

# Central Ohio Permit Technicians

## Tech News

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## ICC PERMIT TECH INSTITUTE

### APRIL 28-30

The Permit Tech Institute is coming to Central Ohio. Sponsored by ICC this conference promises to be very informative for all Permit Techs. Each participant will gain more knowledge in code administration, legal aspects, code language, code enforcement, reading construction documents, reviewing submitted documents and the permitting and inspection process. Participants will become familiarized with the International Building Code and the International Residential Code and sharpen customer relations skills.

By attending this conference you can earn ICC CEU's, AIA Learning Units (LIs) and Health Safety and Welfare credits (HSW). For more information go to [www.iccsafe.org/training/PTI/](http://www.iccsafe.org/training/PTI/). Don't let this great opportunity pass you by.

## SPREADING THE NEWS

*Mary Sampsel*, COCOA Board Liaison and *Margie Badurina*, Chairman for the Central Ohio Permit Technicians have been busy speaking to the OBOA Chapters about the Central Ohio Permit Tech Organization. They have had the opportunity to address BOCONEO, COCOA, FBOA, MVBOC. They have spoke to 4 of the 9 OBOA Chapters in the state and their goal is to try to meet with the other Chapters before the end of the year.

## STUDY GROUP

A Permit Tech study group was held in March for the Central Ohio area. This study group prepares our Permit Techs for the test they need to take to become certified. This group was led by Robyn Harp, Dublin Building Dept.

If anyone is interested in participating in a study group please contact the Education Chair *Robyn Harp* at 614.761.6566 or e-mail her at [rharp@dublin.oh.us](mailto:rharp@dublin.oh.us).

## COCOA NEWS

COCOA Board of Director's meetings will be held at 1:00 pm, the third Wednesday of each month (starting in May 2009) at the ICC Regional Office Conference Room in Westerville. Please check the website or contact a board member if you are interested in attending. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

COCOA Code Consistency meetings are held at 9:00 am the third Wednesday of each month at the ICC Regional Office Conference Room. All members are welcome to attend. Contact *Roger Estep* with any code issues you would like to discuss.

COCOA is seeking additional Associate Director-At-Large positions on their Board and also inviting collaboration from other areas of the industry for all chapter professional activities and events. Representatives from architectural and commercial construction sectors of our industry will be given greater consideration for Board positions, engineer and residential construction positions on the board are currently filled. If any Associate Members are interested in a Director's position or if they would like to provide service to our Chapter as a liaison between COCOA's board and their profession; please contact COCOA president, *Sharon Myers*.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 28-30 | ICC Permit Tech Institute at Quest Conference Center in Columbus  |
| May 3-9     | Building Safety Week  |
| July 10     | SWOBOA golf outing at Pleasant Hill Golf Courses in Middletown, Ohio,<br><b>Contact Rick Helsinger for additional information</b> |
| July 16     | Permit Tech Quarterly Meeting at Canal Winchester Community Center  |



## PERMIT TECH SPOTLIGHT

*Connie J. Hoblitzell*, ICC Certified Permit Technician, has been employed with the Washington County Building Department for 14 years. They have jurisdiction over Washington and Noble Counties and have just recently acquired the City of Marietta. She serves as the administrator of floodplain and zoning regulations, backup inspector for manufactured home installations, accounting and office administration, and oversees the permit clerk.

In her spare time, Connie catches bait to sell for her bait shop which is located in Marietta, Ohio. She also enjoys remodeling/renovating her home as well as landscaping and travelling.



## IF INTERESTED IN JOINING OR ATTENDING A QUARTERLY MEETING

contact:  
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*A positive attitude may not solve every problem but it makes solving any problem a more pleasant experience. Grant Fairley*