

Development Services

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY 2014

About Building Safety Month:

May of each year is designated as Building Safety Month by presidential, state and local proclamations. The purpose of Building Safety Month is to provide enhanced information and safety awareness to the public, as well as to recognize the efforts of building safety and fire prevention staff who work diligently through out the year to provide for safe, efficient and sustainable buildings.

The International Code Council (ICC) prepares a vast amount of information and videos that are available to all on their website. The website provides links to weekly safety topics which can also be followed during the month of May on the City's Facebook page.

About the City of Oceanside Building Safety Division:

The Building Safety Division is part of the City's Development Services Department and oversees the review of building plans, issuance of building permits, inspection of building construction, and issuance of certificates of occupancy.

During 2013 the Building Safety Division accomplished:

- Serving 13,380 customers at our counter for permits or information
- 1,191 plan reviews processed
- 12,145 building inspections performed
- 2,940 permits issued

Building Safety Departments are rated nationwide by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) using standardized criteria under the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). Communities with better ratings benefit from lower property and hazard insurance rates. Oceanside was classified as a BCEGS Category 2 Community for both residential and commercial categories. That score ranks Oceanside in the highest two percent nationwide and in the highest five percent in California.

BUILDING SAFETY:
Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks



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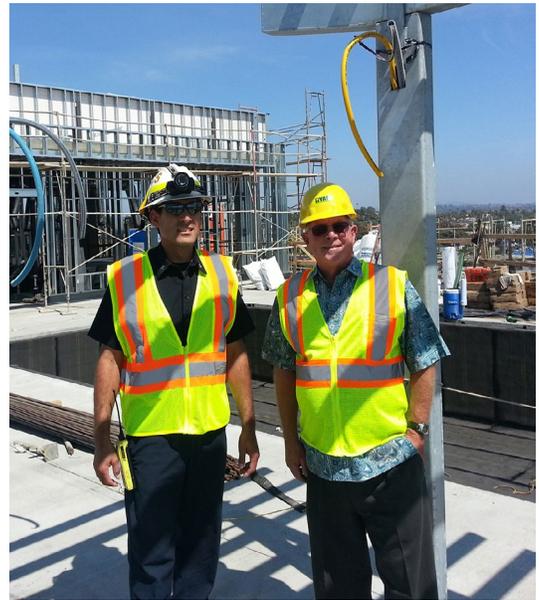


Steve Jones, Building Services Administrator reviewing plans.

Your Oceanside Building Safety Division is staffed by a very experienced and highly certified group of individuals. All Oceanside Building Safety staff must be certified by standardized national testing in various code areas as administered by ICC. Our Building Safety Division staff hold a total of 119 individual code certifications.

Master Code Professional is the highest form of certification available in the Building Safety profession and requires a minimum of 20 individual examinations that equate to at least 42 hours of testing. There are a total of 36 Master Code Professionals in California. Oceanside Building Safety has 2 of the 36 Master Code Professionals on its staff; Rick Brown, Chief Building Official and Philip Scattergood, Senior Building Inspector.

Oceanside Building Safety staff participates in various professional organizations that advance the safety of buildings and building systems. Steve Jones, Building Services Administrator, is currently serving as Second Vice President of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. David Gans, Senior Building Inspector, is currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. David Gans was voted as the National Plumbing and Mechanical Educator of the Year by the Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association last October. Phil Scattergood, Senior Building Inspector, has just concluded two terms as the Chapter President of the San Diego Area Chapter of the International Code Council. Rick Brown, Chief Building Official, serves as an ICC Code of Honor Scholar for voting on future code changes at the national level.



Felipe Rodriguez, Fire Marshall, and Rick Brown, Chief Building Official, inspecting work at Springhill Suites



Springhill Suites construction during an inspection.

We are here to serve the public and encourage you to contact us at (760) 435-4373 or visit the website for information regarding your project or other building safety questions you may have.