COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Permits and Inspections	Presenter(s):	Joe Scarborough, Acting Director
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 10, 2009	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of employee Steve Tafoya who has earned certification as Master Code Professional.

Background/History/Details:

Steve Tafoya, an employee of the Permits and Inspections Department, has recently achieved the level of Master code Professional from the International Code Council (ICC). ICC is the premier professional organization for construction and fire code development. Most entities who adopt and enforce construction codes use the uniform International Codes.

Several levels of certification can be obtained through the ICC, from Inspector, to Building Official, all the way to the pinnacle achievement of Master Code Professional.

Steve Tafoya is Fayette County's Plans Examiner and has been on staff for three-plus years.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognize Mr. Tafoya.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?		Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

About Code Council Certification

The Code Council certification program is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious credentialing program for construction code administration and enforcement professionals in the United States. Code Council certification examinations are maintained to the highest standards and include continuous review by committees of experienced professionals.

Becoming Code Council-certified is a significant personal and professional accomplishment. If you have the drive, ability, and dedication it takes to earn a Code Council certification, you will join a select group of construction and fire safety professionals who have attained a high level of excellence and achievement validated through the certification process.

Code Council certification is the key to enhanced professional stature. Code Council certificate holders enjoy these important benefits:

- Verification of personal and professional accomplishment
- Validation of technical expertise
- Recognition on a national level
- Increase in potential career opportunities
- Expanded knowledge
- Confirmed commitment to protect the public health, safety, and welfare

Many building departments and state agencies that regulate code enforcement personnel recognize Code Council certification. However, the Code Council cannot guarantee that a specific governmental agency will accept or recognize a Code Council certification. You should first contact the applicable agency regarding specific licensing and employment requirements and Code Council certification and examinations.

Certification and examination information, including registration/scheduling requirements, dates, locations, fees, and references, are subject to change.

Candidates should make sure they have the most current information before registering for/scheduling a Code Council examination by going to www.iccsafe.org/certification.

Master Code Professional Designation

The Master Code Professional (MCP) is the highest level of certification attainable in the International Code Council's credentialing program. The Code Council has certified thousands of individuals but only a small, select number has attained this highest level of achievement. Currently, there are less than 600 individuals who have received the Master Code Professional designation. This special group is awarded the gold-colored Code Council lapel pin in addition o the MCP Certificate. To obtain this level of certification requires and demonstrates commitment to the profession, diverse knowledge of codes, and a high level of self-initiative.

Master Code Professionals are typically responsible for all technical and management aspects of code enforcement. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- management of a code enforcement department;
- supervision of building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and elevator inspectors and support staff;
- performing or supervising performance of building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical plan review;
- when necessary, inspection or supervising inspection of structures for compliance with the International Codes and referenced standards.

Joe Scarborough

From: Steve Tafoya
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 9:45 AM
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Subject: Certs.

* Certifications that Steve has achieved.

Steven P Tafoya Fayetteville, GA

Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner
Building Inspector
Building Plans Examiner
Certified Building Code Official
Certified Building Official
Certified Electrical Code Official
Certified Mechanical Code Official
Certified Plumbing Code Official
Combination Inspector
Combination Plans Examiner
Commercial Building Inspector
Commercial Combination Inspector
Commercial Electrical Inspector
Commercial Mechanical Inspector
Commercial Plumbing Inspector
Electrical Inspector
Electrical Plans Examiner
Master Code Professional
Mechanical Inspector
Mechanical Plans Examiner
Plumbing Inspector
Plumbing Plans Examiner
Residential Building Inspector
Residential Combination Inspector
Residential Electrical Inspector
Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner
Residential Mechanical Inspector
Residential Plumbing Inspector

Employment Date
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