

DHCD Report

State Building Code Office (SBCO)

- Building Safety Month contest among jurisdictions
 - One small jurisdiction – less than 10 employees
 - One medium jurisdiction – 10 to 40
 - One large jurisdiction – 41 or more employees

Will receive one day of training and lunch provided by DHCD.

- Rick Witt has been appointed to the technical review board
- 2018 amusement device stickers are now available
- Casey Littlefield recently joined the SBCO team as a Senior Construction Inspector II. Casey is an electrician by trade and holds the ICC Master Code Professional designation.
- Terry Steen also recently joined the SBCO team as a Senior Construction Inspector II and is an electrical engineer.
- Final regulation phase of the 2015 Code Change Cycle is nearing conclusion. The BHCD approved the regulations on Monday, October 16. Once received they will be published in the Virginia register for a 30-day comment period. If a petition is received it must be published in the register for another 30 day comment period. The BHCD will then rule again on the regulations, either affirming or changing their original approval. We are in a holding pattern with publication and training. Although the code update training is moving forward and will be tweaked as necessary. We do not have the same flexibility with the publications. Effective date at this point is unknown.
- Staff has updated the cdpVA website (<https://va.cdpass.com>) with current information related to the Final Phase process and a survey is being sent out to determine what improvements can be made for the next cycle. A survey has been sent to workgroup participants to identify any possible improvements to cdpVA.
- State Technical Review Board has received 14 appeals in 2017 and heard 11. Currently there are four pending cases.
- The 2018 VAGHC is at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA November 14-16, 2018.
- DHCD is in the process of obtaining electronic versions of every code in effect in Virginia since 1973. It is anticipated that the identified Building Official for every jurisdiction will receive an electronic version of a pdf to download. That will come directly from ICC and should be sent out within the next month.

Virginia Building Code Academy (VBCA)

- The 2018 Amusement Device course is scheduled for April 9-12, 2018. An electronic application for this course can be submitted through our online registration site at <https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/BFR/Main/LogOn.aspx>. The course will be held in Charlottesville, VA and we will be touring the Valley Amusement's midway at the Charlottesville Dogwood Festival. The National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Operators (NAARSO) will proctor the exam on Friday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. Students will receive information on lodging prior to the exam, the exam process and fees once they are fully registered for the course.

- After JPVBCA completes development of the 2015 Code Change Training courses for classroom offerings, the Academy will reformat each module to be published online on the JPVBCA Learning Center. Those who expect to take the online courses or who may be interested are strongly encouraged to make sure their Learning Center profile is completely up to date, especially name and email address. All information in each person's Learning Center profile should exactly match that in the Online Registration System. Those officials whose profiles do not match may experience delays or errors in accurately updating online course completions. For information on logging in, accessing profile information, or registering a profile, please contact Stephen Reynolds at Stephen.reynolds@dhcd.virginia.gov or Rajan Engh at rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov
- The VBCA has launched its newest launch is the amusement device inspection orientation program and the Elevator Inspection class.
 - The ADI orientation is a multi-day class designed to prepare students seeking their ADI certification with mid-way experience by providing on the job training and job shadowing of the inspection process. Contact Charlotte Carter at 804-371-7184 for information on who should attend and registration information.
 - Stephen Reynolds is working with the PMG subject matter experts/instructors to revamp the PMG Inspection courses. This will include adding content on plan review process and relationship to the inspection process as well as relevant energy code content. Students will also benefit from the comprehensive student workbook and interactive delivery format.
 - The VBCA is working on the development of the 2015 Code Change Training program and its delivery schedule. The VBCA hopes to bring the training to you through the classroom, on-line (self-paced), approved providers, and new this cycle we hope to use webinars. The classroom schedule will be available later this year. Contact the VBCA office with questions.

Other

- The 2018 ICC Planning Committee has been meeting and making preparations for the 2018 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings. The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond convention Center from October 21-23, 2018.

Many volunteers are still needed for various committees, including the Welcome Event, Ambassadors and others. If you have any interest in helping with this exciting event, please email sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov