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The Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association will be sponsoring 2012 International Code Update Training to be held on February 17-19, 2015 at the Winchester City Public Safety Building located at 1080 Coverstone Drive Winchester, Virginia and March 17-19 at the Rockingham County Government Center. These classes can be applied towards tradesman CEU's as required by DPOR. Class is limited to 90 participants.



This is a three day training event with different disciplines each day. The cost is \$50 per day, or three days for \$100. To register email cblack@pwcgov.org. For more information contact your local building department.



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Building Department Mission

The mission of the Building Department is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by assuring that all buildings, structures and related equipment are constructed, installed and maintained in compliance with the standards contained within the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

DPOR Regulations

by Michael Dellinger, CBO

The most asked question by a homeowner when filing a complaint with the building official's office is what enforcement action is the building department going to do to the contractor. This is an either/or answer question. First if the contractor is licensed with DPOR the owner will be directed to file with DPOR's enforcement division. That division will conduct an investigation into the complaint to see if the contractor has violated any of the rules and regulations of the contractor's board. If no violation exists the case is closed. However, if violations exist you may be subject to monetary fines, educational requirements, suspension, or even revocation of your license. Secondly, if not licensed, the building department will seek to file charges with the Commonwealth Attorney's office to bring sanctions against the unlicensed contractor. If the judge finds the contractor is in violation of state law, the contractor can face up to a \$2500 fine and up to 12 months in jail. For questions regarding your contractor's license contact DPOR at the following website contractor@dpor.virginia.gov

Remember it's up to you, the licensed contractor, to help police your trade and report violators to the proper authority. The unlicensed contractor you might hire today might be the one who lands you in legal trouble tomorrow.

Asbestos Abatement

The following is paraphrased from the USBC: In accordance with Section 36-99.7 of the Code of Virginia, the local building department shall not issue a building permit allowing a building for which an initial building permit was issued before January 1, 1985, to be renovated or demolished until the local building department receives certification from the owner or his agent that the affected portions of the building have been inspected for the presence of asbestos by an individual licensed to perform such inspections pursuant to Section 54.1-503 of the Code of Virginia and that no asbestos-containing materials were found or that appropriate response actions will be undertaken. If you are performing commercial work or on residential buildings containing more than four units contact the building department for further information.

Free Code Access

Have you ever wondered what exactly is written in the code books? Now you can view free of charge all of the building codes enforced by the Commonwealth of Virginia by going to the following website:

<http://codes.iccsafe.org/#virginia> or find the link on the Shenandoah County Building Inspections website.



SCCC Membership

Membership in the Shenandoah County Construction Coalition is free. By becoming a member you will be networking with other members of your community that work in the same field as you. Membership allows us a contact list to send information to regarding upcoming events. If you would like to be added to the membership send your information to ccopenhaver@shenandoahcountyva.us or call us at 540-459-6185.

Did you know...

You are **required** by the USBC to have the building department approved plans on site and for review in order for the inspector to perform any inspection?

You are **required** by the USBC to have the building permit posted on the site as to be readable from the public way?

The USBC allows up to five days for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy after all of the required data is received by the building official?