



First Preventers

Building and Fire Officials



PARADIGM SHIFT

- **Fundamental change in an individual's or a society's view of how things work in the world**
- Customers expect things a certain way
 - More information
 - Less regulation
 - Savings of their \$\$\$



The Dynamics of OUR Jobs Have Changed !

- **Why???**
 - **People want to know Why...**
 - **People are better educated (???)**
 - **People are more demanding**
 - don't want to accept the traditional answer... because the code says so...



Our Code Officials Response to Change

- Become more knowledgeable in all areas of the Codes
- Our Code Officials must be availed to more training in the variety of specialty areas
- Our Code Officials must be seen as a Municipal Risk Manager
- Our Code Officials must work with other allied professionals to strengthen a UNIFIED approach to Life Safety





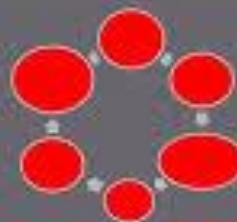
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The FIRST PREVENTERS



Teamwork?

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Our View on Education

- Our mandate to educate, train and promote brought about the establishment of semi-annual seminars and our annual trade show.
- Our association answers the growing need for some type of forum in which building officials from all areas of the province can discuss and resolve common problems.



First Preventers

- ***"First Preventers"*** is a phrase you are hearing and reading about more and more
- ***"First Preventers"*** are the unsung heroes in countless communities saving lives and protect property.
- ***"First Preventers"*** — ***those many unheralded and mostly unknown code officials who head off serious harm by checking and double-checking code compliance.***



Who Are These Folk?

- A First Preventer may go under the title of
 - building inspector
 - fire chief
 - fire inspector
 - building official
 - property manager
 - code enforcement officer
 - structural engineer
 - plan reviewer
 - electrical inspector
 - structural safety official
 - plumbing inspector or
 - simply building safety official.



PLANT THE SEED



REAP THE REWARDS



Mission of a First Preventer

- **Our common mission:**
 - *to prevent harm by ensuring compliance with allied building safety codes before a disaster occurs.*
 - *allied building safety codes administered by First Preventers play a major role in saving lives, protecting property and reducing recovery costs often paid for by taxpayer dollars.*



Customer Needs

- Engaged ***before*** a build or renovation
 - design professionals
 - building official plans review and permit process
 - fire officials
- Engaged ***during*** the build
 - design professionals
 - building officials
 - fire officials



Customer Needs

- Engaged **after** a build or renovation
 - design professionals
 - building official plans review and permit process
 - fire officials
- Engaged **after** for maintenance
 - fire officials
 - building officials
 - design professionals



BUILDING OFFICIAL

- Very familiar with MBC
- Building is properly classified
- Building designed correctly
- Building built correctly according to proper Article(s) of the Building Code
- Life Safety systems included
 - (Active/Passive Systems)
- Building Official is familiar with Fire Code requirements

FIRE OFFICIAL

- Very familiar with the MFC
- Identifies occupancy class
- Building used as designed
- Occupancy use has not changed and/or created undue hazards
- Life Safety systems maintained
 - (Active/Passive Systems)
- Fire Official is familiar with Building Code requirements



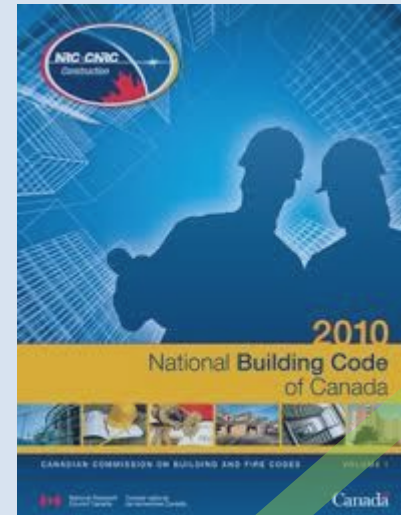
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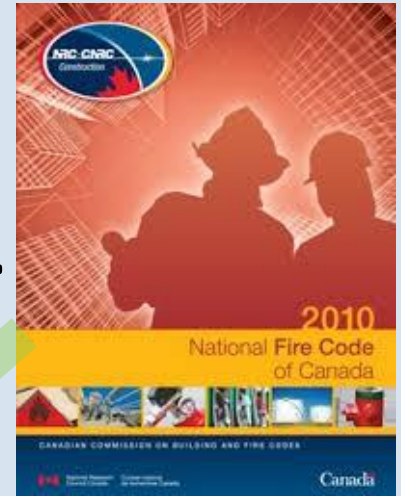
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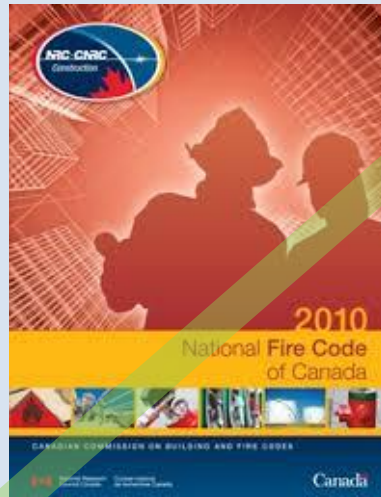
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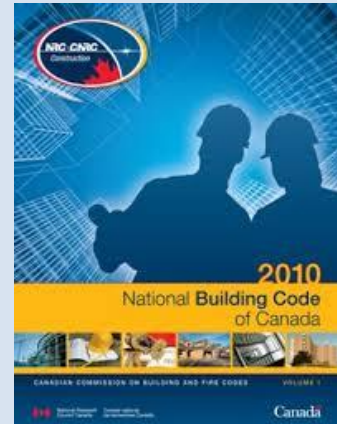


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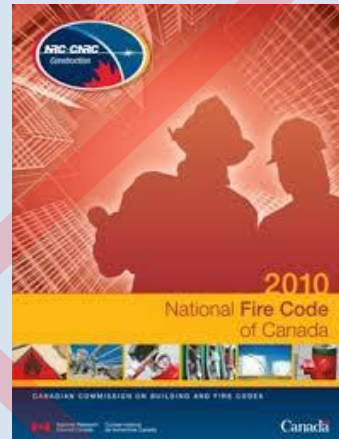


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Building Manager



Life Safety: **OUR** Common Goal



**Allied First Preventers Working Together to
Ensure Life Safety**



The Goal

- To seek the participation of Fire Officials to form a Working Group, allied to the MBOA to educate, train and promote continuing education in the field of Fire and Life Safety through comprehensive Inspection Services
- To validate through joint efforts the understanding that the Building and Fire Codes are companion documents and the efforts of all Code Officials is to ensure safety



Our Image



Understand Customer Expectation



Task Ahead

- To educate and promote joint information sharing
- Communication with stakeholder groups is essential
 - Building officials
 - Fire officials
 - CAO's and Elected Officials
 - Design professionals
- Develop a marketing strategy to attract members



Task Ahead

ACBOA Proposal for Canada:

Proposal: Access Federal Funds for Building / Fire Inspection Departments

- Properly enforced building & fire codes are one of the best means of protecting Canadians from natural and man-made disasters that will impact our homes, businesses, schools, places of worship, and all other types of construction in the built-environment.



Outcomes

- Creation of 'E-Blast' informational mailer
- Inspector's Tool Box Infogram
- Increased Municipal Awareness
- Opportunities for meetings/training opportunities with Allied Professionals
- Informational sessions with Customers/Clients/ Home Shows/Tradesmen Meetings etc.



Inspector's Tool Box Infogram

New!





Our Key to Success

**Life Safety and Fires Prevention
Begins with Code Enforcement**



