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DSPS Continues Work to Update State Safety Codes

Three new code councils to be filled and meet this Spring

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) Secretary Dan Hereth today announced his agency's latest steps to promote public safety across the state.

DSPS is currently recruiting members for code councils that will consider updates to three state safety codes: the Conveyance Code, Manufactured Housing Code, and Fire Prevention Code.

"I've made it a priority since becoming Secretary of this agency to update all state safety codes," said Sec. Hereth. "These codes are designed to keep Wisconsin families safe and need to be updated periodically to bolster the safety of our communities."

- Conveyance Code Council Conveyance Code covers elevators, escalators, and lift devices. Previous updates to this code were in 2019. Once seated, council members will review newer national code updates and requirements for suspension means, platform lifts and stairway chairlifts, and stage and orchestra elevators. The first meeting of this code council is scheduled for April 15.
- Manufactured Housing Code Council The most recent update to this code was in 2014. Code council members will look at the latest Federal updates. Their first meeting is scheduled for April 30.
- Fire Prevention Code Committee The most recent update to this state code was more than a decade ago in 2014. This code council will review the 2024 National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code Standard. The first meeting of this code council is scheduled for May 20.

DSPS is currently working with stakeholder groups to recruit members for the three code councils. Members of the public interested in applying to serve on the Conveyance Code Council should apply

<u>here</u> at Governor Tony Evers' website. Those wishing to serve on the Manufactured Housing Code Council or Fire Prevention Code Committee can apply here on the DSPS website.

About DSPS: DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforce state building codes, and maintains the Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.