

## International Code Council Government Relations Update – December 2016

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### **Disaster relief fund established for first responders from Gatlinburg, Tenn.**

If you've been watching the tragic fires in Tennessee and want to be helpful, the Gatlinburg Firefighters Association has established the **Gatlinburg Public Safety Employees Wildfire Relief Fund** to aid those Gatlinburg firefighters and police officers who lost their homes and contents in the fire. Reports indicate about 1,000 buildings were consumed in Sevier County, including hundreds in Gatlinburg. At this time, the human toll is 13 dead and 85 injured. Donations should be payable to: **Gatlinburg Public Safety Employees Wildfire Relief Fund, Account # 1090021864**. The mailing address is:

Smartbank, ATTN: Gatlinburg Public Safety Employees Wildfire Relief Fund,  
PO Box 1910  
Pigeon Forge, TN 37868

For additional information contact Kandra McCarter (865) 936-7130, Daniel Lindbert (865) 430-8687 or David Puckett (865) 712-0726.

### **ICC-ES launches new program to increase product awareness, recognition for current report holders**

ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), experts in building product evaluation and certification, has introduced a new [Affiliate Program](#) to support ICC-ES' clients (building, plumbing, mechanical and gas product manufacturers). The Affiliate Program will help increase the visibility and awareness of manufacturers' products in the built industry, through a number of additional marketing support initiatives, the most important one being the linking of clients' reports and listings to the ICC's online codes portal, [premiumACCESS](#), and shortly thereafter, to ICC's free online [publicACCESS code site](#).

"ICC-ES is pleased to launch this new Affiliate Program, offering manufacturers opportunities to increase awareness of their ICC-ES reports and listings," said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian, P.E. "This program will also add valuable exposure to specifiers as well as building departments across the United States, who have a long history of using ICC-ES reports in their relevant jurisdictions."

The ICC-ES Affiliate Program consists of 3 affiliate levels (Gold/Silver/Bronze) for purchase and valid for 12 months from the date of application. Affiliate benefits differ for each level and include the following:

- e-Code Premium and e-Code public access linking of evaluation reports and listings (Click here to view example screen shots)
- (ICC-ES News Releases on New ICC-ES Report or Listing (Bronze/Silver/Gold Level)
- ICC-ES Affiliate Recognition - Profile/Logo/Website link on Affiliate page (Gold Level)
- Unlimited Acceptance Criteria (AC) Access (Gold Level)
- ICC News Releases on New ICC-ES Report or Listing (Silver/Gold Level)

### **Work under way for Advisory Committee to set up ICC's new Emerging Leaders Membership Council**

The seven-member Advisory Committee held its first phone conference meeting Nov. 29 and is preparing for its Dec. 13 meeting to make the ELMC operational in time for the 2017 ICC Annual Conference in September. Chaired by Elizabeth Arrington of Versailles, Ky., the Advisory Committee will establish the Charter, set a mission statement, develop bylaws and set long-range goals for the ELMC Governing Committee.

The new Membership Council is an addition to the five discipline-specific existing Membership Councils: The Building Official; Fire Service; Plumbing, Mechanical & Fuel (PMG); Global, and Sustainability Membership Councils. These Membership Councils offer ICC members a place to come together as an effective voice in shaping the association, and to take them to the next level in their industry, careers

and futures. [The Emerging Leaders Membership Council](#) establishes a place for young professionals to learn and participate as true peers in the Code Council.

“We are providing this opportunity for the leaders of tomorrow because it won’t be our world; it will be theirs,” said Alex Olszowy III, Immediate Past President of the Code Council Board of Directors. The ICC Board approved the formation of an Emerging Leaders Membership Council in support of Olszowy’s “Safety 2.0” initiative, continuing outreach to the next generation of code officials. Research conducted for the Code Council by the National Institute of Building Sciences revealed that over 80 percent of code officials plan to retire within the next 15 years, and more than 30 percent plan to do so within five years.

#### **Alliance for National & Community Resilience seeking volunteers for Governmental Advisory Board**

The Board of Directors of the newly formed Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) has created a Governmental Advisory Board (GAB) and is accepting names and contact information of those who want to serve on it. ANCR exists to create a national benchmark on what makes a community resilient. According to Bryan Soukup, Staff Liaison to ANCR, the GAB’s role is to engage ICC members and other public servants including city managers and city administrators. The Governmental Advisory Board will be crucial to determining the usability of the benchmark. If ICC members are interested in being considered for a seat on the GAB, they should please contact:

Bryan J. Soukup, Esq., Director, ICC Resilience Initiatives

O: 1-888-ICC-SAFE (1-888-422-7233) x6238

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Email [bsoukup@iccsafe.org](mailto:bsoukup@iccsafe.org)

If you’d like to watch a quick summary about ANCR on your computer, click this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Syb15toBN8s&feature=youtu.be>

#### **2017 EduCode set for March 20-24 at Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas**

EduCode 2017, which features highly specialized courses for working professionals, is set for March 20-24 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. The annual event, sponsored by the Southern Nevada Chapter of ICC, includes architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership topics essential for building design, expanding skills, and earning and maintaining certifications and other credentials. For curriculum, hotel and registration information, use this link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/educode/>.

#### **Want to save money? Get a 6-month trial of premiumACCESS online subscription service by Dec. 31**

If you renew your ICC Membership before Dec. 31, you will automatically qualify for a **free six-month trial** of the new *International Codes*® premiumACCESS online subscription service for either the 2015 *International Building Code*® or the 2015 *International Residential Code*®. Click to renew and obtain this offer: <http://www.iccsafe.org/membership/renewreinststate-membership/> As soon as you renew your membership, you will be emailed a simple online coupon for the free six-month trial. A premiumACCESS subscription allows users to access ICC state, local or individual codes to create customized online code libraries and annotations based on your specific and evolving requirements.

#### **Registration now open for ICC’s Training and Certification Summit May 22-26 in Arlington, Texas**

The opportunity to sharpen your leadership skills, expand your code knowledge and earn CEUs is here! Register now to attend the International Code Council’s (ICC’s) Training and Certification Summit, May 22–26, 2017 at the University of Texas at Arlington. Held in conjunction with the 25th Building Professional Institute (BPI) educational program, ICC’s Summit will offer four in-depth educational tracks led by ICC’s national expert instructors. Tracks include:

- Track 1: Leadership Institute

- Track 2: Principles of Building Safety Institute
- Track 3: Residential Building Inspector Certification Academy (Optional Certification Exam available at a reduced rate)
- Track 4: Multigenerational Communications in the Workplace Institute

Click here for more information: [http://media.iccsafe.org/2017\\_ICC\\_TCS/cert.html](http://media.iccsafe.org/2017_ICC_TCS/cert.html)

**TIP OF THE MONTH: If you want to really reach your legislator, use your phone and talk it out**

The old commercial about picking up the phone if you want to touch somebody is more true when it comes getting across your point to state legislators. Email sends a message, Facebook might help you vent, but who's going to read it and remember it? Here is a New York Times article on effective communications:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/22/us/politics/heres-why-you-should-call-not-email-your-legislators.html? r=0>

**IMPORTANT READING: "The Cost of Not Building to Code"**

Community leaders face challenges when they advocate for the adoption of code requirements to increase local construction durability and protect the lives of citizens and families. This article focuses on economic implications of local codes, and their impact on American communities:

<http://www.cement.org/advocacy/codes/codecounts>