

The O·C·E·O·A Enforcer

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Meet **Joseph Busch, AIA-NCARB.**

Joe is currently the Chief Building Official for the City of Columbus, Ohio. He also served as State Architect for Ohio and prior to that he was principal of the firm of Joseph F. Busch & Associates, Inc. that was engaged in the private practice of architecture and related engineering services. His private practice covered 23 years and in total he brings 50 years of practical common-sense experience to the code enforcement field. In his 11 years as CBO for Columbus, his department has done plan review and field inspection on approximately \$14 billion of construction that has virtually covered every IBC use group. Aside from his Bachelors Degree in Architecture from Iowa State University, he holds a teaching certificate from the Corps of Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia where he taught a basic structure course for two years. His primary practice took place mostly in Ohio and Pennsylvania but it also included minor work in Wisconsin and Florida. This diverse experience has served him well upon entry into the building code enforcement field. He is highly motivated and brings a positive "solution/results" mindset to the enforcement process.

Joe will be presenting to us ICC's 2006 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FUNDAMENTALS SEMINAR. This is an all day program which will include a complimentary IPMC Fundamentals Workbook for each attendee. This program overviews the critical concepts of the 2006 IPMC and provides a basis for the correct use of the code in inspections. The program also provides a clear understanding of the codes and correct use of the requirements identified by these basic code provisions. Code tables and categorizations allow code users to apply the code in clear-cut situations, and helps to build the attendees understanding of the intent of the code when asked to make code compliance decisions.

It is recommended that each attendee bring his or her copy of the IPMC Code Book so they can see the actual code as Joseph covers the various codes. The Code Book is not mandatory, however, there will be copies of the IPMC on site if you wish to purchase one.

Rebuilding Together Formerly Christmas in April

Amy Radacci from the Dayton Chapter of Rebuilding Together will be speaking to us at the February Meeting about the Rebuilding Together Program.

Many of you may be familiar with the organization formerly known as Christmas in April.

The mission of Rebuilding Together is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, from the elderly and disabled to families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence. In partnership

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Your Membership
or Join
Today***

with communities, our goal is to make a sustainable impact.

They make this impact through providing necessary repairs free of charge to existing homeowners. These necessary repairs often include home modifications, roofing, plumbing, and electrical repairs and/or improvements - their goal is to provide a warm, safe and dry environment for low-income homeowners, enabling them to live independently and with dignity.

While many affiliates provide year-round services, all affiliates plan and prepare rebuilding projects or another special event on National Rebuilding Day, typically held on the last Saturday in the month of April.

Rebuilding Together is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and promotes the replication and coordination of affiliates throughout the United States. Founded in 1988, the national office provides assistance to affiliates in program development, board and staff development, marketing, communications, and financial management.

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2007-2008 OCEOA Meeting Dates

·November 15, 2007·

·February 21, 2008·

·May 15, 2008·

·August 14, 2008·

·November 13, 2008·

All meetings will be held at the
Midwest Hotel & Conference Center
on Sinclair Road in Columbus,
Toll Free Phone No. 1-877-609-6086

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assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled and families with children, live in warmth, safety and independence. Rebuilding Together's goal is to make a sustainable impact in partnership with the community.

Low-income elderly and disabled homeowners and families with children often have no place to turn when the roof begins to leak or the front steps crumble. The goal is to preserve these houses and neighborhoods and assure a warm, safe and dry home for people in need. Homeownership stabilizes and strengthens communities.

The number of low-income homeowners increases each year. The current 24 million low-income homeowner families is expected to grow to an astonishing 28.5 million by the year 2010. More and more families are placed in the position of choosing between vital necessities such as food or medicine and a roof that does not

leak. Disabled homeowners cannot afford the modifications that allow them to "age in place" and remain in their own homes. Rebuilding Together works to ensure that as many of those families as possible do not have to make these difficult choices. Individual families are referred to us through neighborhood associations, churches, synagogues, community organizations and service groups or by self-referral. Non-profit facilities are also eligible for their services.

While many affiliates work throughout the year to rehabilitate homes and provide related services to communities, most of our national volunteer effort culminates on National Rebuilding Day, typically held the last Saturday in April. Legions of volunteers come together to rehabilitate homes and non-profit facilities. Homeowners and volunteers work together to preserve and revitalize

the communities in which they live.

Anyone can volunteer! And Rebuilding Together needs people with many talents and abilities — from people who can help scrape paint to those who are trained craftsmen. Business executives, students, bus drivers, politicians and policemen pitch in annually across America to help build better communities. Trades-people are always in demand and thousands of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, roofers, and others with special skills donate their time.

For information about starting a program or to order our national video or a copy of our Step-by-Step Guide, please contact the [national headquarters](#).

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. Thomas Edison

You can now download the meeting registration form and copies of the Enforcer by typing meetings.oceoa.org where you would normally enter a URL address. Notice you do **not** need to include a www, doing so will prevent you from reaching the files. Need help? Call 937-333-3916.

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