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Farewell Message from the President

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My Presidency was built on the vision of the Founding Fathers which was to create a statewide organization that would provide education, training, networking and advocacy on housing related issues. My goal was to maintain, enhance and promote the legacy of the CAHCEO Organization. While serving as your President we have made significant progress in education, communication and networking to code officials throughout the State of Connecticut. We have succeeded in creating a user friendly CAHCEO website that has a complete history of the organization with valuable resource tools regarding environmental housing tips, tenant's rights and legal information. There are also direct links to federal, state and local agencies that provide information on public safety and social service assistance. The CAHCEO newsletter was re-established to highlight seminar speakers and news from around the state. The creation of the D. Daniel Nobili and Marie A. Langan Educational Scholarships for CAHCEO members with children going on to higher learning after high school has established this organization as one who truly supports the advancement of young people.

It was once said to me that leaders are found one at a time and vision is a gift to see what others only dream about. While serving on the Executive Board for the past 8 years I have seen this organization ascertain new heights and set standards that has solidified this membership as being one of the most professionally trained and skilled code enforcement organizations in the New England Region. By promoting the development of code officials across the state we have attracted younger members who will someday lead and expand the vision of the Founding Fathers.

The CAHCEO organization has been in existence for 39 years and will continue to prosper as long as we have dedicated code enforcement officials in the State of Connecticut who truly care about protecting the public's safety, health and welfare. It has been my pleasure to serve such a wonderful organization.

Sincerely
Ronald Miller
19th President of CAHCEO, INC



CAHCEO NEWS

Our next meeting will be on September 24, 2010. Please watch for updates on the topics and speakers at our website www.cacheo.com.



June 2010 Speakers

Dan Tierney, Deputy State Building Official, Department of Public Safety State of Connecticut

Dan Tierney is the Deputy State Building Official for the State of Connecticut. He has worked in building code enforcement for approximately twenty years.

Joseph W. Kingston, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal

Joseph W. Kingston has been employed by the State of Connecticut since August 1994 in the Office of state Fire Marshal, presently a Fire & Life Safety Supervisor, Engineering section. He is a volunteer Firefighter and has been the Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Ansonia for the past 5 years. He has a Bachelor of Science-Fire Protection Engineering degree and a Bachelor of Science-Electrical Engineering degree from the University of New Haven. He has been certified as a Fire Marshal since July 1987. He is certified in the following areas: Hazardous Material Technician – NFPA 472, Firefighter III, Firefighter II, Fire Officer I, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Inspector I. He is licensed as a Connecticut E1 – Unlimited Electrical Contractor. He has lectured at the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal in conjunction with the Office of Education and Data Management –Fire Inspector Pre-Certification program, Hazardous Materials Inspector Pre-Certification Program, Fire Investigator Pre-Certification Program, Continuing Education Program. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of New Haven, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Fire Science Department (Plans Review Course).

Patrice K. Palombo, Senior Assistant State's Attorney

Patrice K. Palombo is the Senior Assistant State's Attorney in New Haven, Connecticut. She graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law (previously University of Bridgeport) in 1986 and was admitted to CT Bar in 1986. She has been employed by the State of CT, Division of Criminal Justice, Senior Assistant State's Attorney since 1987. She has been awarded the New Haven Police Academy Instructor's Award, the Arnold Markle Distinguished Faculty Award, the Knights of Saint Patrick Public Safety Special Recognition Award, and the Greater New Haven Domestic Violence Task Force Outstanding Achievement Award.

Barry W. Rickert, Connecticut Deputy State Fire Marshal

Barry W. Rickert is the newly appointed Connecticut Deputy State Fire Marshal. Prior to this appointment by Governor Jodi M. Rell, Mr. Rickert celebrated a long and momentous career. Mr. Rickert joined the fire service in 1970 as a volunteer firefighter in Danbury, CT. In 1973 he was appointed as a career firefighter in the Danbury Fire Dept. After 12 years of "line"duty, which included certification as an Emergency Medicial Technician, Dispatcher, and Firefighter, Mr. Rickert entered the Fire Prevention Bureau as an Inspector in 1985, Deputy Fire Marshal in 1987, and Fire Marshal in 1999. Throughout his tenure as Fire Marshal he investigated over 500 fires, received several awards and citations, and developed emergency action and preparedness plans for business and industry. Mr. Rickert is a State of Connecticut Certified Fire Marshal, Red Cross Instructor, Public Fire Educator (State and National) and a Nationally Certified Fire Inspector. He has attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. He is a graduate of Norwalk State Technical College with a degree in Fire Science and Technology. Mr. Rickert retired from the Danbury Fire Department in July 2008, and until his appointment as the Connecticut Deputy State Fire Marshal, was the Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of New Milford and a Business Development Representative for J P Maguire.

Michael Gilmore, Neighborhood Re-Investment Manager, Waterbury Development Corporation

Michael Gilmore is the Neighborhood Re-Investment Manager for the Waterbury Development Corporation. He has 19 years experience with the City of Waterbury working in the Mayor's Office, Office of Community Development and currently with the Waterbury Development Corporation. He is the City of Waterbury Relocation Specialist, the Fair Housing Officer and the Anti-Blight Coordinator.

Joseph M. Larkin, CZEO, CFM

After earning his Master's Degree from Ball State University in 1977, Joe taught Industrial Arts in Prince Georges County, Maryland for 11 years. In 1988 he returned to his home town of Stonington, Connecticut with his young wife and 2 small children and went to work for the Town of Stonington as its Housing Rehabilitation Specialist. Since 1992, Joe has been Stonington's Zoning Enforcement Officer and a member of CAZEO - the Connecticut Association of Zoning Enforcement Officials. He has been a member of the CAZEO Executive Board for the past 10 years and is currently serving as its president. He teaches the Zoning Administration Classes for The Center for Public Policy at Central Connecticut State University as part of CAZEO's certification program. In 2008, Joe earned his certification through FEMA and became Stonington's Floodplain Manager, and has since taken related courses at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Michael E. Kraynak, Sr., Director of Environmental Inspections for the City of Stamford Health Department

Michael E. Kraynak, Sr. is the Director of Environmental Inspections for the City of Stamford Health Department. He is also a Connecticut Association of Housing Code Enforcement Officials, Inc. Founding Father. Mr. Kraynak completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Bridgeport with a BS in Psychology in 1962. He started his Public Health career 40 years ago in 1968 working at the Milford Health Department as a sanitarian. There, he supervised for 18 years the work in housing code enforcement.

In 1970 he met with Housing Code Directors from major cities in Connecticut to help create an organization which would enhance the professional status of Housing Code Enforcement Officials in Connecticut. That organization became CAHCEO and was incorporated in 1971. Since it's creation, he has held the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors.

March 2010 Meeting



Our March 2010 seminar was held on March 26, 2010 in New Haven, CT. Our topic for the seminar was EPA's New Lead Paint Program Regulations and General Radon Information. Our first speaker, Mark Aschenbach is an Environmental Analyst 3 and a Registered Sanitarian in the Department of Public Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program. He talked about the new regulations in regards to contractors and their training requirements. Our second speaker, Francesca Provenzano, is the Health Program Supervisor for the Connecticut Department of Public Health. She spoke about radon and the impact it has on a person's health. She also talked about the state's role in radon and testing criteria.

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The objectives of CAHCEO are:

- *To promote the education and professional development of officials in the field of housing code enforcement*
- *To promote the development of higher standards in the hygiene of housing through legislation*
- *To promote the development of better housing conditions throughout the state*
- *To create a public awareness of the value of housing maintenance and repair*
- *To promote the welfare, education, and social benefits of its members*
- *To promote the general public's health, safety and welfare through advocacy for housing related issues*

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