

# ICC Building Safety Association of Vermont

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## BSA-VT Calendar

### Structural Building Components Part II

A follow-up training session by Josh Bartlett

**Dec. 10, 2009, 3pm to 5pm**

**LOCATION:** Hartford Fire Department  
812 VA Cutoff Rd.  
(near the junction of I-89 and I-91)  
White River Jct., VT 05001  
802-295-3232

[Click here for directions.](#)

Please park across the street rather than in the HFD parking lot.

### Vermont Building Code: Based on the 2006 IBC as amended by Vermont

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 (Feb. 5 snow date)  
8 am to noon**

**LOCATION:** Castleton State College  
86 Seminary Street  
Castleton, VT 05735

- **ICC CEU Credit:** 0.3
- **Experience Level:** Intermediate to Advanced
- **Description:** Overviews the changes from the 2003 to the 2006 IBC. Identifies changes in organization and code requirements and the applicability of these requirements to design, plan review and inspection.
- **Objectives:** Upon completion, participants will be better able to:
  - Identify the most significant differences between the 2003 IBC and the 2006 IBC.
  - Explain the differences between the current and previous edition.
  - Identify changes in organization and code requirements.
  - Identify the applicability of design, plan review and inspection requirements.
- **RSVP** by Jan. 25, 2010.

• **Registration Fees:**

Paid in Advance — Members \$60.00; Non-Members: \$80; Students: \$55.00

Add \$25.00 if paying at door.

Register to attend and become a Member for \$90 total!

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### ICC Residential Inspection Institute

**April 19-23, 2010, Burlington, VT**

- Earn CEUs.
- Learn how to perform effective and efficient residential building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspections in accordance with the 2006 International Residential Code.
- Receive answers to your code questions, discuss emerging code enforcement issues and challenges specific to residential inspections.
- Receive comprehensive and up-to-date resource manuals developed exclusively by ICC

## Recent News...

In 2009, our lives as building professionals have changed as we become more educated and adapt to a rapidly changing code environment. These changes are important, but the rate can be difficult to administer. With the help of ICC, our friends in neighboring states, and coordination of Vermont interests, we can adjust. This newsletter is an attempt to bring the many opportunities to light so that our members can plan to participate!

Today, we are thankful for the efforts of our Board to maintain the interests of the Association and to the Members who support our efforts. A special thanks goes out to our ICC friends — Dottie Harris and Bruce Johnson — for their contributions to BSA-VT!

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Scheduled ICC Building Safety of Vermont Events for 2010

2009 was a busy year for the Association, and we have had good suggestions for 2010 events. The current plan is listed below. We feel there are many other opportunities, and we are looking for support from membership to help make them happen. Please use this link ([click here](#)) to send us your comments, suggestions, and/or willingness to help!

Jan. 14, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call; begin nominating process for 2011 Board.

Feb. 4, 8am to noon — IBC Update, Castleton College — see notes in sidebar to left.

Mar. 11, 3pm to 5pm — Open ICC BSA-VT Board meeting — location undetermined — All members are invited to bring their ideas, concerns, or other points to discuss.

Apr. 11-14 — 2010 Annual Eastern States Building Officials Federation Conference/School — at the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina in Newport, Rhode Island. — for more information, go to <http://www.esbof.org/2010conference.php>

Apr 19-23 — ICC Residential Inspection Institute, Burlington, VT — see notes in sidebar to left.

May — 2009 IECC training — We are talking with NHBOA to coordinate this training for both VT and NH. The place and date are still undetermined.

June — BSA-VT 2010 Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members — The details of our 2nd Annual Meeting are still in the works.

July — no meeting or conference call planned.

Aug. 12, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call

Sept. — Building Process: A forum. This concept was raised at the Annual Meeting and is being explored.

Oct. 12, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call

Nov. 11, 3pm to 5pm — Proposed: Part 3 of the Structural Building Components Training Series presented by Josh Bartlett

Dec. 9, 3pm to 5pm — Executive Board Conference call — Anyone up for planning a Christmas Party?

## DOE Fellowship Open to ICC Member

ICC has posted on the "Communities of Interest: Energy" front page, a description of the DOE Fellowship that is available to an ICC member for a 12-18 month fellowship at DOE headquarters here in Washington. The fellowship comes with an annual "stipend" of \$70,000.

This is an ideal situation for an experienced, intelligent code official- with some energy codes enforcement and/or training background- to come to Washington, and significantly enhance their resume with a short term position at DOE. With a one year DOE fellowship completed, this code official would have a very attractive resume for a state or local jurisdiction looking for a chief energy code specialist.

Here is the link to the story:

<http://www.iccsafe.org/gr/Pages/EnergyFellowship.aspx>

If you know anyone who might be appropriate for this fellowship, or a jurisdiction which has had, or is contemplating layoffs and might have some eligible employees, please forward this newsletter to them.

## Home Builders & Remodelers Association Calendar —

- Receive comprehensive and up-to-date resource manuals developed exclusively by ICC to reference during the event and after the event back on the job.
- More details will be available soon!

## Home Builders & Remodelers Association Calendar —

Visit <http://www.vtbuilders.com/programs.asp?calendar> to stay tuned in to events and opportunities offered by the Vermont HBA.

### Our Mission:

To advance the professionalism of and provide assistance to code officials, design professionals, builders, manufacturers and others involved in the construction process to help improve public health and safety throughout the State of Vermont.

Visit [www.buildsafevt.org](http://www.buildsafevt.org) today for...

- Information about our committees and how to get involved
- Membership in Vermont and nationally at ICC
- The latest news from ICC
- Past newsletters and meeting minutes
- Links to related industry organizations

### Other VT Activities:

- **CSI VT** — Green Elevators / The 'Initial Decision Maker' in AIA contract forms

**Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2009

**Time:** 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel — 1117

Williston Rd., S. Burlington, VT 05403

**Cost:** \$35 for CSI members

(lunch inc.) \$50 for non-members

**To Register:** Contact Rebecca Leet  
rebecca@greenleafvt.com

**Payment:** PayPal at [www.csivermont.org](http://www.csivermont.org)

- **VT — ASCE Engineer's Week**

Engineers Week is approaching! As you may know, Engineers Week is a great opportunity to promote the engineering profession in Vermont by attending activities such as the Edible Car and Rube Goldberg competitions, the Order of the Engineer Ceremony, and last but not least, the E-Week banquet. This year, Engineers Week commences on Monday, February 15, 2010 and culminates with the E-Week banquet on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Please invite family, co-workers and friends to the E-Week activities, including the banquet. For more information please contact Amanda Hanaway-Corrente (401-374-8857 or [amanda.hanaway@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.hanaway@gmail.com)).

- **AIA/Efficiency Vermont** — Sustainable Lighting and CAD-Based Lighting Design

Donna Leban, AIA, LC-IESNA of Light/Space/Design is presenting this program in South Burlington on Dec. 3 and in White River Junction on Dec. 7. Her presentation is important for those who are interested in learning more about how to evaluate lighting layouts for performance (both illuminance in footcandles as well as Lighting Power Density). For more information, phone 802-862-1901 or e-mail: [lightspd@comcast.net](mailto:lightspd@comcast.net).

- **Efficiency Vermont** — Better Buildings by Design 2010

Better Buildings by Design is being held again next year by Efficiency Vermont at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington. This year's dates are February 10 & 11. For more information, please go to <http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/pages/Business/BuildingEfficiently/BetterBuildingByDesignConferen/>.

### VT Division of Fire Safety

**12/03/09 – Life Safety Code** – This program covers code updates for projects in existing buildings including the use of the new Chapter 43, Building Rehabilitation, information on the permit process, fundamentals of the requirements for interior finish and means of egress requirements. (speaker – Robert Howe) Program will be held at F. W. Webb, Rutland, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Pre-registration required: Sherri Birkheimer Rooker, Executive Officer, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Southern Vermont, phone/fax: 773-0672, email: [cvthomebuilders@yahoo.com](mailto:cvthomebuilders@yahoo.com)

**12/17/09 – Life Safety Code** – This program covers code updates for projects in existing buildings including the use of the new Chapter 43, Building Rehabilitation, information on the permit process, fundamentals of the requirements for interior finish and means of egress requirements. (speaker – Robert Howe) Program will be held at Division of Fire Safety, Berlin Office, from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Pre-registration: Derek Shepardson, Assistant State Fire Marshal, phone: 479-7567, email: [shepardd@dps.state.vt.us](mailto:shepardd@dps.state.vt.us)

**January - To Be Announced - Vermont Access Rules** – This program covers an overview of the Vermont Access Rules with a focus on vertical access, requirements for housing and frequently asked questions. (speaker – Robert Howe)

**January - To Be Announced - Historic Buildings** – This program covers how the Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code, and the Vermont Access Rules, apply to historic buildings; including prescriptive code alternatives, operational features, change of use, fire ratings of materials and including case studies. (speakers – Nancy Boone, Division for Historic Preservation & Robert Howe)

The November 2009 DFS newsletter is now posted: <http://www.dps.state.vt.us/fire/newsletter.htm>

### NIBS Annual Meeting, Dec. 7-10

The [National Institute of Building Sciences](http://www.nibs.org) is involved in many new and exciting building science-related activities that benefit communities and the world at large. Plan to attend the [Institute's Annual Meeting](http://www.nibs.org), December 7-10, in Washington, D.C., where you can experience the breadth and scope of what the Institute has to offer. The event, to be held in conjunction with [Ecobuild® America](http://www.ecobuild.com), is a great opportunity for you to witness the latest in sustainable practices, building information modeling and high-performance building design. Plus, the Institute is sponsoring Ecobuild®, so our members are eligible for a 20% discount! (Just enter the promotion code NIBSF09 when you [register online](http://www.nibs.org).)

The Annual Meeting is the perfect place to rub elbows with experts and witness building science in action. It brings together the councils and committees of the Institute including its Board of Directors; Consultative Council; Building Enclosure Technology and Environment Council; Building Enclosure Councils; buildingSMART alliance™; High Performance Building Council; and Whole Building Design Board and Advisory Committee. Come hear the latest progress of these groups and learn about their goals and direction for the upcoming year.

In addition to taking part in these important council, committee and board meetings, you can keep your travel expenses to a minimum by also attending a variety of outstanding educational programs-all on this one trip. Conferences include:

- [buildingSMART alliance International Conference](http://www.buildingsmart.org) - learn all about building information modeling, Industry Foundation Classes (IFCs) and information technology (IT) for design and construction during the buildingSMART alliance International Conference. The buildingSMART alliance is the developer of the National Building Information Modeling Standard™.
- [FEDCon 2009](http://www.fedcon.com) - The Market Outlook Conference on Federal Construction - get up-to-date information on federal building and infrastructure budgets, hear federal construction forecasts and find out the latest regulatory updates affecting federally commissioned projects.
- [Building Enclosure Technology and Environment Council \(BETEC\) Symposium on Retrofitting Building Enclosures for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability](http://www.betec.org) - gain knowledge about how exterior systems can improve building performance.

You won't want to miss the Building Information Modeling (BIM) Theater and the AEC Interoperability Center, both sponsored by the Institute's [buildingSMART alliance™](http://www.buildingsmart.org). Other [exhibit highlights](http://www.nibs.org) include: the BIM Aquarium and Eco Aquarium; BIMStorm - LIVE!; Building Performance/Intelligent Buildings Theater; Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Theater; Smart and Sustainable Theater; Job Fair; and Bookstore.

To learn more about the Annual Meeting and member discount, as well as sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, and to see other co-located events, visit [www.nibs.org/AnnualMeeting](http://www.nibs.org/AnnualMeeting).



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