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APRIL PROGRAM

**Insulation**
By: Rich Colaizzi  
of Premier Building Supply

May 18, 2016  
Time: 12:00P.M.

Orem City Council Chambers  
56 North State Street  
Orem, Utah  84057

**Next Meeting:**  
Coordinated by  
American Fork  
June 15, 2016  
Time: 12:00P.M.

Orem City Council Chambers  
56 North State Street  
Orem, UT  84057

I just want to begin by thanking everyone who participated in the Annual Spring Conference last month. I want to give an extra thank you to the Beehive Chapter Board Members, instructors and vendors who took time out of their week to help make that meeting happen. The conference was a great success and we had a record number of attendees!

John Little  
Chapter 2nd Vice President

Great Utah Shake Out

I hope all of you were able to participate in some form during the Great Shake Out last month. I was able to attend the Utah Earthquake Resiliency Workshop in West Jordan a couple weeks ago. It was a great workshop where the attendees included building inspectors, architects, engineers, and emergency management officials.

It is frightening to think about what the Wasatch front is going to do during a 7.0 earthquake. They estimate that 300,000 structures will need to be evaluated for safe occupancy in 30 days requiring 2,400 inspectors, and the short term economic damages at over $33 billion.

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These are some eye-opening figures for a profession that is already struggling to find inspectors. I hope all of you are actively training with disaster mitigation in mind. ICC offers a Disaster Response Inspector certificate and the Utah Department of Emergency Management offers training classes on a wide range of subjects. I encourage each jurisdiction to train and certify all personnel so that we can help each other effectively and efficiently during whatever disaster that is lying in wait for us in the future.

Sincerely,

John Little
Chapter 2nd Vice President

**BOARD ARTICLE (Continued)**

**CONFORMITY CORNER**

**Solar PV Meter Adapters**

Everyone is seeing a ton of solar photovoltaic (PV) installations right now. We could discuss several aspects of these systems, but for this month let’s discuss the adapters that are used at the meter base.

How are you handling meter base adapters such as the *ConnectDER* (shown below)?

Does this adapter fall under the NEC requirements or is it exempt per NEC Article 90.2?

Have you been required by the power company to provide a letter noting that as the AHJ you approve the device?

What do you look at with regards to these solar meter base adapters?

*We will discuss this item along with the April newsletter topic of “Using Photos Rather than Re-Inspection” at our May 18th Chapter Meeting.*
### CALENDAR ITEMS

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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

National Building Safety Month

By: Chris Kimball
Beehive Chapter President

For the fourth year in a row President Obama has declared the month of May to be “National Building Safety Month”. The intent of Building Safety Month is to increase public awareness and to help “individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures”. This is also an opportunity to reinforce the need to adopt modern building codes and to push for a well-trained and professional staff.

Earlier this week representatives from several local building safety organizations met with the Utah Lieutenant Governor, Spencer Cox, to recognize the Governor’s signing of a proclamation noting May as “Building Safety Month in Utah”. A copy of the proclamation is attached to the back of this newsletter while below is a photo of those that attended the meeting with the Lieutenant Governor and the organizations that they represent.

Are you doing anything within your jurisdiction to help promote Building Safety Month? ICC’s website provides several examples of what can be done including:

- Set up an information booth at city hall or a local hardware store
- Visit a school and give a presentation on building safety
- Post local information on your website
- Send a news release to newspapers, radio, and television stations

We know that what we do is important… Let’s make sure we promote our cause and help others to understand the importance of building safety!

Sincerely,

Chris Kimball
Chapter President

From Left to Right: Bill Bailey (UAPMO President), Chris Kimball (Beehive Chapter President), Ted Black (Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal), Dave Powers (FMAU President), Gilbert Gonzales (ICC Board Member), Spencer Cox (Lieutenant Governor), Tom Peterson (Utah Chapter Vice President), Patrick Tomasino (State Building Official), John Saunders (Bonneville Chapter President), and Steve Bench (Utah Chapter President).
Gary Richard Herbert  
Governor  

Declaration

Whereas, Utah's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of building safety, energy efficiency, and resilience that affect our residents both in everyday life and in times of a natural or human caused disaster give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound;

Whereas, myriad dedicated professionals, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry, work closely together to ensure the safe construction of buildings and to create and implement the highest-quality building codes in order to protect Utah residents in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play;

Whereas, modern building codes adopted in Utah not only increase energy efficiency and fire protection but also protect the public from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, snowstorms, wildfires, and earthquakes;

Whereas, the state of Utah recognizes the critical role our local building code officials play in the construction of safe and resilient buildings, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, backyard safety, increased energy efficiency, and the development and implementation of new construction technologies to ensure our homes, schools, churches, office building, hospitals, and other structures are safe and sustainable; and

Whereas, we join the national initiative with the theme, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes," to express gratitude for these dedicated professionals, as well as building code officials in local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies for their expertise, commitment to improving building safety, and success in helping save many people's lives and improving quality of life in Utah;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare May 2016 as

Building Safety Month in Utah

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor