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Oregon building official Jack Applegate to receive the prestigious ICC Raising the Profile Award at the annual Building Safety Month reception

Week 5 of the international safety campaign highlights "Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow"

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council has selected Jack Applegate, a building official for Northwest Code Professionals in Eugene, Ore., to receive the 2018 ICC Raising the Profile Award. This award recognizes an individual or organization that has increased public awareness about code professionals and the importance of safety in the built environment.

Applegate, a code professional with over 30 years of experience, is the president of ICC Region II and the vice chair of the ICC Building Code Action Committee. He is an enthusiastic proponent of building safety and passionately involved in recruiting and training a new generation of code officials. The award will be presented at the Building Safety Month reception sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders on Wednesday, May 30, at the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Building Safety Month is an international public awareness campaign presented by the Code Council and its 64,000 members worldwide each May that brings attention to building safety, building codes and the officials who apply them. Week 5, May 27 through 31, focuses on "Improving Education & Training Standards for a Safer Tomorrow."

With powerful advancements in technology and frequent discoveries of new methods for solving age-old problems, the building industry, like many industries, is constantly changing. For building safety professionals worldwide, education and training are valuable and essential aspects of professional development. Those who consistently seek out avenues to expand their knowledge often see the most career success.

Code officials provide an important service to our communities by ensuring that the buildings where we live, work and play are safe and resilient. Since many code professionals are planning to retire in the next 15 years, there is a tremendous opportunity for those looking for a rewarding, high paying career. [Click here](#) to learn more about the building safety career path in an interactive, digital poster.

"LIUNA's mission is to improve lives through opportunities in construction. Through strong education, training, and safety standards, LIUNA members are able to build careers in the construction industry and build middle-class lives for themselves and their families," said Terry O'Sullivan, general president of

LIUNA, a week 5 sponsor. “LIUNA is proud to support Building Safety Month because nothing is more important to the men and women who build the U.S. and Canada than completing projects safely and to the highest possible standards.”

The National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) is also a week 5 Building Safety Month sponsor. “NMHC is committed to providing safe, healthy and affordable housing for the 39 million Americans that call an apartment home. Multifamily owners, operators and residents benefit from building codes and standards that promote safety and efficiency, and we recognize the important role that building codes play in creating thriving communities,” said NMHC Vice President for Construction, Development and Land Use Policy Paula Cino.

To learn more about the importance of training and education in the built environment, view these resources:

- Interactive poster – [Building Safety Career Path](#)
- Brochure – [Careers in Code Administration](#)
- Webpage – [Safety 2.0: Building Careers for Today’s Generation](#)
- Infographic – [Code Officials: A Snapshot](#)

Visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org for more information, and join the online conversation using the hashtag #ICCBSM18.

For a graphic of our week 5 Building Safety Month interactive poster, [click here](#).

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).