I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it’s marked by the blood of those who died defending it.

-John Thune
Market Value!

I had a recent conversation with a colleague about homes that are built around the area and what he experienced as he went through homes on display for the Parade of Homes. He asked why is enforcement of certain things so different? I have been toying with this in my head for some time over the last few years. Why are rules not enforced or things required that are not codes? This is a question that I am sure I cannot answer, “it is above my pay grade” as one would say. What I do know is that there are a lot of prescriptive items in the code that should not be a question as to how or if it should be done.

The areas that are open to interpretation are what I would expect to be the areas of question. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Simple and very direct requirements are being ignored by agencies across the State. I cannot say I or my department is perfect. There are many areas of the code that I am not aware of or know much about. If I do not know what the code is how can I be expected to enforce it, right? This is why training and networking is so important.

I will offer a different perspective to this. I am one that researches the best deal when it comes to major purchases. For example, if I were in the market for a new truck, I would take several locations that offer the type of vehicle I am looking for and compare the different packages available and the price they are selling it for. I would try and compare apples to apples the best you can. This would be the same size of engine, towing capacity, transmission, cab packages, warranties and so on. Then once I see the best price for the same option I can feel confident that I am getting the best deal by comparison.

After this diligence I would than make the decision and buy. Sounds reasonable. The expectation is that I am getting a fair representation of what I am buying. If I am buying a vehicle that says it has a certain package and the vehicle truly did not have all items that should be included in that package comparison than I paid for a package that I did not get. This is a misrepresentation of the market value of that vehicle. Are we not doing the same with home buyers if we do not ensure the minimum standards are met?
I know that you can say the contractor is responsible for this but by not enforcing something in the code they will maximize their profits. I sometimes hear the adage that they cut corners. Whatever you want to call it, by not enforcing the minimum standards on a project we are enabling the fair market representation to be tarnished.

Going back to the showcased homes. The items brought up were concerning energy codes and the lack of insulation and other provisions where a combustion air was being used for a mechanical room. This is a simple item to enforce and ensures the cost savings by the home owner. There are many other items that could fall under this section of the code, like following up on our ResChecks or energy envelope, ensuring an accurate Manual D, J and S design and installation, duct leakage and house infiltration with a blower door test when required. Home owners are paying a large amount of their lively hood for their investment. They have an expectation in us as the jurisdiction to ensure they are getting the fair market value they bought into. Are you representing them fairly?

Peace out and good luck!

Jason Van Ausdal
Utah Chapter President and Springville City Chief Building Official

Special Thanks!

We would like to express a special thanks to Patricia Fail! She has worked hard to put together each chapter newsletter, and will be missed! We wish her the best in her future endeavors!

THANK YOU, PATRICIA!!!

On a side note...if anyone would like to take over putting together the newsletter, we are looking for someone to take over that role. If interested, please contact one of the board members! We would really appreciate your time!
Uniformity Highlights
From May’s Uniformity Meeting

I would like to take the opportunity to review some of the highlights from the uniformity meeting held on May 21st.

Jared Weston of Simpson Strong Tie Presented an overview on top plate roll and provided some solutions. He also went over the SDWC truss screw that is starting to replace the conventional truss ties.

We also discussed what code the structural design for a building that falls under the IRC would come from. As a group it was decided that the 2018 IBC would be used for the structural design on an IRC structure because that is the code adopted by the State of Utah, but after doing more research and after visiting with Chris Kimball of WC-3, my opinion is that the structural design would need to come from the 2015 IBC because it is specifically referenced in the 2015 IRC that the State of Utah has also adopted. As I have contacted other Building Officials across the State, I have gotten answers such as 2018 IBC, 2015 IBC, or it would be acceptable to design to either code. Depending on what jurisdiction I asked these were the answers I received.

I do not believe this is the intent of adopting State-wide codes. It shouldn’t depend on where a builder submits plans as to how it is designed structurally. This is a topic that will probably need to be revisited at the next uniformity meeting. Penetrations through shaft-liner for gas lines and electrical feeders were also discussed. The general thought was an easement would need to put in place. Another concern was if the listing for the shaft liner would allow for gas line and electrical feeder penetrations.

As you read this brief summary of some of the topics we covered it is clear that we need your help and your input. The next opportunity to discuss uniformity topics will be at the annual Festival of Tees and Code Forum on August 6th at the Hobble Creek Golf Course.

Hope to see all of you there!!

-Jason Nelson
PRESENTS THE 2019 FESTIVAL OF TEES AND CODE FORUM!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 6th

- CODE FORUM AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
- AND LUNCH FOR ALL (we are buying mmmm steak)

WHEN: AUGUST 6th AT 10:00 A.M.
WHERE: Veterans pavilion (east of the course)

Then we'll golf at the HOBBLE CREEK GOLF COURSE
5984 E Hobble Creek Canyon Rd
$30.00 green fees (includes 18 holes and cart)

Please note we are doing the traditional steak and goods for lunch. We will give participant gifts at the lunch and prizes for the winners closest to the hole and longest drive at a later time. After the tourney we will have refreshments at the pavilion Jim McClintic will lead our code forum discussion as the Chair if you have questions call one of our most accommodating board members THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SEE YOU THERE!!

****ATTENTION: ****

PLEASE R.S.V.P. If you are coming to golf or lunch (BY August 2nd)............or else (we would like to know how many teams and how many steaks to buy) teams are scheduled in order of RSVP

Jason jvanausdal@springville.org
Residential In Field Training

This course is a hybrid of classroom instruction, with in-the-field training related to the practical application of the 2015 International Residential Code. This course will take that base knowledge to the next level, as you learn how to apply those principles to your role in the building department, regardless of whether you’re a permit tech, plans examiner, inspector or building official. The first 2-3 hours will be classroom instruction related to both plan review and inspections, followed by 4-5 hours of on-site training, focusing on footing and foundation inspections, 4-way inspections, exterior weather barriers, energy compliance and final inspections. You could have the entire code memorized and still struggle at your job, this course will focus on what’s most important — application.

**Tuesday 20th**
Farmington City
160 S. Main
Farmington city Utah 84025
Sign in: 7:30 am - 8:00am

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**Breaks are provided**

**Lunch is on your own**

Material: 2015 IRC
Seminar Fee:
Before August 1st $50.00
After August 1st $60.00


Instructor Profile:

George Williams has worked on a contract basis for numerous jurisdictions in California, Nevada, Washington, Utah, Wyoming and North Dakota throughout his 10-year career in the industry. From 2009 through mid-2014 he acted as the contract building official for Holdaday City, Utah as well as the resort town of Alta, Utah. Mr. Williams was instrumental in the complete start-up of two county building departments in western North Dakota including the adopting of codes, implementation of permitting processes as well as the development of policies and procedures in a part of the country where no previous form of building or construction regulatory processes existed. In addition to substantial municipal work Mr. Williams has acted and continues to act as Lead Inspector for a number of multi-million dollar projects for Utah’s Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM). Mr. Williams has extensive ICC certifications and was one of the first handful of ICC Master Code Professionals in Utah which he received in 2009. Currently he performs complex commercial plan reviews for clients in California, Nevada and Utah, as well as commercial inspections.

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Please register 4 weeks prior to class

Due to changes in the State 1% funding, if there are not enough attendees registered by August 1st, the class may be cancelled.

If registering by mail, send checks to:
UCICC Treasurer, C/O Duchesne County, P.O. Box 317, Duchesne, Utah 84021-0317
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Registration Form, if registering by mail:

**Date Attending:**  □ Tuesday, August 20th  □ Wednesday, August 21st

Name: ____________________________ DOPL License # ____________________________

Jurisdiction/Company: __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________

City, ST Zip: ____________________________ Phone #: ____________________________

Contact Brian Abbott
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This seminar is partially funded by the 1% surcharge on all

**Wednesday 21st**
Springville City
110 S Main
Springville Utah 84663
Sign in: 7:30 am - 8:00am

Instructor Profile:

Jason Van Ausdal, a licensed Commercial and Residential Inspector and Chief Building Official with Springville City, offers the industry over 21 years’ experience. An active member of several professional organizations, Jason is currently serving as a board member on the Utah Chapter Association of Electrical Inspectors and the Utah Chapter ICC. Jason has taught several classes for the Home Builders Association and Utah Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association. Jason also serves on the Electrical Advisory Committee for the State of Utah. Jason also is a certified building plans examiner and certified building official.
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