program operating on program generated funds only. The citizens of Georgia were not to be taxed to support the Industrialized Buildings Program. Funds generated from program participants and the fee schedule established in 1982 have fully supported the Industrialized Buildings Program until now. It became obvious that fees charged to program participants would not be sufficient to fund the state's administration of the program. Program fees would have to be adjusted for the program to continue to operate without the use of tax payer funds.

The following is the new fee schedule recommended by the Industrialized Buildings Advisory Committee and approved by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The new fee schedule will become effective on July 1, 2010:

New Insignia Fees:

- New Insignias \$ 75.00 ea.
- Re-Manufactured Insignias \$ 75.00 ea.
- Export Insignias \$ 25.00 ea.
- Construction Office Trailer Insignias \$ 50.00 ea.

Program Fees:

- New Manufacturer Application Fee \$100.00
- New Re-Manufacturer Application Fee \$100.00
- Building System Renewal (required annually) \$200.00 ea.
- Third Party Certification Renewal (required Annually) \$ 75.00 ea.

PROFILE CORNER

Inspection Manager with Gwinnett County, Georgia:

Joel Rodriguez and his family arrived in the United States from Cuba when he was 14 months old. After spending time in south Florida while his father served with the U.S. Army, Joel and his family moved to Georgia in the early 60's. Joel attended schools in Fulton and DeKalb Counties. At the early age of twelve Joel began working during school breaks, with his father on construction projects.



During this time Joel's uncle shared a DeKalb Community College refrigeration text book and Joel became instantly fascinated with the scientific aspects of the material. While finishing high school Joel attended technical school studying HVAC systems. It was at the technical school that Joel was inspired by the school's director Mr. Alvin Wilbanks (now CEO and Superintendent of the Gwinnett County school system). Joel recalls Mr. Wilbanks stating he was able to pay for higher education and other expenses as a technician repairing mechanical appliances. Joel purchased his first home in Gwinnett County at the age of 21 and continued his career in the heating and air industry serving as Service Manager and Human Resources Manager with local mechanical contracting firms. To date, Joel has been involved in construction for over 30 years and has obtained multiple International Code Council building inspection certifications. He is licensed by the state of Georgia as a Conditioned Air Contractor. Joel has continued his professional education as exemplified by many factory training courses and certifications as well as certifications from the EPA and State of Georgia. In Addition, Joel is certified by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as a level 1B erosion control inspector and a level II plan reviewer. These licenses and certifications require annual continuing education and training. He is currently preparing for advanced ICC building inspection certifications, as well as preparing to continue his academic education. Joel is active in community service organizations and has served as a translator for the Volunteer Interpreter Program with the Gwinnett County Police Department. In addition, Joel is very active in numerous professional organizations spanning boards of education, construction, and inspection associations. He served as an instructor at Gwinnett Technical College and currently holds the position as Chairman with an advisory board for their HVAC program. Joel has served on additional committees and boards throughout metro Atlanta including positions as; Chairman of the DeKalb County Employer Committee for the Georgia Department of Labor; Member on the school advisory committee for the DeKalb O.E.C. Tech School; Active participant with the Tech Prep Committee for the DeKalb County Board of Education.; President of the Metropolitan Atlanta Air-conditioning Contractors Association and the Metropolitan Atlanta Inspector's Association; and Secretary for the Service Managers of Georgia association. This past year he served the Building Officials Association of Georgia by participating on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' taskforce reviewing the latest International Energy Conservation Code. Joel has been asked to serve on the State Codes Advisory Committee. He enjoys the work in his community and has never missed a day of work due to an injury or illness. Joel's section includes very experienced and dedicated building and development inspectors who maintain a strong relationship with the inspectors in the Fire Marshal's office, and other departments. "Together we work to safeguard the natural resources, property and citizens of Gwinnett County".

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

Department of Community Affairs
www.dca.ga.gov

State of Georgia
www.georgia.gov

EasyLiving Home^{cm} Program
www.easylivinghome.org

National Association of Home Builders
www.nahb.com

International Code Council (ICC)
www.iccsafe.org

Building Officials Association of Georgia
www.boagcodes.org

National Fire Protection Agency
www.NFPA.com

Georgia General Assembly
www.legis.state.ga.us

State Fire Marshal
www.gainsurance.org

Southface Energy Institute
www.southface.org



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To All Code Enforcement Authorities

It has been brought to the attention of this Office, that there are questions regarding the applicable codes and standards to be used in inspecting, installing, and permitting liquefied petroleum gas (LP gas or propane) systems within the State of Georgia. Under the provisions of §10-1-265(a) of Article 10, of Title 10, of the Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.), "The State Fire Marshal shall make, promulgate, adopt, and enforce rules and regulations setting forth minimum general standards covering the design, construction, location, installation, and operation of equipment for storing, handling, transporting by tank truck or tank trailer, and utilizing liquefied petroleum gases and specifying the odorization of said gases and the degree thereof. Said rules and regulations shall be such as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the health, welfare, and safety of the public and persons using such materials and shall be based upon reasonable substantial conformity with the generally accepted standards of safety concerning the same subject matter."

The codes and standards this Office has adopted for propane gas systems are the 2009 edition of NFPA 54 and the 2008 edition of NFPA 58 with the 2006 IFGC used only as a supplement where items are not already addressed. These codes are adopted through the Administrative Act under Chapter 120-3-16 entitled, "Rules and Regulations for Liquefied Petroleum Gases." It is important to further understand that §10-1-270, prohibits any municipality or other political subdivision of this state from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or regulation in conflict with this Article 10 or with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under Chapter 1 of Title 10.

This Office licenses liquefied petroleum gas (LP gas or propane) dealers conducting work in Georgia as prescribed under §10-1-260. As a condition of this licensing, propane dealers are allowed to install, repair, or service propane systems or the gas piping or components of such systems including the associated equipment or appliances in the same manner as those persons or entities that hold an appropriate plumbing license issued by the Secretary of State's Office. Keep in mind there is no provision of the law that prohibits a local jurisdiction from inspecting propane gas systems under the adopted standards of this office or permit specific jobs. However, State law would preempt those jurisdictions from prohibiting a licensed propane dealer from conducting the business for which they are licensed by this Office or requiring compliance with any additional code or standard as it relates to the installation, equipment or appliances connected to the LP gas system.

If you have any further questions, please feel free contact me at (404) 656-9636.

Sincerely,

Chris Stephens

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