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## It's Annual Conference Time

The Missouri Association of Code Enforcement (MACE) will once again join forces with the Missouri Association of Code Administrators (MACA) for our annual educational conference. The 2011 MACA/MACE Educational Conference is slated for October 12, 13 and 14 at the [Resort at Port Arrowhead](#) in Lake Ozark, MO.

The conference will feature two full days of educational seminars on October 12 and 13, with a half day session on October 14 consisting of a business meeting and cracker barrel sessions.

In addition to an outstanding educational agenda, the conference fee includes six meals: a breakfast buffet all three days, lunch on October 12 and 13, and an evening banquet on October 13. A special room rate of \$72 per night is available to conference attendees but you must make

your reservations before September 11 to guarantee this special rate.

Click [HERE](#) to download the complete conference information flyer with the full agenda and registration form.



**Tom Alford (left), with [Enviropro](#) and officer John Baker (right) are two of the outstanding instructors who will be presenting seminars during the 2011 MACA/MACE Educational Conference Oct. 12-14.**



## Electrical Seminars Coming To Kansas City In September

Two electrical seminars have been announced for the Kansas City area in September. Basic Electrical Inspections is the subject of the seminar on September 13 and Electrical Grounding and Bonding is the subject of the seminar on September 15.

Both seminars are scheduled from 12:30 pm. to 4:30 p.m. at the Electricians Training Center, located at 303 East 103rd Terrace in Kansas City. Shawn Lee from IBEW Local 124 will be the instructor for both seminars.

Click [HERE](#) to download the information and registration form for the September 13 seminar.

Click [HERE](#) to download the information and registration form for the September 15 seminar.

For further information or questions, please contact Tamara Schenke a [tschenke@belton.org](mailto:tschenke@belton.org) or call Tamara at 816-331-4331.

## Commercial Electric Seminar Coming To Maryland Heights September 20

Ron Raines (right) returns to the St. Louis area for a Commercial Electric Seminar on September 20 at the Maryland Heights Government Center, located at 11911 Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights, MO.

The popular instructor is known for his interesting and informative presentations. The September 20 session will include 2011 NEC changes. The full-day seminar includes morning coffee and doughnuts and lunch.

Click [HERE](#) to download a seminar information and registration form. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Art Genasci at 636-949-7900, ext. 7280 or email Art at [agenasci@sccmo.org](mailto:agenasci@sccmo.org).



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## **Extreme Weather Tests Code Enforcement Across State In 2011**

An outbreak of unusually destructive tornadoes put Code Enforcement staffs across the state to the test in the first half of 2011. The National Weather Service estimates there have been 1,475 tornadoes in the United States with 536 fatalities, making 2011 the sixth deadliest year on record.

The new year started off with tornado aftermath on day one. Damaging tornadoes touched down late on New Year's Eve in much of Missouri and into west-central Illinois. Thirteen different Missouri counties reported damage. In Rolla, at least three people were killed and several others were injured. Numerous tornadoes also touched down in the St. Louis metropolitan area including the city of St. Louis. In the St. Louis suburb of Sunset Hills, more than 100 buildings were damaged. At Fort Leonard Wood, 41 houses were destroyed and at least 118 damaged.

On April 22, an EF4 tornado left a 22-mile path of destruction through 16 municipalities in the St. Louis area including Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, which was shut down for over 24 hours. The cities of Bridgeton and Maryland Heights were particularly hard-hit with subdivisions left nearly unrecognizable the day after the storm.

**RIGHT: The second story of a house in Maryland Heights was destroyed in the April 22 tornado. (Click on the photo for a larger view.)**



Miraculously, there were no fatalities from the Good Friday twister and injury reports were minor. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported more than 2,700 buildings were severely damaged in St. Louis County, including 900 in Bridgeton, 450 in Berkeley and 1,170 in Maryland Heights.

On May 22, an EF5 tornado devastated Joplin. At least 159 people perished, making it the seventh-deadliest single tornado in U.S. history. The Missouri Emergency Management Agency reported 990 injuries and more than 5,000 structures heavily damaged or destroyed.

Code Enforcement staffs in the affected areas were put to the test immediately, conducting rapid assessments of devastated neighborhoods and answering a myriad of inquiries from homeowners.

The added workload will continue for months as homeowners and contractors rebuild and building and codes departments deal with additional permits, inspections, violations, questions and reports.

The extreme weather of 2011 exemplifies the importance of continuing education, training and networking offered by MACE. Knowing how to handle a variety of situations under stressful circumstances has proven essential to code enforcement professionals dealing with the aftermath of disaster.



**LEFT: President Barack Obama greets Hugh Hills, 85, in front of his home in Joplin, MO, May 29, 2011. Hills hid in a closet during the tornado, which destroyed the second floor and half the first floor of his house. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza. Click on the photo for larger view.)**

## **A Different Viewpoint**

by Jim Fossell, Editor, MACE Viewpoint

By now, you've no doubt noticed that this edition of *MACE Viewpoint* is quite different from what



you've been accustomed to.

In addition to her duties as a member of the MACE Board of Directors, Past President Tamara Schenke also serves as Secretary of the American Association of Code Enforcement (AAACE) and Secretary of the Missouri Association of Building and Fire Officials (MABFO). Thus, after over four years as Editor of the MACE Viewpoint, Tamara decided her plate was full and decided to hand off this newsletter to someone else.

When the word came down that a new Editor was being sought, I couldn't resist. For five years, beginning way back with issue number two, I served as Editor back in the 1990's. I also currently maintain the MACE website. We all owe Tamara a world of thanks for her hard work on behalf of MACE in keeping us all informed. I am sure we will be hearing from Tamara in future newsletters as she updates us on pertinent information from both AAACE and MABFO.

With the change in Editors, it seemed like a good time to give the newsletter a facelift. I hope you



like the new format. Many forms of media are converting to electronic and MACE Viewpoint is no different. The new format is available both online and in PDF versions.

Going forward, I need your articles, photos and ideas. Please send any submissions for the newsletter to me at [jfossell@marylandheights.com](mailto:jfossell@marylandheights.com). Speaking of submissions, check out the photo at left. It was sent by a complainant to the Code Enforcement staff at the City of Hazelwood. The complainant stated that a dead raccoon was hanging from the garage door of a vacant house and included this photo. (Thank you to MACE Membership Director Lara Mormino

for submitting it.)

### **MACE's Membership Director Makes Move**

MACE Membership Director Lara Mormino has joined the Code Enforcement team with the City of Maryland Heights. The change in address and phone numbers has been made on the MACE website and on the listing of officers at left in this newsletter. Best of luck to Lara as she gets settled in to her new position.