

Changes continue at Safety and Buildings Division

Sign-up to receive new monthly emails with up-to-date info

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A new email service for all Safety and Buildings Division programs begins in January, 2007.

The current email group used to announce the Internet posting of the *Wisconsin Construction Codes Report* will be used to announce the monthly update of an electronic newsletter that will have ALL the most current news from S&B. S&B will continue to use the other current two dozen email subscriber groups for info and announcements specific to its varying programs.

Paper copies of the WCCR will no longer be produced.

The lag time between information being available at S&B and it being printed in a paper WCCR will be eliminated. There has been a gap of about a month between when the paper WCCR was laid out and it's arrival to the readers. The electronic version of the WCCR has been announced to the WCCR email group several weeks before the paper version was mailed, but the online version was merely a copy of the paper version, strait-jacketed by the time constraints of producing the paper copy.

The new electronic report will be much more wide ranging among the division's programs, not being controlled by the expense of printing pages that might be of interest to only unique S&B programs. The new report will be more current, it will be more efficient to produce and it will be less expensive to produce.

There are over 15,000 subscribers to the various program-related email groups, while the paper

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WCCR has dwindled to fewer than 500 paid subscribers.

Times change. Paper copies of the WCCR can no longer be justified. More information, in a more timely fashion, less expensive to produce, is on the Internet.

The traditional WCCR on paper has a history based in the previous *Plumbing Code Report* and *Building Code Report*. The major announcements of education in those two programs are now covered by mailings to inspectors and plumbers. Similar to the fact that times changed to affect those previous publications, times have changed to cause the need to have S&B provide more info, more rapidly.

Information printed in the paper WCCRs, such as the lists of contacts for S&B programs, or field staff district maps, is always available online and can be obtained in printed form from S&B offices.

The number of people who don't have computers, or don't know someone at work or school to obtain information available on the WebSite, has gone down to small numbers.

If you have questions about information from S&B, contact Todd Taylor, Communications Specialist, todd.taylor@wi.gov, 608-267-3606.

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2007 Winter Inspector Updates Announced

Wisconsin's four regional building inspector associations, in cooperation with the Safety and Buildings Division, will be offering training sessions this winter addressing the Wisconsin Electrical Code, the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, and the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code.

The courses are designed to meet the continuing education requirements for S&B inspection credentials.

In addition, fire inspectors, designers, contractors, and others with an interest in Wisconsin's codes may benefit from the programs.

A brochure describing the classes will be mailed in December to all people holding relevant S&B inspector credentials.

All sessions have the same time schedule - registration at 8 a.m., program at 8:30 a.m., lunch provided from noon to 1 p.m., and end at approximately 4 p.m.

[The credential abbreviations below are: CBI (Commercial Building), CEI (Commercial Electrical), UCI (UDC-Construction), UHI (UDC-HVAC), and UEI (UDC-Electrical).]

Commercial Electrical Code Updates - Continued credit: 6.5 hours for CEI. Includes lunch at noon. The class goes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

UDC Electrical Code Updates - Continued credit: 6.5 hours for UEI. Includes lunch at noon. The class goes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Uniform Dwelling Code - Administrative issues, installation of HUD homes, energy/HVAC, construction issues, and erosion control/stormwater. Continued credit: 6.5 hours UCI and UHI. Includes lunch at noon. The class goes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commercial Building Code - This course will vary based on location. Contact any of the four building inspector associations for details. Continued credit: 6.5 hrs CBI. Includes lunch at noon. The class goes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Note that the specific curriculum and agenda at the training sessions will vary by association.

Registrations are handled by each of the four inspector associations; pay attention as to which association the check should be made out to, as well as the mailing address.

Go online to see the "2007 Winter Inspector Updates" brochure and registration form, <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivContinuingEducation.html>

To check the status of continuing education credits, go to the S&B WebSite, enter the customer ID number, then double-click on the name in the search results - http://apps.commerce.state.wi.us/SB_Credential/SB_CredentialApp ✓



FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER CITY OF MADISON FIRE DEPT.

The City of Madison is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Fire Protection Engineer. The primary function of this highly responsible position is to provide fire safety expertise for property owners, the public, and our firefighters. The City of Madison Fire Department provides fire protection services to over 200,000 residents in a 71-square mile area. The Fire Protection Engineer independently manages the Fire Protection Engineering Unit of the Fire Prevention Division under the general guidance of the Fire Marshal. Work primarily involves directing the department's plan review, new construction inspection, and high-hazard occupancy inspection programs, including staff supervision and program management, and providing technical expertise and consultation on a wide variety of fire protection engineering issues. Acceptable qualifications include two years of related experience in professional fire protection engineering work; degree in fire protection engineering or technology. Other demonstrated combinations of training and/or experience that result in the possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform the duties of this position will be considered. Salary range: \$61,418-\$73,884 plus excellent benefit package. Application form and additional information can be obtained at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/hr/jobopen.html> or contact the City Human Resources Dept. at (608) 266-6500; TTY/Textnet (866) 704-2340. Resumes received without a formal City of Madison Job Application Form will not be considered. Application form must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2007 at City Human Resources, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53709; Fax (608) 267-1115.

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UDC and Rental Weatherization materials now distributed by Document Sales

Some forms, seals, and stamps for the Rental Weatherization (RW) and Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) Programs in the Safety and Buildings Division are now being distributed by the state Document Sales agency. S&B will continue to have free electronic copies of most of the items. (The division does not mandate use of multi-ply forms. Photo copies are acceptable when multiple copies are needed.)

Consolidating the distribution at Document Sales will maintain the timeliness and efficiency of the service for customers in the face of declining staff levels at S&B.

For the UDC, Doc Sales will handle paper copies of building permit seals, application forms, display cards, inspection reports, energy worksheets, permits to start, violation cards, and several informational brochures.

For RW, Doc Sales will handle compliance stamps and forms, inspection forms, and a

brochure.

Explanations of how to order from Doc Sales are included with the UDC and RW material order forms, which are among the electronic forms on the S&B WebSite, <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivForms.html>.

Commercial Buildings Delegated Municipalities

Some municipalities in Wisconsin have authority to do building or fire protection plan review, inspections, and otherwise carry out code-related functions as delegates of the Department of Commerce. For a list of current delegated municipalities, see the S&B WebSite: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CommercialBuildingsDelegatedMunicipalities.html>.

Don't miss out!

WI Liquid Waste Carriers Association
WI Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
2007 Joint Convention

Jan. 26-27, 2007
KI Convention Center/Regency Suites,
Green Bay, Wis.

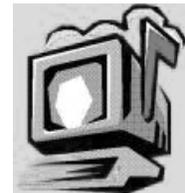


12 credits available for Department of Commerce plumber, POWTS maintainer, POWTS inspector and soil tester licenses, as well as 14.5 credits for DNR septage operator license.

Call 608-256-7757 or 608-255-2770 for registration materials, or go to www.wowra.com, or www.wlwca.com.

email groups

There are email groups set up for individual S&B programs. Sign-up to receive occasional messages on program topics of interest to you: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DivEmailSignup.html>



Amusement Rides, Boilers, Commercial Buildings, Electrical, Explosives, Fire Department Safety and Health, Fire Prevention, Fire Protection Systems, Forms, Gas Systems, HVAC/Energy, Manufactured/Mobile Homes, Mine Safety, Plumbing, Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment, Public Sector Safety, Public Swimming Pools, Refrigeration, Rental Unit Energy Efficiency, Soil Erosion, Uniform Dwelling Code, Welding, Wisconsin Construction Codes Report

Registration for S&B 2006-07 Plumbing Education Classes

Online Registration For All Courses Right Now:

<http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivContinuingEducation.html>

Hayward - Ramada, 10290N HWY 27 South

- _____ Plbg Fixtures/Appliance Connections #8094, Wednesday, November 29, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Drain & Vent Design #6484, Wednesday, November 29, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Thursday, November 30, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ In Depth In Situ Soils Review #6491, Thursday, November 30, 1-4 p.m.

Pewaukee - Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road

- _____ Miscellaneous Code Requirements #6483, Tuesday, December 5, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Drain & Vent Design #6484, Tuesday, December 5, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ Water Sizing #6485, Wednesday, December 6, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Storm Infiltration & Soils #7295, Wednesday, December 6, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Thursday, December 7, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ In Depth In Situ Soils #6491, Thursday, December 7, 1-4 p.m.

Stevens Point - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue

- _____ Miscellaneous Code Requirements #6483, Wednesday, December 13, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Drain & Vent Design #6484, Wednesday, December 13, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ Storm Infiltration & Soils #7295, Thursday, December 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Thursday, December 14, 1-4 p.m.

Eau Claire - The Plaza, 1202 West Clairemont Ave

- _____ Miscellaneous Code Requirements #6483, Tuesday, January 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Drain & Vent Design #6484, Tuesday, January 23, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ Water Sizing #6485, Wednesday, January 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Storm Infiltration & Soils #7295, Wednesday, January 24, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Thursday, January 25, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ In Depth In Situ Soils #6491, Thursday, January 25, 1-4 p.m.

Mineral Point - Comfort Inn, 1345 Business Park Rd

- _____ Plbg Fixtures/Appliance Connections #8094, Wednesday, February 7, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Water Issues & Commerce Update #8092, Wednesday, February 7, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ POWTS Maintainer #8091, Thursday, February 8, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Thursday, February 8, 1-4 p.m.

Green Bay-Radisson Hotel, 2040 Airport Drive

- _____ Plumbing Fixtures/Appliance Connections #8094, Tuesday, February 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ Water Issues & Commerce Update #8092, Tuesday, February 27, 1-4 p.m.
- _____ POWTS Maintainer #8091, Wednesday, February 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- _____ POWTS Design #6486, Wednesday, February 28, 1-4 p.m.

To Register by Mail: Put an "X" next to the classes above that you wish to attend, fill in these blanks, and mail a copy of this page with your non-refundable check, made out to "Safety and Buildings Division," to: Continuing Education, Safety and Buildings Division, PO Box 2658, Madison, WI 53701-2658.

Printed Name: _____ **Customer ID # (if applicable):** _____

Day Telephone Number: _____ **Total fee for all classes marked above:** _____



Questions about license status or continuing education credits? Check the S&B WebSite, <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CredentialStatusCheck.html>

Two Internet Ed Courses

“Water Issues and Commerce Update”

This class includes two 1.5-hour segments. The first is a comprehensive look at water issues facing Wisconsin. Have you ever felt overwhelmed with questions about water? Do you have opinions about water treatment, reuse, contaminants, and the quantity of fresh water available in Wisconsin? Since many people rely on their plumbing professional for answers about water, this is a class to not only provide answers, but also to have students express their views on Wisconsin’s water issues. The second segment of the class is an update of what’s new in the Plumbing Program. Included are revised laws, codes and processes for 2007, as well as information on code change proposals and technical plumbing issues. This course will be offered online and in the classroom.

The online class is scheduled for December 5 and 12, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each evening. Three continuing ed credit hours for MPs, MPRAs, MPRSs, JPs, JPRAs, JPRSs, Comm PIs, UDC PIs, POWTS PIs, POWTS Maints, and CSTs.

“Plumbing Fixtures and Appliance Connections”

Three hours (split into two sections) about plumbing fixture connections including water softeners, dual use water heaters, combination boiler-water heaters and much more. This is a technical course which has 3 credit hours available for MPs, MPRAs, JPs, and JPRAs. This online course is scheduled for December 4 and 11 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each evening.

Here’s the fine print for S&B Winter plumbing/POWTS education

You can register online right now, or fill out the registration form on the next page.

Pre-registration is required with the Safety and Buildings Division through the mail or online two weeks prior to all classes. Register early, space is limited. Classes are held regardless of the weather.

When you register online (<http://commercetrain.wi.gov/training/courses.asp>), you’ll receive a message back that you print and mail in with payment for the class. When your non-refundable fee is received by the Safety and Buildings Division (for

online), you’ll receive an email confirming your registration for the class. (If you are registered online, but the check hasn’t been received the week before the class date, your registration will be cancelled.)

Registration lists for all classes will be on the S&B website after November 1. No confirmation letters will be sent for mail-in registrations. Keep a copy of the mail-in registration form for your records. Arrive 30 minutes early to check in.

Try us on - <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-HomePage.html>

New Email Groups

Subscribe to the Public Officials Email Group

Subscribe now to receive occasional messages on multiple topics that will keep public officials up to date.

Subscribe to the Dwelling Contractor Email Group

Following recent law changes that set up a Wisconsin Contractor Certification Council and made changes concerning contractor credentials and education, the Safety and Buildings Division is setting up a new Dwelling Contractor Email Group. Subscribe now to receive occasional messages of interest to the variety of dwelling contractors. (Other current program email groups, UDC and Manufactured Homes, for example, will continue to receive timely messages on their topics.)

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Beginning in December 2006, the Safety and Buildings Division will be offering education videos online. See the division's education page for more information: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivContinuingEducation.html>.



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Fax or email various technical code questions to:

- Amusement Rides, Rope/Ski Tows	608-283-7419	healthsafetech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Boilers and Pressure Vessels	608-283-7420	sbboilertech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Building and Plumbing Products	608-283-7407	productech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Commercial Buildings, Comm 61-65	608-283-7402	bldgtech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Electrical	608-283-7418	electrictech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Elevators	608-283-7411	elevatortech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Fire Prevention Program Forms	608-283-7412	fireforms@commerce.state.wi.us
- Fire Protection Systems	608-283-7405	fireprotech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Gas Systems	608-283-7420	sbboilertech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Licenses, Certifications, Registrations	608-283-7400	madisoncred@commerce.state.wi.us
- Manufactured/Mobile Homes	608-283-7401	manf-homes@commerce.state.wi.us
- National Fire Incident Reporting	608-283-7412	NFIRS@commerce.state.wi.us
- One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code	608-283-7409	udctech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Plan Submittal Questions	planschedule@commerce.state.wi.us
- Plumbing, Cross Connection Control	608-283-7403	plbgtech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment	608-283-7404	powtstech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Public Sector Employee Safety	608-283-7419	healthsafetech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Public Swimming Pools	608-283-7406	pooltech@commerce.state.wi.us
- Welding	608-283-7420	sbboilertech@commerce.state.wi.us



Most plumbing plan review scheduling will now be done online by the submitter at their convenience. Access to the "Plumbing Scheduler" is through <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPlanReview.html>

Commercial buildings plan reviews continue to be successfully scheduled online: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivPlanReview.html>



Code change proposals for Comm 61-65, Commercial Building Code, and Comm 14, Fire Prevention Code, are scheduled for public hearing on December 21, 2006

A public hearing on proposed rule changes in Comm 61-65, Commercial Building Code, and Comm 14, Fire Prevention Code will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. December 21, 2006, at 201 West Washington Ave, Madison.

The hearing announcement and a draft of the proposed rules are at <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-CodeDevelopment.html#Comm616514>.

Currently, Comm 61-65 adopts by reference the 2000 editions of the ICC suite of building codes and makes Wisconsin modifications to those codes. Comm 14 adopts by reference the 2000 edition of the NFPA fire prevention code, NFPA 1. The rule changes propose to adopt the 2006 editions of the ICC and NFPA codes.

Many of the current Wisconsin Modifications of these codes are proposed to be repealed as a result of changes made to the ICC codes and NFPA code in their 2006 editions.

A prominent change in adopting the latest edition of the IBC, relating to fire protection systems, is the requirement for automatic fire sprinkler system protection throughout all new buildings with a Group R (Residential Occupancies) fire area, containing three dwelling units or more. Similar to

the IBC, a proposed Wisconsin provision would not require providing sprinklers throughout all townhouses of three stories or less.

For these types of townhouses, the Wisconsin proposed modifications reflect the state statutes, requiring either two-hour fire resistance construction or sprinkler protection when the building contains more than 20 dwelling units or the accumulative floor areas of the dwelling units exceed 16,000 square feet.

The hearing record on this proposed rulemaking will remain open until January 5, 2007, to permit submittal of written or email comments from persons who are unable to attend the hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the hearing.

Comments can be submitted to James Quast, Safety and Buildings Division, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI, 53701-2689, or emailed to jquast@commerce.state.wi.us. Emailed or written comments are as valid as comments made at the hearing.

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