

# CODE TALK

Code Administrators Association of Kentucky

CAAK Fall Education Conference - October 11-14, 2015



Join us for the 2015 Fall Conference in Bowling Green, KY at the University Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. The conference schedule is set and many great training opportunities are offered for the members of CAAK who attend.

The conference documents were emailed out to those who have updated their contact information with us, and they also are posted on [www.caak.org/training1.html](http://www.caak.org/training1.html).

Also, at this year's Fall Conference, we will be holding elections of Officers for the next year.

## President's Message

*As we head into the coolness and beauty of Fall I hope this letter finds all of you doing well. We've had a very busy summer and there are several individuals that deserve our gratitude for a job well done. As you know, CAAK along with others are currently reviewing the 2015 IBC and IRC for possible adoption.*

*The following people stepped up and majorly delivered during our busiest time of the year; Frank Wallace, Elizabeth Day, Neil Howey, Bobby Carpenter, Donny Cox, Logan Spaulding, James Faucett, Lee White, Corky Ratlif, David Marchal, Kelly Gardner, Dale Spicer, Brian Sims, Amanda Haney, Donald Wright, Alvero Polanco and Mark Martin. Thank you so much for your contributions toward making our state a much better, safer place to call home.*



*Furthermore, the approaching season also brings us CAAK's Annual Conference. The 2015 CAAK Annual Conference is being held October 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. Frank Wallace and the Education Committee have delivered another plethora of classes that are sure to meet almost everyone's educational expectations. Registration information can be found on the CAAK website at [www.caak.org](http://www.caak.org).*

*Lastly, I would like to encourage all who will be in attendance at the Fall Conference to also attend the Annual Business Meeting on Monday morning. Please don't stand outside the doors in the hallway, eat a late breakfast or sit in an empty classroom. The Annual Business Meeting is chalked full of pertinent information that everyone receiving this newsletter needs to hear. We plan to have several Special Guest speakers with us, hand out a couple of awards as well as give you an annual report on your ICC Chapter. Have a wonderful Fall and I hope to see you in Bowling Green.*

**God Bless,  
Jeff Camp, President**



CAAK received the sad news of the passing of one our charter members and Statesman who lead the way for model code adoption in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We hope his family takes comfort in knowing he's now at home with our Lord God and Savior. Billy was a vital part of CAAK for many years and was respected by all who knew him. God speed Billy.

*HOLCOMB Billy Harold, 82, husband of Helen Mainous Holcomb, died Monday, Aug 17, 2015. Born in Pebworth, KY, he was son of the late Hurston and Jennie Holcomb. He was retired as Director of the Division of Building Inspection for L.F.U.C.G. and a veteran of the U.S. [Army](#). He was a former President of Eastern Little League and S.E. Babe Ruth. In 1980 he worked to adopt KY's BOCA National Building Code. In 1985 he received the Kentucky Home Builders Association "Housing Hero Award" and was elected as National President of BOCA International. In 1987 he chaired the Council of American Building Officials Board of Directors. He was named the Kentucky Code Administrator of the Year in 1990. He received the Baum Award from BOCA for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Code Enforcement in 1992. He attended Eastern Kentucky University, was a member of Central Christian Church and was active in the Jaycees. Survivors other than his wife are three sons, Mark (Kym) Holcomb, Mike (Lou Ann) Holcomb and Keith (Susan) Holcomb, all of Lexington; and seven grandchildren, Spencer, Embry, Austin, Adam, Josh, Grant and Elijah. Visitation will be from 4 to 7pm Thursday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home - Main St., with a service immediately following. Memorials may be made to Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, 5886 Jack's Creek Pike, Lexington, KY 40515.*

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**PADUCAH** – The Paducah Fire Prevention Division is hosting the 4th annual conference for Electrical, Building, and Fire Service professionals. The FREE conference is available to anyone in the electrical, building, construction, design, or firefighting professions. Classes will be offered on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, October 23 & Saturday October 24, 2015, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day, at the Julian Carroll Convention Center located at 415 Park Avenue in Paducah. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Participation in the classes can provide attendees with the required continuing education credits for the State of KY.

Go to [www.caak.org/training1.html](http://www.caak.org/training1.html) for the registration documents.



## Join Us for the 2015 Annual Conference and Group A Public Comment Hearings

**Annual Conference:** September 27 – 29, 2015

**Public Comment Hearings:** September 30 – October 5, 2015

Long Beach Convention Center

Long Beach, California

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## Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction

Welcome to the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, a Public Protection Cabinet agency. The agency was established to unite all related functions pertaining to the building industry and to provide a more effective building inspection process. On this website, you will find codes, interpretations, forms, safety tips and information on inspections, continuing education and more. The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction is dedicated to protecting the lives and property of this great Commonwealth. We hope you find our resources useful.



Sincerely,

Gary A. Feck  
Commissioner

From the KY. Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction on a Clarification of Sections N1101.1 and N1101.2 of 2013 Kentucky Residential Code

Advisory Bulletin: [This link will take you to the DHBC Advisory.](#)



## PERSON OF INTEREST - ALVARO POLANCO—LEXINGTON URBAN GOVERNMENT

My name is Alvaro Polanco, I moved to the United States in 2001 and years later acquired US citizenship. In Colombia, my first experience in construction started in a summer when I decided to work helping to make cyclopean concrete foundations, for single-family construction, I was attending middle school. That summer job became a profession in 1990 when I obtained my license as an architect in Colombia.

Once here in the states, in 2003 I joined the government of Lexington. I have been working in the Inspection Division of Building Inspection for nine years as a Residential Inspector. My duties in this position not only have to do with the field work itself; among other functions I also do office work and customer service one day a week doing plan reviews and approval of new residential construction and approving additions or remodeling projects of existing homes.

The field inspection work involves a vast knowledge of building codes and constantly updates. It is precisely this update tool that CAAK has given me; I have benefited from it each fall conference since I obtained my residential inspector license in the state of Kentucky by attending these classes allowing me to maintain up to date my license and to prepare for future building code tests to step up my inspector level. Once again, thanks to these programs offered by CAAK I gained good knowledge to prepare and be certified by the International Code Council as a Residential Energy Inspector/Plan Examiner, Commercial Building Inspector and Building Plan Examiner. I am currently preparing to raise my certifications in Kentucky.

Since the beginning of 2015, I joined the CAAK Code Change Committee; this is a job that allows me to see coming changes in building codes and keeps me in the forefront to practice my profession.

Finally, as a 2015 IABO scholarship recipient, CAAK has been the logistic channel between the International Association of Building Officials IABO and me to attend the 2015 ICC Public Comment Hearings in Long Beach, CA. My experience with CAAK has not been other but positive always; I would encourage you to search on CAAK's web site and participate as a member on either committee, apply for scholarships for your child's education or why not, serve as a board member.

### Dennis Crist Nominated for the ICC, Gerald H. Jones Award

City of Somerset, Building Inspector and CAAK Board Member, Dennis Crist was recently nominated for the ICC, Gerald H. Jones Award for his dedication to Building Safety, Volunteer Commitment and for his work as Special Projects Coordinator for the City. With completion of the Elgie Woods, Mini-Musical Park, constructed on the former site of Local Icon and Music Teacher Elgie Woods, who taught piano for more than 66 years.

Dennis worked with local artist Jerry Dixon to design and develop the new park with a musical theme, including a large granite piano with all the keys, cascading water and musical note decorations on the grounds. The Park has enjoyed a tremendous response from the community with hundreds in attendance and establishment of a free summer concert series by local musicians.

Dennis is an excellent example of our CAAK Members going the extra mile with his efforts to promote building safety and provide a positive public perception of all building code professionals in the state. Please join us in celebrating his nomination for this award and his service to the citizens the Commonwealth.





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## 2015-2016 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- October 11-14, 2015      Bowling Green, KY      2015 Annual Fall Conference

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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](mailto:jimbranham@rocketmail.com) or go to [caak.org](http://caak.org).

## CAAK Code Committees Commended for Service

The CAAK Board of Directors wishes to extend a very sincere Thank You to all of the committee volunteers for the hard work involved in the code comparison and review of the 2015 IBC and 2015 IRC editions for recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Housing. Our committees completed the assigned review in a timely manner during the busiest season of the year for our profession. Their commitment to the building code profession in Kentucky and the Citizens of the Commonwealth are worthy of recognition from all our members. Please join the CAAK Board of Directors in commending the determined dedication of all of those involved.

### 2015 IBC Code Review Committee:

Dale Spicer, Chairman	Amanda Haney	Alvero Polanco
Brian Sims	Mark Martin	Donald Wright

### 2015 IRC Code Review Committee:

Frank Wallace, Chairman	James Faucett	Corky Ratliff
Bobby Carpenter	Kelly Gardner	Logan Spauding
Donny Cox	Neil Howey	Lee White
Elizabeth Day	David Marchal	