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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

**To Be Determined**
*Coordinated by American Fork*

June 15, 2016
Time: 12:00P.M.
Orem City Council Chambers
56 North State Street
Orem, Utah 84057

**Next Meeting:**
*Coordinated by Santaquin City*

July 20, 2016
Time: 12:00P.M.
Orem City Council Chambers
56 North State Street
Orem, UT 84057

Paul Ashton
Chapter Treasurer

There have been a few things happen recently around me that has made me reflect on the things we do as code officials. I went to my son’s high school graduation and listened to talks that were given. I had been to other graduations but these talks hit home because of some of the contractors and homeowners that I have been working with recently.

One spoke about being kind and the other spoke about making a difference. I have listened to others many times speak about these two subjects. This time the thought came to mind, “Have I been kind and helpful?” Why are these subjects important in the lives of code officials?

Code officials make a difference. Our City Manager has asked all the employees to keep this motto in mind as we serve the citizens of Orem “Build a better Orem”. That is what we do every day in our profession. We provide a place for folks to live, work and play that is safe and accessible. We ensure that a certain standard is met in constructing buildings.

Some of those we work with have a difficult time with what we do. Being kind is something that we can struggle with at times. We see that when Contractors state, …

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“Well X and Y jurisdiction doesn’t make me do that”. Sometimes the particular contractor or homeowner that we have dealt with in the past comes in and we immediately think “Here we go again!”

For me, when I have that thought come to mind, that is when I need to be more careful to be sure to listen to their concern with an open mind so I respond in a kind and correct manner. When we enforce code sometimes the contractor and especially the homeowner feels that we are trying to make their life miserable. These are the times that we need to instruct and guide to help them see the importance of the item(s) that we need done.

I hope that each of us will be able to look at the things we do to see what we can do better. If we need more training, get it. If we need to work on presentation in difficult situations think about what perception those we are talking with have of us and what we do. Take the time to train them on the “why” and not just on the “what”. We are all busy and that also makes it difficult to take the time to be kind.

As we deal with contractors and homeowners this summer step back and see what we can do to help guide them in building a better place to Live, Work and Play.

Sincerely,

Paul Ashton
Chapter Treasurer

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**CONFORMITY CORNER** *(By: Brad Hardman)*

**Garage Door**

How do you test garage doors with automatic door openers? What is the proper testing method?

16CFR1211 states that an automatic door opening device must stop and reverse the direction of the door within two seconds of encountering a 1-inch high object placed at the center of the door in the line of travel on the floor. Once it encounters the object, the opener must return the door to its full-up position. For testing purposes, the rule allows use of a 2 by 4 (1-1/2” thick) placed flat on the floor as an exception, but does not approve of any other method of testing, ie. standing and holding the door with one’s hand; placing cardboard boxes, a roll of paper towels, weight-gauging devices or empty and capped plastic soft-drink bottles under the door’s edge as it is closed.

Since this is the only method mentioned in the rule, anyone who is testing a door anywhere above the height of a 2 by 4, or with anything but a 2 by 4, is taking a chance on lightening his or her wallet. While other methods might be just as effective, these devices are built to comply with only this standard.

So, if an inspector breaks a door or opener while testing it with another method, he/she might be hard-pressed to prove that those actions didn’t directly contribute to the damage. Bottom line, the federal standard has been set - stick to it and consider it a gift to all inspectors. Using any other method is foolhardy.
## CALENDAR ITEMS

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The protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public by creating safe buildings and communities is the solemn responsibility of the International Code Council ("ICC") and all who participate in ICC activities. Recognizing this, the ICC advocates commitment to a standard of professional behavior that exemplifies the highest ideals and principles of ethical conduct. The governing concepts embodied in this philosophy are characterized herein, for the benefit and guidance of those so engaged, and for the enlightenment of the public so served.

Each individual participating in an ICC activity shall:

- Support the mission of the ICC to provide the highest quality codes, standards, products and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment.

- At all times, act in an ethical manner, comply with the ethical rules and regulations related to his or her profession, and avoid conflicts of interest.

- Demonstrate integrity, honesty, and fairness while participating in ICC activities.

- For ICC certified individuals, maintain professional competence in all areas of employment responsibility and encourage the same for colleagues and associates.

- Act in accordance with the Bylaws and Policies of the International Code Council, including this Code of Ethics.

The ICC Board of Directors may take any actions it deems necessary in order to enforce this Code of Ethics and to preserve the integrity of the International Code Council.
ANNUAL BARBECUE

Where: Lindon City Park
200 N. State Street, Lindon, UT
When: Wednesday, August 17th
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please send an RSVP to Chrisk@wc-3.com if you plan on attending.

All Beehive Chapter Members and a Guest are invited. We will enjoy great barbecue catered by the Smoking Apple, rub shoulders and enjoy each others company, play games, etc.

We hope to see you all there!