With the adoption of an amended International Building Code as the base for the new Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, Comm 61-65, occupancy classifications change. The new code is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2002, along with a revised Comm 14, Fire Prevention, which adopts NFPA 1 for operation and maintenance of commercial buildings (not for construction standards).

Chapter 3 of the International Building Code addresses use and occupancy classifications. Every building and facility must be classified with respect to its use, and assigned one or more of the specific occupancy groups in the code. The occupancy groups represent broad categories that are used elsewhere in the code to address everything from building size to fire-protection features.

The specific groups are divided into ten general categories consisting of the following types of uses:

- Assembly;
- Business;
- Educational;
- Factory industrial;
- High-hazard;
- Institutional;
- Mercantile;
- Residential;
- Storage; and
- Utility/miscellaneous.

When a structure is proposed for a purpose

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Scheduling of building plan reviews now possible via Internet

It is now possible to request a commercial building plan review by filling out a form on the Safety and Buildings Division WebSite.

S&B will respond with an email providing exact review appointment information and review identification numbers.

A link to the review scheduling form is one of the first items on the S&B WebSite, http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-HomePage.html. The link will also be on the page showing the available scheduling

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UDC inspector ed at manufactured home seminar

The Tomorrow’s Home Foundation, the charitable arm of the Wisconsin Manufactured Housing Association, is sponsoring a “Site Construction Seminar” relating to the Uniform Dwelling Code and its application to manufactured homes.

Three hours of Safety and Buildings-approved continuing education is available for UDC-Construction Inspectors and UDC-HVAC Inspectors.

Topics include permits, steps, landings, foundations, basements, additions, energy use, electrical and plumbing connections, and more.

The seminar will be December 12, 2001 at the Raintree Resort in Wisconsin Dells, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $109, including seminar, materials, a copy of the 2001 UDC Code and Commentary, and lunch. (If you register before November 15, 2001, the fee is $89.)

S&B staff scheduled to speak are Ken Fiedler, Mobile/Manufactured Homes Consultant; Leroy Stublaski, UDC Consultant; and Larry Swaziek, UDC Program Manager.

Contact Amy or Julie at the Tomorrow’s Home Foundation, 800-236-4663.

For public distribution, municipalities can order brochure about making sure to get permits

Paying attention to the variety of possible permits needed for different building projects is the theme of a brochure the Safety and Buildings Division has prepared. The brochure will be provided to municipalities to distribute free to people contacting local government departments.

The brochure is available for download from the S&B WebSite, http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/ SB/SB-DivPublications.html, and will be printed this fall for distribution to all municipalities which ask for copies. Registration to receive copies is also on the WebSite.

Leading customers to ask the right questions is important to getting all the needed permitting steps taken. Time, money, and aggravation are at stake.

If you have questions about the brochure, contact Henry Kosarzycki, S&B Agent Monitor, 262-548-8615, hkosarzycki@commerce.state.wi.us, or Todd Taylor, S&B Publications Editor, 608-267-3606, ttaylor@commerce.state.wi.us.

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There is also a toll-free 24-hour fax line for requesting plan review scheduling, 877-840-9172.

For more information, contact the Madison Plan Entry Supervisor, Josh Schultz, 608-261-8460, jschultz@commerce.state.wi.us.
Annual Wisconsin fire department survey form returned by 460 departments

by John D. Lippitt, S&B Fire Safety Program Manager, 608-266-1036, Jlippitt@commerce.state.wi.us

Annually, the Safety and Buildings Division mails a survey update form to each fire department in Wisconsin which provides fire prevention and fire protection services to a municipality. The information returned is compiled in a computer database. This year, 460, approximately 54 percent of the state’s departments, returned the update form to S&B. This response is 8 percent lower than last year.

The survey update forms are required by administrative code, Comm 14.025(5), to be completed and returned to S&B.

The S&B database does contain information about all of Wisconsin’s 863 fire departments, of which 846 provided services to 1850 municipalities in calendar year 2000. (Note that departments listed below as having pay statuses of 5-6 do not typically provide services to municipalities.)

This is the current S&B data on Wisconsin fire departments by pay status:

- Pay status 1 (career) = 35
- Pay status 2 (combination) = 92
- Pay status 3 (volunteer) = 719
- Pay status 4 (affiliate) = 1
- Pay status 5 (federal or tribal) = 11
- Pay status 6 (private industry) = 5

S&B has information, from this year and previous years’ surveys, describing 506 fire departments as having 16,561 firefighters. 3,085 fire inspectors are recorded as working for 720 fire departments. 425 fire departments’ fire inspectors conducted 218,514 fire inspections in calendar year 2000. Also in 2000, 373 fire departments identified 105,365 code violations and 361 fire departments reported 70,605 violations corrected. (This is the second year that S&B has asked for information on fire inspections. Hats off to the fire inspectors for helping to keep Wisconsin safe from unwanted fires and explosions!)

Thank-you to the 460 fire chiefs who completed and returned the fire department annual update form, as required by state code. I sincerely hope that next year we have more complete information about fire service statistics in Wisconsin.

Employment Opportunities

- City of Oshkosh Building Systems Inspector (Construction and HVAC)

  Challenging position involves the inspection of buildings in order to secure compliance with local, state, and national codes. Ability to inspect and secure compliance with one- and two-family building, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing codes, zoning ordinances, and related regulations also required. Requires state of Wisconsin certification in UDC-Construction, UDC-Electrical, UDC-Plumbing, UDC-Construction, UDC-HVAC, and Commercial Buildings, or the ability to obtain such within one year of employment. 2000 salary range $38,590 - $46,531 per year plus excellent benefits. Submit resume to: Director of Administrative Services, PO Box 1130, 215 Church Ave. Oshkosh, WI, 54903-1130. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled. EOE, M/F/H.

- Village of Pleasant Prairie Building Inspector, Deputy Zoning Admin.

  One Building Inspector/Deputy Zoning Administrator position in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Primary duties include review of construction plans, and building and zoning inspection of all construction within the village. Applicants must be able to obtain and maintain certification in the following six areas: UDC-Construction, UDC-HVAC, UDC-Electric, Erosion Control, UDC-Plumbing, and Commercial Building. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and certifications. $14.46 - $23.59 per hour. Application and job description are available from the village administrator’s office, Village of Pleasant Prairie, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, WI 5315, 262-694-9304. Send application, resume, and references to that address. Position will remain open until filled.
Review of IBC occupancies

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that is not specifically provided in the code, such
structure is to be classified in the group that the
occupancy most nearly resembles, based on fire
safety and relative hazards involved.

(An article in a future WBCR will discuss the
specifics of incidental uses, accessory uses, and
mixed-occupancy uses.)

Assembly Group A occupancies include uses for
gathering of persons for civic, social or religious
functions, recreation, food or drink consumption,
awaiting transportation, or other similar purposes. A
room or space used for assembly purposes by less
than 50 persons, and accessory to the another
occupancy is included as part of the other
occupancy.

Business Group B occupancies include the use
of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for
office, professional, or service-type transactions.
The portion of such areas used for storage of records
and accounts are considered part of the Group B
use. Refer to section 304 of the IBC for examples of
Group B uses.

Educational Group E occupancies include uses
by six or more persons at any one time for
educational purposes through the twelfth grade. A
daycare used for educational, supervision, or
personal care services on less than a 24-hour basis,
for more than five children older than 2 1/2 years of
age, is also classified as a Group E occupancy. A
common feature to schools is that they include large
spaces used for both education and public assembly,
an example of mixed use. Refer to section 305 of
the IBC for more about Group E uses.

Factory Industrial Group F occupancies include
uses for assembling, disassembling, fabricating,
finishing, manufacturing, packaging, repair, or
processing operations which are not classified as a
hazardous Group H occupancy. Group F
occupancies are subdivided into two additional
occupancy categories, F-1 and F-2.

F-1 uses are moderate-hazard factory and
industrial uses. F-2 uses are low-hazard factory and
industrial uses that involve the fabrication or
manufacturing of noncombustible materials which
during all operations do not involve a significant fire
hazard. Refer to section 306 of the IBC for
examples of Group F occupancies.

Hazardous Group H occupancies include the use
of a building or structure, or a portion thereof,
involving the manufacturing, processing, generation
or storage of materials that are characterized by an
unusually high degree of explosion, fire, physical, or
health hazard. Group H occupancies have quantities
of hazardous materials in excess of those found in
Tables 307.7(1) and 307.7(2) of the IBC.

Group H occupancies are subdivided into five
additional occupancy categories consisting of H-1
through H-5. Groups H-1 through H-4 occupancies
are based on excessive quantities of hazardous
materials. Group H-5 occupancies are based on
their particular operations due to the explosiveness
and high toxicity of materials used in the fabrication
process. Refer to section 307 of the IBC for
examples of Group H occupancies.

Institutional Group I occupancies include uses in
which people are under supervision and care due to
physical limitations of health or age. Group I
occupancies also include areas in which people are
detained for penal or correctional purposes, or in
which the liberty of the occupants is restricted. In
Group I occupancies, the occupants are either restricted in their movements or require supervision in an emergency in order to escape from the hazard along an exit route to safety. Refer to section 308 of the IBC for examples of Group I occupancies.

Mercantile Group M occupancies include uses for the display and sale of merchandise. Refer to section 309 of the IBC for examples of Group M occupancies.

Residential Group R occupancies include the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping accommodations not classified as a Group I occupancy. Refer to section 310 of the IBC for examples of Group R occupancies.

Storage Group S occupancies include storage not classified as a hazardous occupancy, and uses related to the storage and repair of motorized vehicles. Group S occupancies are subdivided into two additional occupancy classifications, S-1 and S-2 based on the hazard level involved. Group S-1 occupancies are used for moderate-hazard storage purposes and Group S-2 occupancies consist of the low-hazard uses. Refer to section 311 of the IBC for examples of Group S occupancies.

Utility and miscellaneous Group U occupancies include accessory buildings that normally are not occupied. Wisconsin has chosen to also use Appendix “C” for agricultural uses that are not exempt by law. Refer to section 312 of the IBC for examples of Group U occupancies.

As I noted earlier, where a structure is proposed for a purpose which is not specifically provided for in the code, the structure shall be classified in the group the occupancy most nearly resembles, according to the fire safety and relative hazards involved.

If confronted with such a situation, a conservative path would be to choose the more restrictive occupancy. Classifying the building into the more restrictive category allows the building to be protected to a higher level and addresses the worst-case situations that could occur within the occupancy.

See page seven of this WPCR for an article about some of the training being offered on the new Wisconsin Building Codes.

QUIZ

What occupancy group would these areas fall into?

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1. Automobile assembly plant
2. Bank
3. Bar and restaurant with a capacity of 60 people
4. Banquet hall with a capacity of 300 people
5. Medical clinic
6. College or university classroom
7. Hotel
8. Automotive repair garage
9. Elementary school
10. Convenience store

More information about the adoption of the national model codes as part of Wisconsin’s building and fire codes is on the S&B WebSite, http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CommercialBuildingsModelCodeAdoption.html.
More occupancies will have fire protection system plan review

Effective January 1, 2002, fire protection system plans for the following additional types of occupancies must be submitted to S&B or an appointed agent for plan review prior to construction of the fire protection system:

- All public buildings exceeding 60 feet in height;
- IBC Mercantile Group M buildings exceeding 50,000 square feet with a combined use of retail area and rack storage; and
- State-owned buildings, except hospitals and nursing homes. (Health care facility reviews are done by the Department of Health and Family Services.)

This is in addition to previously designated occupancies:

- Atriums located in any type of occupancy;
- Educational Group E, K to 12 Schools;
- Institutional Group I-1, CBRFs within the scope of Comm 57;*
- Institutional Group I-3, Detention Facilities; and
- Residential Group R-1, Hotels and Motels.

*Comm 57, Residential Occupancies, includes new Community Based Residential Facility buildings serving nine or more unrelated adults and CBRFs serving more than 20 unrelated adults to be located in an existing building.

by John D. Lippitt, Fire Safety Program Manager


Beginning immediately, S&B will also accept the submittal of fire protection systems plans for other occupancies, on a voluntary basis. The fees for a voluntary plan submittal will be based on tables Comm 2.31-1 and 2.31-2, the same as for a required plan submittal. Plans submitted voluntarily will be placed in the rotation for review as received by S&B. However, required submittals will have priority for scheduling.

For more information, contact the fire protection system plan reviewers listed on page 11 of this WBCR.

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Answers to occupancy group questions
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1) Group F-1;  
2) Group B;  
3) Group A-2;  
4) Group A-2;  
5) Group B;  
6) Group B;  
7) Group R-1;  
8) Group S-1;  
9) Group E;  
10) Group M
The world is not coming to an end!

However, your continuing education time frame may be.

Look at your credential card. When does your license, registration, or certification expire? Your continuing education responsibilities, if you have any, usually must be fulfilled three months before your credential expires.

For more information, contact the S&B Credentialing Unit, 608-261-8500, madisoncred@commerce.state.wi.us. Lists of people holding credentials and their con ed status are on the Internet, http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-CredentialsList.html

Training sessions on new codes starting to line up

After the adoption of the International Code Council suite of building codes by Wisconsin, a variety of training opportunities have evolved. The opportunities have been sponsored by and developed to serve a a number of different audiences and organizations. The Safety and Buildings Division is seen as a component in the educational system, rather than a single source of training programs.

S&B’s looks forward to assisting various organizations and groups involved in providing training. With the building code change now in effect, we recognize this as the beginning to a a continuous process of education.

Please contact Henry Kosarzycki, 262-548-8615, hkosarzycki@commerce.state.wi.us, to discuss how S&B can assist you in providing building code training.

November 8, 2001, UW-Stout, IBC Evening Training Workshop, American Institute of Architects-Wisconsin
November 15, Waukesha County Tech College, IBC Evening Training Workshop, AIA-Wisconsin

November 20, Contact AIA for location (SW Wisconsin), IBC Evening Training Workshop, AIA-WI
December 7, Green Bay KI Center, Associated General Contractors Wisconsin Winter Conference IBC Introduction
December 10-11: City of Milwaukee, International Building Code Training (Session 1)
December 12-13, City of Milwaukee, International Building Code Training (Session 2)
January, February, March NW, SW, SE, NE, Safety and Buildings Division and Building Inspector Associations Regulatory Training
February 11, AGC Safety Day IBC Introduction
February 18-21, Madison Alliant Energy Center, Wisconsin International Building Code Training Intensive, UW-Madison Department of Engineering Professional Development
April 2002, Wisconsin Inspector Institute IBC Training, Wisconsin League of Municipalities
Safety and Buildings Division 2002 Credential Exam Schedule

**Wausau** - Park Inn International, 2101 N Mountain Rd, 715-842-0711: January 8, March 5; May 7; July 9; September 4; November 5.

**Black River Falls** - Best Western Arrowhead Lodge, I-94 & Hwy 54: February 7; April 11; June 6; August 8; October 10.

**Madison** - Thompson Bldg, 201 W. Washington Ave: January 15; February 12; March 12; April 16; April 18; May 14; May 16; June 11; July 16; August 13; September 10; October 15; October 17; November 12; December 10.

**Pewaukee** - Waukesha County Technical College, 800 Main Street: February 19; April 23; May 22; June 18; July 23; August 20; September 17; October 22; November 19; December 17.

For more information, contact the S&B Credentialing Unit, madisoncred@commerce.state.wi.us, 608-261-8500.

Inspectors’ Continuing Education

“Cure for the Common Callback,” an overview of fundamental building science, the Wisconsin ENERGY STAR program, and techniques to avoid common callback and home performance issues. 7 credit hours for UDC-Construction Inspectors and 2 credit hours for UDC-HVAC Inspectors. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001 at the Ramada Conference Center, Wausau; Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel, Madison; Wednesday, Dec. 5 2001 at the Country Inn Hotel, Waukesha. The fee is $60 per session. Contact Tarah Evans, 608-238-8276 x120, tevans@ecw.org. Sponsored by Wisconsin Focus on Energy.

State administrative codes and the code update service may be purchased by contacting state Document Sales, 608-266-3358, or 800-362-7253, for credit card purchases. The codes are available free online via the Revisor of Statutes website: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/

**Fire Protection:** These municipalities are delegated agents of the department to perform plan review and inspection of fire detection and suppression systems as prescribed under Comm 50.12(2)(k): City of Appleton; City of Burlington; City of Madison; Village of McFarland.

S&B WebSite: www.commerce.state.wi.us/sb
CERTIFIED MUNICIPALITIES

Per Comm 50.21(5)(c), the following municipalities are certified to review plans for new buildings containing less than 50,000 cu. ft. total volume; additions to existing buildings where the total area after construction of the addition is less than 50,000 cu. ft.; additions to existing buildings containing no more than 2,500 sq. ft., no more than one floor level, 18’ maximum roof span and 12’ maximum exterior wall height; and alterations to existing building where the area of altered space is less than 100,000 cu. ft. of total volume. If your project is located in a listed municipality, and meets the size criteria, contact the municipality for plan review. For information regarding the current status of a municipality, call S&B commercial buildings municipal audit coordinator Kosarzycki at 262-548-8615.

Also, all municipalities listed below are authorized to perform inspections of all buildings and structures as an agent of the state, unless marked with an (L). Municipalities marked with (L) are limited to perform only the inspections authorized by Comm 50.21(5)(c).

Municipalities marked with an* are also authorized to review plans without limit on size of building or project.

Municipalities authorized to review plans and perform inspections located in Eau Claire county shall be contacted directly, all other municipalities shall contact Eau Claire county government.

Inspections Only: There is also a group of municipalities having inspection authority for commercial and multifamily buildings, but which do not have plan review authority. The Safety and Buildings Division does plan review for all buildings and structures located in these municipalities.

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Inspections Only:

City of Appleton (Outagamie)  
City of So. Milwaukee (Milwaukee)

Village of Belgium (Ozaaukee)  
City of Sparta (Monroe)

Village of Cambridge (Dane)  
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### POWTS Plan Reviewers

### Plan Review Scheduling
For plan review scheduling for Plumbing and Buildings, call the S&B office numbers listed above, or contact the email address shown. Fax scheduling is possible, 877-840-9172. Information about the project will be needed to schedule the plan review. Any of the offices can schedule the first appropriate plan review available statewide.

**Plan review for Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems** is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact one of the offices. For scheduling info, also see http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-DailyDoc.html.

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