This past November I was invited by the ICC to Las Vegas as part of the Permit Tech Exam Development Committee to evaluate test questions for the 2018 permit tech exam. There were a total of 8 people on our committee; Tamera Hagerman from City of Baldwin City Kansas, Denise Reese from Interwest Consulting Group out of California, Barry Brainard from Spring Lake Park Minnesota, Laurie Weddle from Plano Texas, Cindi Somers from Richland Washington (a founding member of the organization "Permit Technation") and Krista Miller from Green Cove Springs in Clay County Florida. Almost everyone having 10-20 plus years in the industry, a few of them were surprised that I was included having only 4 years experience. Let me tell you why I'm glad I was there...

After going through every test question used on the exams, we were asked to individually give each question a cut score or "weight",

If 100 permit tech's were asked this question, what percentage of them would answer correctly?

Obviously these people knew the code like we each know where to find our silverware drawers. After a few of the questions were "weighted", I reminded everyone that, I AM THAT BRAND NEW PERMIT TECH!

and not having the experience they had is why my weight would most likely not be 95% or 99% all the time. Once we were all finished, we added up each of our answers, divided it by 8 and that's how the ICC determines the weight of each question. On the last day we were asked to create new questions to replace the ones that are no longer applicable to the 2018 IBC. Unfortunately I can't tell you what the questions are, but I can say that if you plan on taking the 2018 exam and one (or two) of your questions are regarding PUD's or solar panels, I wrote them!

Next year the ICC will send an email to all members inviting them to apply for one of their exam development committees and I want to encourage each of you to send them your application!

*Patricia Fail
After sharing the Las Vegas story with the others on my committee, I received this email from Doug Sucik from the ICC:

Don’t forget to consider mentioning, while meeting in CLARK COUNTY, NV:

- Updating over 200 Permit Technician Certification exam items to 2018 I-Codes (the actual number is classified)
- Reviewed statistical performance of over 200 Permit Technician Certification exam items
- Reviewed and approved Job Task Analysis (JTAs)(Content Outlines) for the Permit Technician Certification exam
- Wrote new 2018 I-Code items

Thanks to the knowledgeable, well informed, experienced, and dedicated Exam Development Committee (EDC), the meeting was deemed a success and much appreciated by the ICC liaison in the commitment to public safety.

Doug Sucik
International Code Council
Assessment Center
Program Manager/Test Developer

Again, I want to encourage you to submit your application and be involved with the process and continue learning as the code cycles evolve.
On August 20, 2008, the first committee meeting was held as a conference call. Cathryn Nelson of Herriman City, JoAnn Brookins of Ogden City, and Mary Lund of Taylorsville City participated. At that meeting, our mission statement was discussed as well as what the goals should be. This was the beginning of a very important organization geared towards Permit Techs that provided training, networking, feedback, friendships, and comraderies. Membership was open to anyone who spent any amount of time working on building department items or was interested in joining the organization. The major goal of the organization was to become a professional statewide organization meeting the needs of the members.

Two of our early goals included reaching out to all corners of the State to enlist members, and increasing the number of ICC Certified individuals. Within 90 days of the first planning meeting, there were 90 members on the list, many of which were outside of the Salt Lake City area. There were 15 ICC Certified Permit Techs located throughout the State. Within one year that number had risen to 45. Currently, there are 55 ICC Certified Permit Technicians in Utah.

In May 2009, we held our first training seminar as an official organization. Steve Thomas was the instructor and the 2-day class covered all the publications included in the Permit Technician Certification test. Since that time, we have provided a wide variety of training opportunities, ranging from plan review to legal matters to a field trip ‘inspecting’ a home under construction.

Several people were involved in establishing the Permit Tech Association. John Saunders and Winston Sales of Ogden City taught several classes, met and worked with the Utah Chapter to organize the Permit Tech Association. Donna Jackson of Midvale City was very supportive and encouraged the association in many ways.

Much of the success of our group is due to the support, guidance and direction of the Utah Chapter. They provided access to Building Officials and other Building Department employees to spread the word and encourage their office staff to become involved. Without Utah Chapter’s help we would not have grown so rapidly or been as effective.

Cathryn Nelson & Doreen Bowers-Irons
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- 2015 IPC Plumbing Theory to Code
- 2015 IBC Accessibility & Usability For Residential Facilities
- 2015 IPC Venting Applications & Installations
- 2015 IBC Building Classification
- 2014 NEC Residential Photovoltaic
- 2015 IMC Commercial Kitchen Hoods & Nail Salon Ventilation
- 2015 IMC IFGC Mechanical Fuel Gas Plan Review & Inspection
- 2015 IBC Building Areas Fire Areas Mixed Occupancies
- 2015 IRC Misc. Residential Topics
- Look Ahead 2018 IBC

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This 2 day course will include the following instruction: The first day of the training will be a combination of classroom training, followed by hands on field training. The topics covered in the first day will focus on the building & electrical aspects of the IRC including footings, foundations, framing, shear walls, trusses, etc. Emphasis will be made on things to look for at the permit counter, during plan review and as an inspector. The intent is to get familiar with the code, and understand how everything from permit application, to certificate of occupancy work together. Day two will follow the format of Day 1; however, the focus will be on plumbing and mechanical systems, touching on energy code requirements. The field portions are designed to be hands on, so bring a list of questions, the format will be fluid to discuss what the group is interested in.

INSTRUCTOR

GEORGE WILLIAMS, MCP, CBO

George serves as both a plans examiner and building inspector for WC3. He has been a building inspector for more than 10 years, has a Master’s degree in Construction Management, and is an ICC Master Code Professional. George has been instrumental in the start-up of multiple building departments including the adoption of codes, implementation of permit processes, development of policies and procedures, as well as the hiring and training of staff.

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Questions?? Contact Gina Grandpre at ggrandpre@morgan-county.net

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