



# TECH TALK NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2025

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Fall, everyone!

I'm excited to share that my experience as President of CAPT has been truly remarkable! This past year, our organization has grown tremendously, thanks to the strength, knowledge, and collaboration we've built together. It has been inspiring to see how we support one another in our mission to promote professionalism and education.

We have achieved some fantastic milestones this year! To highlight a few, we hosted four full-day training sessions, implemented online payments, transitioned to a paperless system, launched a new website, and made a splash on social media. These accomplishments would not have been possible without your enthusiasm and dedication to our industry.

Let's continue to engage, share our knowledge, and mentor one another! Our successes reflect the strength of our amazing members, and I am proud to be part of such a dedicated group of professionals.

Audra Gerber  
CAPT President





# UPCOMING CAPT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TRAINING

**November 6, 2025: City of Greenwood Village**

**Topic:** Conveyance Systems: Elevators – Design, Safety & Maintenance



You don't want to miss this class, folks! Join us for CAPT's Annual Business Meeting and our first ever Conveyance class. Our incredible instructors include representatives from Professional Elevator Inspections and the State of Colorado's Conveyance Program. Information on registration is available on the next page.

*Upon completion of this course, you will earn .6 CEU's.*

## TRAINING LINEUP FOR 2026

**February 26, 2026:** Accessibility (Windsor)

**April 16, 2026:** Energy Code Overview and Plan Review Basics for Energy Code (Greeley)

**June 18, 2026:** Legislation in Action: From Origins to Advocacy (Centennial)

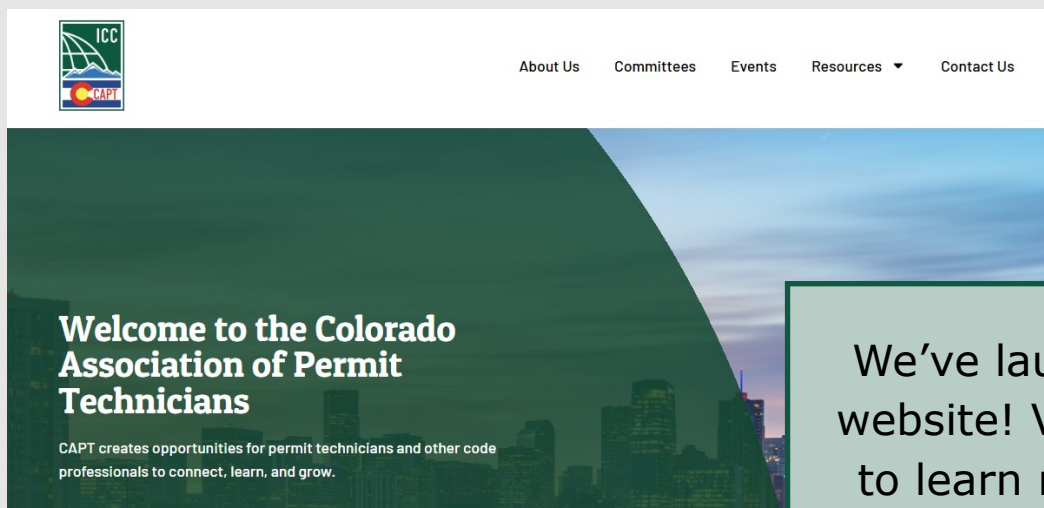
**July 23, 2026:** Picking Your Battles in the Midst of the War (Black Hawk)

**November 5, 2026:** Overview of Colorado's New Wildfire Resiliency Code (Boulder)



# REGISTER FOR TRAINING ONLINE TODAY

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!



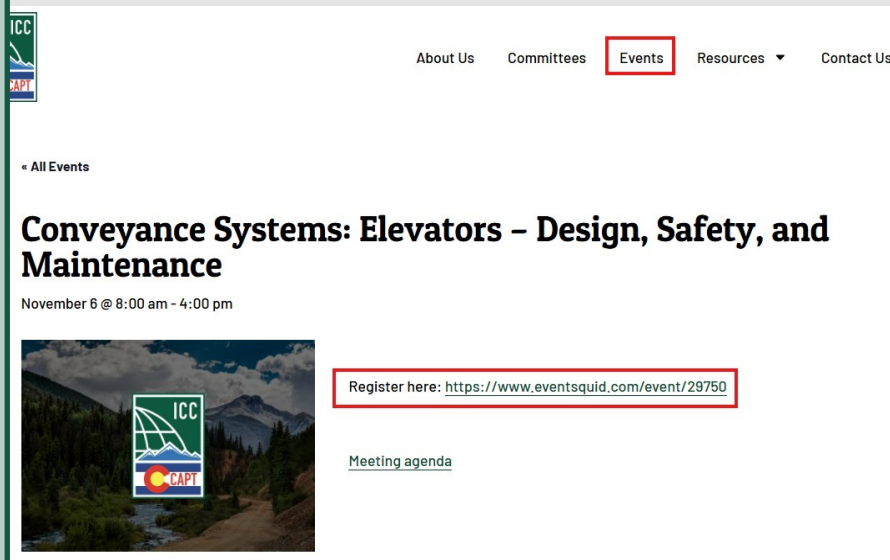
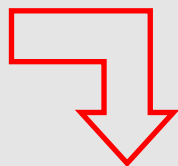
We've launched our new website! Visit **cocapt.org** to learn more about the Board, review our resources, and register for training!

To register for training, visit **cocapt.org** and click on the **Events** tab. Next, select [Register Here](#) to be directed to our registration platform.

### Registration Fee Per Training:

\$35 for members  
\$60 for non-members

*Registration Fee includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, and an educational course. This fee is non-refundable.*





# MEETING RECAP: JULY 2025

## HISTORIC RESTORATION & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who attended our July 2025 CAPT Meeting in Black Hawk! We truly appreciated your presence and participation, especially those who joined us for the Mix & Mingle networking event the evening before the training.

We'd also like to extend a special thanks to our outstanding instructors, Emily Richards and Daniel Gilbert. Their expertise and insights into historic restoration and community preservation brought exceptional value to the session!

## CAPT'S NEWEST HONORARY MEMBER

During our July meeting, the CAPT Board was pleased to honor Cynthia Linker as our newest honorary CAPT member. Throughout our organization's history, CAPT has reserved the title of Honorary Member for only the most exceptional contributors. It's a designation we've awarded only three times – an extraordinary, rare honor that reflects the profound impact these individuals have had on our mission, our values, and our community. Cindy Linker has been a vital part of CAPT since 2000—just one year after its inception. Over the years, she has held numerous leadership roles, including Board Member and Vice President, before being elected President in 2004. Cindy, your legacy will continue to inspire permit technicians, leaders, and colleagues for years to come.

**Thank you, Cindy, for 25 years of service and mentorship!**



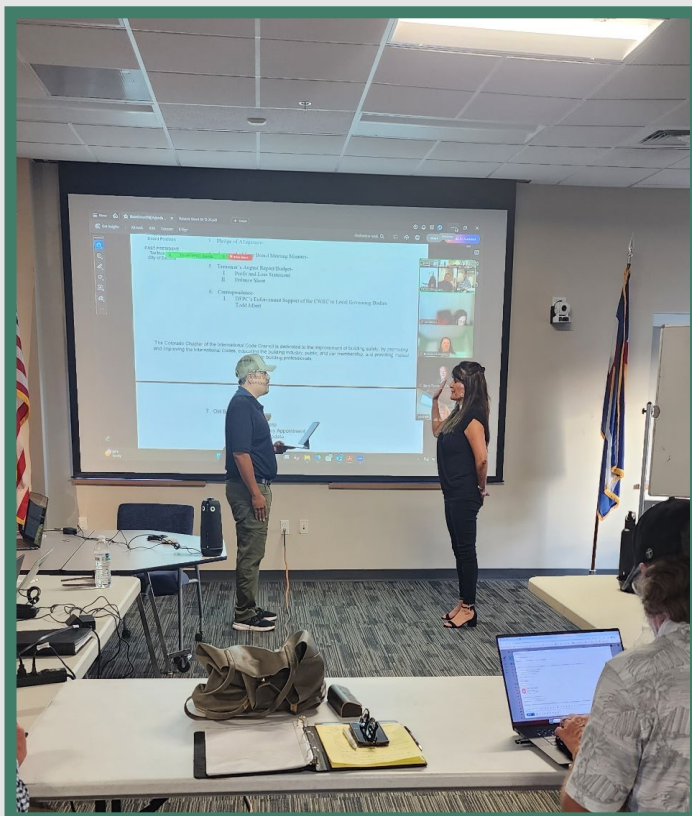


# STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

## OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

CAPT is proud to continue building strong partnerships across our industry! We value our ongoing collaborations with the Colorado Chapter of ICC, the Fire Marshals Association of Colorado, Shums Coda Associates, and many other outstanding organizations. These partnerships allow us to expand our training opportunities, share valuable resources, and stay connected on emerging developments within the permitting and code community.

A special congratulations to CAPT's own Melinda Helmer on her appointment to the Colorado Chapter Board of Directors this August! Melinda has dedicated many years of service to CAPT, contributing her expertise, leadership, and enthusiasm to our mission. Her appointment not only recognizes her personal commitment to the profession, but also strengthens CAPT's connection and visibility within the broader Colorado Chapter network. We're incredibly proud to see her leadership recognized and are thrilled to see where this journey takes her!





# ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## CHECK OUT THE RESOURCES BELOW!

### ICC

ICC's annual conference, expo, and committee action hearings are right around the corner! This year's annual conference is ongoing in Cleveland, Ohio from October 19-30.

Visit the ICC website for more information:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/>

### PTN

CAPT is proud member of PermitTechNation (PTN). PTN offers virtual training each year to promote the Permit Technician and Permit Specialist Certifications.

Visit PTN's website at:

<https://permittechnation.org/> to check out upcoming training opportunities, including the Code Specialist 3-Day Webinar (11/18/25—11/20/25).

### CCICC

The Colorado Chapter offers a variety of trainings to meet your needs. From Free Energy Codes Training to the Educational Institute, CCICC offers training opportunities throughout the year.

Check out CCICC's upcoming Chapter Meetings!

**December 11 & 12, 2025:** Colorado Springs (Broadmoor)

**Theme:** Annual Business Meeting—Management Kills

Visit the Colorado Chapter's website for more information:

<https://coloradochaptericc.org/>



# ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D

**SCAN THE QR CODES BELOW TO REGISTER FOR THESE UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH XCEL ENERGY!**



**THANKSGIVING WEEK SPECIAL**



**INSPECTIONS BY PICTURES: ROUNDTABLE**

**JOIN US ONLINE**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
8:00AM-12:00 MST Residential  
1:00PM-5:00PM MST Commercial

**Event Highlights**

Join us online as we get ready for the holiday with a roundtable as the Xcel team discusses inspections with a trove of pictures. Enjoy this all day experience from the comfort of your office!

**RESIDENTIAL**



**USE THE BUTTONS OR QR CODES TO REGISTER**



**COMMERCIAL**

SHUMS CODA ASSOCIATES Group 14 BUILD Tank





**IT'S BEGINING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE TRAINING**

Join the Xcel Team for a full-day of in-person training. We will be covering **two sessions--residential and commercial.**

These will cover the **2024 IECC** and the **Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready** code from the Colorado Energy Office.

City of Arvada,  
**8101 Ralston Road, Arvada, CO 80002**  
Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Commercial 8:00am to 12:00noon  
Residential: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR ONE OR BOTH**



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# PERMIT TECH SPOTLIGHT

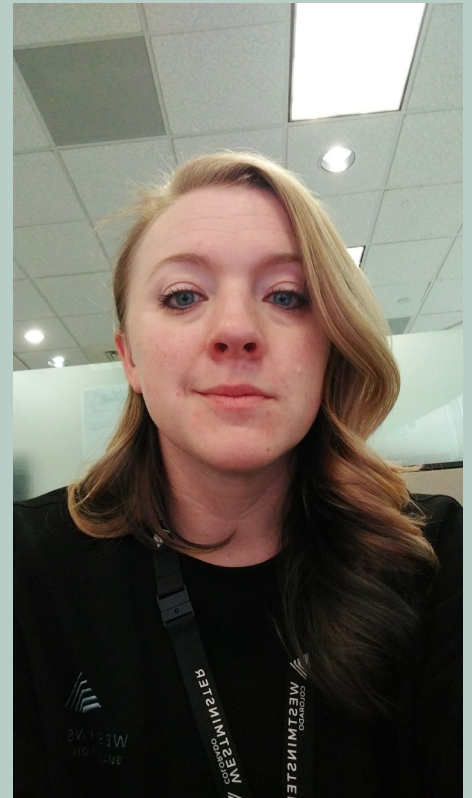
## BOARD MEMBER EDITION!

### *CAPT Director Lyndsay Brendsel: Bringing Fresh Ideas to the CAPT Board*

Lyndsay has been with the City of Westminster for 14 years. She started in the Library, then moved to the Building Division as a permit technician in February 2022. Most recently, she was promoted to Residential Plans Examiner, where she works on new residential submittals & residential plan review, in addition to business licensing reviews for new & renewing businesses in the community.

This October marks Lyndsay's one-year anniversary on the CAPT board. With a background in information science, Lyndsay has been excited to work on improving CAPT's website. She's been instrumental in updating our online presence and her dedication to improving our processes has been hugely valuable for CAPT! Lyndsay's goal is to make the website a resource for all the permit techs out there, especially those just getting started in this field.

Outside of being a mom to a preteen kiddo, Lyndsay enjoys reading & crocheting in her free time. She loves talking books, especially kids' books. When she worked in the library, she created monthly recommendation lists and personalized recommendation lists. She's still happy to give some suggestions to anyone interested. Or even better, she'd love to hear what others are excited about reading!



*Would you like to appear in the next Permit Tech Spotlight? Do you have a colleague who deserves a shout-out? If you or someone you know has passed a test or celebrated a milestone in career or personal life, please contact any board member with specifics!*





# CHAPTER INFORMATION

## PermitTechNation

CAPT is a member of PTN! This means if you are a member of CAPT, you can enjoy the benefits of PTN!

<https://permittechnation.org>



We Permit You to Build

## Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado

Kelly Brooks / President

<https://fmac-co.wildapricot.org>



## Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council

Nate Romero / President

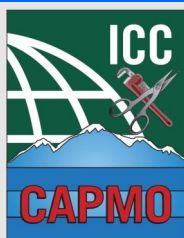
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## Colorado Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials

Tom Pitchford / President

<https://coloradochaptericc.org/capmo-membership/>



## International Code Council

David Spencer / President

<https://www.iccsafe.org>

