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Building Code Council

The next NC Building Code Council will be June 8th and 9th at the OSFM Offices located at 322 Chapanoke Road in Raleigh. The BCC Business meeting will start at 10:00 am on the 8th, the public hearing portion will start at 1:00 pm on the 8th and the BCC council meeting will start at 10:00 am on the 9th.

NC Code Officials Qualification Board

The next NC Code Officials Qualification Board meeting will be July 28th at the OSFM Office at 322 Chapanoke Road in Raleigh.

Computer Based Testing

At the conclusion of the June tests, the Qualification Board will begin outsourcing the examinations to a joint venture between the International Code Council and Pearson Vue. Many of you have already heard that the exams will cost \$172, but the positives include: selecting an exam date that works with your schedule and your department, six exam locations around the state, receiving exam results immediately following the exams, and more flexibility when scheduling standard courses. The six exam sites are located in Raleigh, Statesville, Huntersville, Asheville, Wilmington, and Greenville.

Renewals & Continuing Education

Standard and Limited renewal notices were mailed May 15, 2009 to all inspection departments. Renewals payments are due by June 30, 2009. You must complete six continuing education hours to renew each standard or limited certificate. The Continuing Education Report has been updated. Please refer to this report to verify the number of continuing education hours you have prior to June 30, 2009. You can find it at:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/COQB/engineering_coqb_home.asp

Accessibility Code Changes

In 2008, the Building Code Council voted to exchange the existing North Carolina Accessibility Code in favor of adopting the referenced 2003 ANSI A117.1 standard along with the modified 2009 Building Code Chapter 11. During review within the Office of Administrative Hearings, the rule was referred to Legislative Review. Soon after the current legislative session began, a bill was drafted to address the Chapter 11 modifications.

This bill did not make the cross-over date set for the legislature to move forward. While it is likely that the new rule will be in effect as the Building Code Council has passed, it will not take effect until the final day of the current legislative session. To read more, go to:

www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/CodeServices/engineering_codeservices_interpretations_accessibility.asp

Book Sales Update

Due to the state budget limitations, the department has been unable to purchase code books in order to resupply our code sales operations. Since the inventory of books is down, we ask that people call before traveling to the OSFM office. Calls can be directed to Judy McGhee at (919) 661-5880 extension 240.

Upcoming Dates:

NC Fire Marshals Association Quarterly Meeting - August 20 at 1:00 P.M. - Raleigh Convention Center

NC Plumbing Inspectors Meeting - June 14 to 17 Ramada Plaza, Kill Devil Hills

Building Inspectors Annual Meeting - August 16 to 19 - Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic Beach

NC Mechanical Annual Meeting - August 2-5, 2009 - Holiday Inn, Cherokee, NC