

CODE TALK

Code Administrators Association of Kentucky

2015 SPRING CONFERENCE

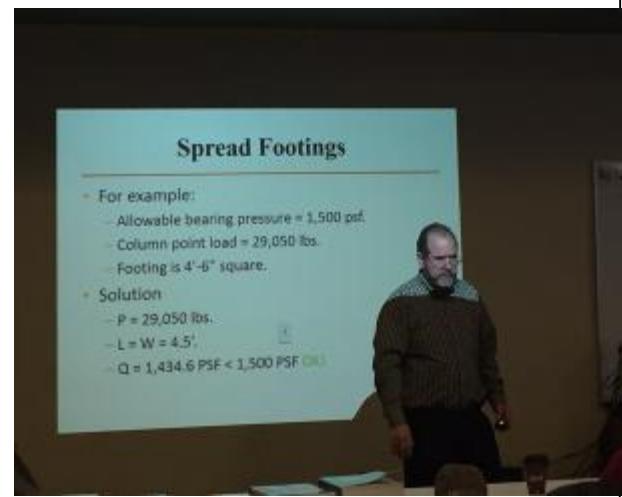


KENTUCKY DAM VILLAGE, GILBERTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

April 19th thru April 22nd

STATEWIDE 1-DAY TRAINING SEMINAR COVERS NEW TOPIC FOR RESIDENCE

CAAK, along with support from Kentucky Homebuilders Association and the Department of Housing, Building and Construction, sponsored a statewide, one-day seminar on the topic of soils. The course looked into various soils within Kentucky, with emphasis on footings and foundations under the Kentucky Residential code. Russell Thornburg, instructor, outlined the course to deal with masonry and wood foundations to benefit contractors, concrete sub-contractors, building inspectors, plan reviewers, architects, engineers, and anyone working in the one-two family and Town-houses dwelling environment.



President's Message

As we dig out of the record breaking snow fall and prepare for what will hopefully be a fantastic spring, I would like to take this time to thank all of those who were involved in making our One-Day KRC Educational classes a success. I want to thank Frank Wallace, Jim Branham and Russell Thornburg for developing, scheduling and presenting an excellent class. I want to thank all of our facilitators, Les Fugate, Neil Howey, Steve Coleman, Bob Carpenter, Meghann Marks, Joe Parsons and Kevin Barbian for volunteering their time as well as their willingness to host a class. CAAK is a wonderful organization because of members like you. Please keep up the good work!



Thankfully, spring is just around the corner and as we enter warmer weather please know that your CAAK Board is working hard on the 2015 Spring Conference, which is April 19th – 22nd at Kentucky Dam Village. We will also be participating with the State's AIA Association and the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction hosting the mid-June training classes. Additionally, the 2015 Fall Conference will be October 11th – 14th in Bowling Green.

Lastly, I would like to encourage each of you to get more involved with Building Safety Month which is in May. Please have your Mayor's or County Judge Executive's complete a Building Safety Month Proclamation. Take a picture with them and email it to Immediate Past President Ron Hampton at ron.hampton@ky.gov. We need to do a much better job at Raising the Profile for what we do on a daily bases within our state. We need to fill the CAAK web site and the ICC web site with pictures and copies of signed proclamations. We need your assistance to help us lead the nation with Building Safety Month Proclamations for the third year in a row! Please don't just sit back and wait for someone else to do it, I'm asking each of you to do it. Get involved; help us promote you, some of the finest folks this great Commonwealth has to offer!

God Bless,

**Jeff Camp
President**

ICC Building Safety Month - MAY 2015

This year's ICC Building Safety Month (BSM) is upon us. Once again We appeal to All of You to assist the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky (CAAK) and the International Code Council (ICC) in "Raising the Profile" of the Building Code Professional's all across the Commonwealth. Our Members have helped to lead the Nation for the past 2 years with Building Safety Month Proclamations from our Local Jurisdictions posted to the BSM Page of the ICC Website (iccsafe.org).

This year CAAK has been challenged by the ICC "Raise the Profile Task Group" to increase our participation in our BSM Activities including - Press Releases, Public Information Booths, School Visits and to secure more BSM Proclamations from our Local Communities.

The Kentucky Department of Housing, Building & Construction has recognized over 150 jurisdictions in 120 Counties and yet last year (2014) less than 20 % of our Jurisdictions supported their Local Building Department and our Members with this simple act of faith and acknowledgement for the work we do as their Local Building Officials. We know that our members can exceed our goal, if we make that extra effort.

I pray this year that each one of you step forward and request a Building Safety Month Proclamation from each Jurisdiction, County or City that you serve. By bringing our issue to the forefront of our Elected Officials we also bring our message of Building Safety and providing the best possible Protection to the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of our Citizens, with Consistent, Efficient and Economical enforcement of the Kentucky Building Code.

CAAK will send out an e-mail blast to the membership that includes the Word or PDF Version of the fill-in the blank form of the BSM Proclamation for your use. We also plan to post this information on the CAAK website (caak.org). Please contact us for additional assistance or information, if needed.

Let's All Help CAAK lead the nation once again and secure the BSM Proclamation for your jurisdiction and then please forward a copy to us at Ron.Hampton@ky.gov so we can assure it is posted to the BSM Proclamation Page of the ICC website in a timely manner.

LiUNA, Simpson Strong-Tie support Building Safety Month 2015.



The [Laborers' International Union of North America](#) (LiUNA) and [Simpson Strong-Tie](#) are Major Sponsors for Building Safety Month 2015. Since 1903, LiUNA has led the way for trade unions in its commitment to growth and member activism by spearheading such projects as the nation's first construction charter school for high school students in New England. For more than 50 years, Simpson Strong-Tie has focused on creating structural products that help people build safer and stronger homes and buildings. Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures.



"You Can Save Money If We Don't Get A Building Permit" by Jerry Noran

Really? How does that work? Do you save money because your contractor doesn't have to worry about sealing and insulating your home properly? Are you saving money because undersized structural elements or HVAC equipment can be installed? Is your contractor passing along his savings by not providing interconnected smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, proper handrails and guardrails or other life safety items? Do any of these things really save YOU money?

Our building codes are written, adopted and enforced in order to "safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare" of Kentucky's citizens. Building inspectors are part of a redundant system of designers, plan examiners, fire safety officials AND contractors whose main concern is keeping you safe through the design and construction of code-compliant buildings. If you are concerned about your safety, it doesn't make sense to try to circumvent this system. The building inspectors who serve Boone County administer more than a dozen separate codes, including ones on fire alarms, sprinkler systems, handicapped accessibility, energy conservation, mechanical systems and fuel gas installations. They know what these codes require in order to keep Boone County's citizens as safe as possible. It's their job to help keep you safe; help them do their job.

If none of that convinces you that it's important to have your construction project permitted and inspected, bear this in mind. Banks have begun requiring proof of permits and inspections for finished basements, decks, etc. on homes for sale. When this paperwork cannot be provided, these banks do not want to underwrite these loans. Unfortunately for homeowners, the building department cannot perform inspections on projects that are already completed.

Be smart. Be safe. Work with quality builders. And question why a contractor wouldn't want a building professional inspecting the quality or completeness of his work.

ANSI announces ICC-ES accreditation under pilot programs for ecoLabeling, environmental product declarations.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accreditation Committee deemed the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) as eligible Type III Program Operator in accordance with ISO 14020-2000, ISO 14025-2006, ISO 21930-2007 and its internal requirements. Moreover, [ICC-ES' Type III as a certification body that verifies/validates EPDs](#) was accredited by ANSI under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065-2012, ISO 14025-2006 and ISO 14020-2000. ICC-ES is one of the first four entities to receive both eligibility and accreditation for its Type III program under this Pilot Program.

Book examines firestopping, joint systems and dampers.   



ICC's latest release, [Firestopping, Joint Systems and Dampers](#), covers provisions related to the protection of openings and penetrations in fire-resistance-rated construction to preserve the effectiveness of the rated assembly. The book illustrates the correct application of the code requirements so that a fire-resistance-rated and/or smoke-resistant building assembly can perform as intended and maintain its rating.



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THE CAAK MISSION

CAAK's strategic mission is to advance the professionalism of code users by expanding CAAK's membership base and loyalty, and by asserting the influence of the organization upon the adoption, use and efficient and effective enforcement of model codes. For a membership application, contact Jim Branham at jimbranham@rocketmail.com or go to caak.org.

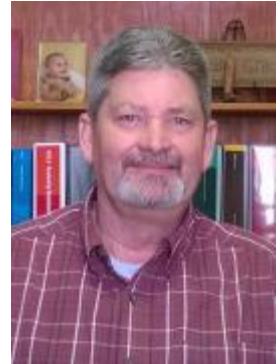
PERSON OF INTEREST - JOHN LANDS, CITY OF GRAYSON

When did you join CAAK?

I joined CAAK in 2012, when I accepted the position with the City of Grayson.

What prompted you to join the Building Code Enforcement Profession?

I worked for a local commercial construction company for 27 years, starting as a carpenter and worked my way up to Superintendent. Then I accepted a job as Maintenance Superintendent for a local auto parts plant, where I supervised a staff of 40 plant maintenance workers for 10 years. After I retired from the auto parts plant, I was encouraged to apply for the job as the City of Grayson, Building Inspector.



What are your current job duties with the City of Grayson?

I serve as the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Flood Plain Manager, One and Two Family Dwelling - Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer. I am also actively pursuing my Level One Building Inspector Certification.

How do you feel that CAAK benefits you as a member?

The Continued Education (CEU's) and Training Conferences that include the Code Change Updates, Networking and Fellowship with other members and building code professionals across the state are all good examples of the benefits of CAAK membership.

Do you have any goals as a Building Inspector?

I plan to gain my Level One Building Inspector Certification and apply for a local jurisdiction program approval from the Department of Housing, Building and Construction. I want to provide consistent, fair enforcement of the Kentucky Building Code and increase the public awareness of Building Safety for our citizens.