

## DHCD Report

- Vernon Hodge retired effective June 1, 2018
- Every jurisdiction should have received a link to all of the legacy codes thru dropbox.
- DHCD Staff provided a 4.5-hour presentation for the manufactured housing installation program on June 1 in Wytheville....great attendance of building officials, contractors and industry representatives.
- USBC, VADR, and IBSR --Final adoption (comment) period April 30, 2018 – May 30, 2018- Tentative effective date of September 4, 2018. We've received one petition on the notice of violation section of the Maintenance Code. So that section will be suspended and further comments taken. We did receive a petition for the arc fault section but no changes had occurred to that section between proposed and final so we could not take action to suspend.
- SFPC – 60-day final adoption (comment) period-Final adoption period April 30, 2018 – June 29, Tentative 2018-Effective date of October 16, 2018. The BHCD is scheduled to consider petitions filed to the SFPC on September 7, 2018.
- DHCD could not enter into a contract with ICC until the regulations were published in the register. Therefore, the custom Virginia Codes likely will not be available by the effective date. We have forwarded everything other than the SFPC so hopefully the Virginia books won't be too far behind the effective date. As always, DHCD will publish the official USBC regulations that contain all amendments and updates to the model codes.
- Newest TRB appointments are Mr. Rick Witt, VBCOA representative and Mr. Kenney Payne, VA AIA representative. State Technical Review Board - Currently there are six pending cases working their way through the TRB process. The next TRB meeting is being held next Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Two cases will be heard, one from Fairfax and one from Virginia Beach. As always the full agenda packet and issues being heard are posted on the DHCD website under the "Appeals" bullet.
- 2018 amusement device stickers are now available. Contact Holly Squares [holly.squares@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:holly.squares@dhcd.virginia.gov) to order stickers. Be sure to order them now so that you have them if/when an event comes to your jurisdiction. Please remember that the Building Official is responsible for the enforcement of the Amusement Device Regulations. Amusement device inspection seals will not be sent or given to a private third-party. The seals are jurisdiction specific and cannot be shared.
- Staff updates – Terry Steen, electrical engineer from DGS is on board. Kelly Duggins has joined the Code Academy as a training coordinator. He will be managing the certification application process and class registrations. Vernon Hodge retired on May 1 and is happily enjoying his tractor and garden! We will miss his encyclopedic knowledge of code history in Virginia!
- Bill Shelton, agency Director for 22-years retired in January and Erik Johnston has been appointed by Governor Northam as the new Director. Erik worked for VACO as well as NACO and had the opportunity to work for Bill as Chief Deputy for a year prior to being appointed. Also new at DHCD is Courtney Dozier who has been appointed as Chief Deputy for the Agency and Jay Grant who is the new Deputy Director of Community Development. Jay came from HUD and is very familiar with the agency's grant programs.
- Related to Community Development, we are developing two webinars for that Division, one on the Maintenance Code and one on the Rehab Code. The webinars are geared to Main Street

Programs, chambers and elected officials so that they become aware of the tools available to them for and during revitalization opportunities. If your community would be interested in participating, please let Jeff know. The first one was held on Wednesday with approximately 60 people signed up, including some code officials.

- The 2018 VAGHC is at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA November 14-16, 2018.
- DHCD has provided electronic versions of every code in effect in Virginia since 1973. You should have received an email from ICC with instructions to download the PDFs. If you have not, please contact Sandi Morris, Director of the Code Academy and let her know.
- BSM student Scholarship - VBCOA, VPMIA, and DHCD partnered to offer the student essay scholarship to highlight Building Code Safety Month. The scholarship was open to rising or graduating high school seniors and current first, second or third year students of a two or four-year institution. This year's essay theme was Building Codes Save Lives.

The winners provided a 1000-word or less essay that illustrated how building codes impact the student's individual and community safety.

A total of five winners were selected with the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner being recognized at the ICC BSM rooftop reception in Washington DC on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Gregg Fields, Tom Clark, Pete Mensinger and Jimmy Moss for making the trip to be there for the recognition!

1st place - \$2000 - Thea Konefal, Maggie Walker Governor's School

2nd place - \$1000 - Caroline Maloney, Freedom High School, Chantilly VA

HM - \$500 - Madilyn Abbe, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA  
Nicholas Dize, Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, VA  
Pieruna Rossini, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

- Building Safety Month (updated 7/18/18)  
The Building Safety Month Jurisdictional contest has closed. We received seven submissions total and look forward to announcing the winners during the VBCOA Annual Conference in September. Winning localities will receive a catered lunch for your office and training for up to 40 employees for just by telling us about your jurisdiction's Building Safety Month campaign! We have expanded the categories and increased the number of winners:
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction under 10 employees
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction 10 to 40 employees
  - Best campaign, jurisdiction over 40 employees

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- Code Update Training (updated 7/18/18)  
Code update training is complete. The initial classroom schedule is posted and open for registration. All trade classes have received DPOR continuing education approval – remember to bring your trades or master licenses with you to code training. With the classroom schedule open, staff are now working on moving the content into the on-line format. Courses will be available on the Learning Center for online availability in early fall. Those who expect to take the online courses 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. If profiles do not match, there may be 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](mailto:Stephen.reynolds@dhcd.virginia.gov) or Rajan Engh at [rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:rajan.engh@dhcd.virginia.gov)

- VBCA Fall Schedule (added 7/18/18)  
The fall schedule is open for registration with Core being held August and November. We will have at least two separate continuing education offerings including the MHIP training for code officials in December.
  
- 2018 Annual Conference and hearings (updated 7/18/18)  
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. Now is the time to book your lodging at one of the five conference hotels. Visit ICC conference webpage for more info: [http://media.iccsafe.org/2018\\_ICC\\_AnCon/index.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2018_ICC_AnCon/index.html)
  - The keynote speaker has been identified....Matt Paxton, host of the television show Hoarders will be the keynote at the luncheon on Tuesday. That will be followed by an afternoon of training on the VA Maintenance Code.
  - There are some awesome events planned including a behind the scenes tour of the Virginia Capitol building and a welcome event on Sunday evening at the Train Shed.
  - 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](mailto:sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov)
  - Most importantly please be sure that you are listed and validated as a governmental voting member! Public Comments will be received until July 16<sup>th</sup> and all PCs will be posted on August 31.