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FE Website Posting for: **Taming the Fire Environment Series: Firefighter Safety and Codes - A Necessary Partnership**

Title: **A CALL TO REGISTER FOR REMOTE ICC FINAL CODE HEARINGS VOTING BY AUGUST 31ST**

For the upcoming ICC Code Development Final Hearings in Long Beach, CA, the Group-A public hearings will start Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and goes till Oct, 5, 2015. The “Taming the Fire Environment Series” Firefighter Safety and Codes - A Necessary Partnership in collaborating with:



**Vision 20/20** Strategy 5 – Reduce Fire Loss by the Refinement, and Application of Codes and Standards that Enhance Public and Firefighter Safety, and Preserve Community Assets, and the



Fire Life Safety Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs will be posting the IBC/FS Group-A code proposals that will be impacting our work environment, the fireground. We will be posting

the IBC/FS code proposals as a collective recommendation set forth to consider as:

- AS –Approved as Submitted
- AM-Approved and Modified, or
- D-Disapprove as submitted

The industry will always develop new methods and techniques to erect a building; the fire service needs to stay closely involved in the code cycle modifications.

The question today’s firefighter needs to ask, “*Do you feel comfortable reading the outside of a building*” because a modern or an alteration building may have a mixture of the 5 standard types/classes of construction within that single structure., e.g.

- Sample No.1 - Building Exterior: 1-story Type-1 Fire-Resistive Construction, 30 foot tilt-up with 12 in. thick poured concrete panels. Building Interior: Mezzanine level construction, exposed floor joist lightweight (LW) wood truss construction with TJI exposed roof rafters.
- Sample No. 2 – Building Exterior: 4-story Type-3 Ordinary Construction. Building Interior: Floor joists and roof rafter cold-form lightweight metal construction. **Note:** Old solid wood floor joist and roof rafters removed during a major alteration project and replaced with LW components.

So “What You See on the Outside, Is Not What You Get on the Inside”

**HENCEFORTH WE NEED YOU TO HELP UNITE OUR COLLECTIVE FIRE SERVICE VOICES** so as to impact THE PUBLIC AND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY for years to come, by having the local fire official and voting fire department members register to vote. If you are not going to be in person at the Long Beach final code hearings, we need you to go online at the ICC Electronic Voter Designation for a remote voting within your own fire district . The local fire official must go online to update the Department voters. **THE VOTE REGISTRATION DEADLINE is August 31, 2015.**

For the On-Line voting go to the ICC cdpAccess link below. This link will enable voters to vote from their own computers after the conference ends. All voters will still need to be approved by the deadline to vote either way.

<https://av.iccsafe.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=icc-cdp&WebCode=LoginRequired&URL>



**1<sup>ST</sup> GROUP: IBC/FS CODE PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Code Change No.	Code Section	Proponent: BCAC – Building Code Action Committee FLSS – Fire/Life Safety Section FCAC – Fire Code Action Committee	Subject Matter	Committee Action: AS – Approved as AM – Approved as modified D - Disapprove
EB-1	IEBC 101.4.2	BCAC	Retroactive & maintenance provisions	D
EB 61	IEBC 804.2.4	FLSS	Sprinklers without fire pump	AM
FS35	IBC 707.3.11	FCAC	Fire pump rooms	D
G9	IBC202	FCAC	Dwelling unit	AS
G76	IBC 402.7.6	Stephen DiGiovanni, Clark County Building	Fire command center in malls	D
G121	IBC 420.7	FLSS	Cooking in Group R-2	AS

TFE will be posting IBC/FS Code Proposals for fire service organizations to consider for the Final Code Hearing.

Be safe out there,  
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