



TECH TALK NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe January has already come and gone. Time is moving quickly as we step into what promises to be another exciting year!

I want to start by saying that I am truly grateful for this opportunity to serve as your CAPT President - I am honored by your trust and support. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Past President, Audra Gerber, and to our dedicated Board of Directors - both those continuing their service and our newest members. I am appreciative for the time, expertise, and energy each of you brings to the Board. Most importantly, thank you to our members for your continued commitment to and belief in this organization. We thrive because of you!

I am incredibly proud of the progress the Board has made in strengthening our organization—streamlining processes, transitioning to online payments and registration, digitizing records, and operating under newly adopted bylaws. These efforts have positioned CAPT for a strong year ahead and long-term sustainability.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK CONT'D

This year's training lineup offers more flexibility than ever! While we always value the connection and networking that come with in-person attendance, we are pleased to offer virtual options to ensure members can still participate when stepping away from the office proves challenging. Members and non-members can conveniently register online for trainings and memberships through Event Squid - be sure to visit CAPT's website for details.

Registration for the Annual Ed Institute is now open, and while classes are filling quickly, there is still time to secure your spot. Still want more training? Additional opportunities can be found in the newsletter.

The Board is excited to support your professional growth and to offer meaningful, engaging training opportunities throughout the year. We truly look forward to working with each of you, strengthening our connections, and continuing to build a vibrant and supportive CAPT organization.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Here's to a bright and rewarding year!

Melinda Helmer, President





CAPT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP? FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW TO REGISTER!

- ➡ Visit our website: <https://cocapt.org/about-us/>
- ➡ Scroll down to the **Become a Member** section and click **Register Online**
- ➡ Scroll down to the bottom of the list and select **CAPT Membership 2026**
- ➡ Indicate if you are registering for yourself or someone else
- ➡ Fill out all required fields & select **CAPT Membership 2026**
- ➡ Proceed with payment



What are the benefits of becoming a CAPT member?

- Discounted rates for trainings (Member Price: \$45 | Non-Member Price: \$60)
- Automatic membership to PermitTechNation
- Ongoing communications about upcoming events
- Access to our quarterly Tech Talk Newsletter



UPCOMING CAPT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TRAINING

February 26, 2026: Accessibility

Location: Windsor

Presented by Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control

In this course, students will explore the evolution of accessible design in the built environment, tracing the journey of individuals with disabilities and the progress made in achieving recognition and accommodation in building codes. We'll delve into the legal frameworks surrounding accessibility, with a particular focus on the laws and regulations in both the U.S. and Colorado. Starting with IBC Chapter 11, we'll lay the groundwork for understanding how accessibility is scoped for both residential and commercial buildings. Additionally, we'll examine the specifics of ICC A117.1-2017, breaking down the standards that shape accessibility in construction across the country.

CAPT TRAINING LINEUP FOR 2026

April 16, 2026: Energy Code Overview & 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)

Visit our website to view the other exciting CAPT trainings slated for 2026!

<https://cocapt.org/events/>

SIGN UP FOR TRAINING ONLINE TODAY!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER



CAPT is proud to now offer **virtual attendance** for our trainings! When registering, be sure to select the VIRTUAL registration option if you would like to attend a training remotely!



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

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



ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CHECK OUT THE RESOURCES BELOW!

PTN

CAPT is a proud member of PermitTechNation (PTN)! Be sure to check out PTN's **Complete Permit Technician 3-Day Webinar** May 5-7.

Visit PermitTechNation's website to sign up for this webinar & view their other great training options:

[PermitTechNation - Education](#)

ICC

EduCODE 2026 is coming up soon, February 23-27. There are over 100 different courses to choose from, with virtual and in-person attendance options—you don't want to miss this!

Visit the ICC website for more information on EduCODE & other training opportunities:

[Training - ICC](#)

CCICC

The Colorado Chapter of the ICC offers numerous great training opportunities throughout the year.

March 2—6 is the **Colorado Chapter's 41st Annual Educational Institute** in Loveland.

This event features tons of great classes as well as the opportunity to network with fellow professionals in the building, fire, & code compliance industry.

We hope to see you there!

Visit the Colorado Chapter's website for more information:

[Education | CCICC - Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

CAPT is online!

We're actively working to expand & improve our online presence—join our network on LinkedIn & check out our new & improved website:

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



MEETING RECAP: NOVEMBER 2025

CONVEYANCE SYSTEMS: ELEVATORS— DESIGN, SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the November 2025 CAPT meeting in Greenwood Village! We truly appreciated your attendance and active participation.

A special thank-you to the State of Colorado's Conveyance Program and Professional Elevator Inspections for providing outstanding training. Attendees enjoyed a detailed presentation along with an in-person tour that offered a firsthand look at the elevator inspection process.

This meeting also served as CAPT's Annual Business Meeting, during which our 2026 Board Members were officially appointed.



We were proud to recognize Past President Audra Gerber for her many contributions to CAPT—thank you for all you do, Audra!

We were also honored to welcome ICC Board of Director Andre Jaen, who joined us to swear in our new board members.



IN MEMORY OF MARLENE MANZANARES

FEBRUARY 27, 1953–DECEMBER 28, 2025

We would like to lovingly recognize the life and service of an amazing woman, Marlene Manzanares, whose passing we recently learned of with deep sadness. During her years of service on the CAPT Board, Marlene served as President and as a member of the Board of Directors. She was a familiar, caring presence who was deeply involved in and committed to our membership. Marlene led with professionalism, leadership, kindness, and fairness, and her genuine warmth left a lasting impression on everyone she worked with.



Professionally, Marlene worked with Marilyn Hickey Ministries for several years before enjoying a long and distinguished career with Jefferson County, retiring in 2018 after many years of service as a Building Permit Technician. She truly enjoyed her work and was always generous in sharing her experience and knowledge.

Marlene was one of those special people who made our organization better simply by being part of it, and she will be deeply missed by all of us who had the honor and privilege of knowing her. Our hearts go out to her family and friends during this difficult time.



CHAPTER INFORMATION

PermitTechNation

CAPT is a proud 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

Steven Gosselin / President

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



Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council

Rachel Patterson / President

<https://coloradochaptericc.org/>



Colorado Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials

Tom Pitchford / President

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



International Code Council

Mike Boso / President

<https://www.iccsafe.org>





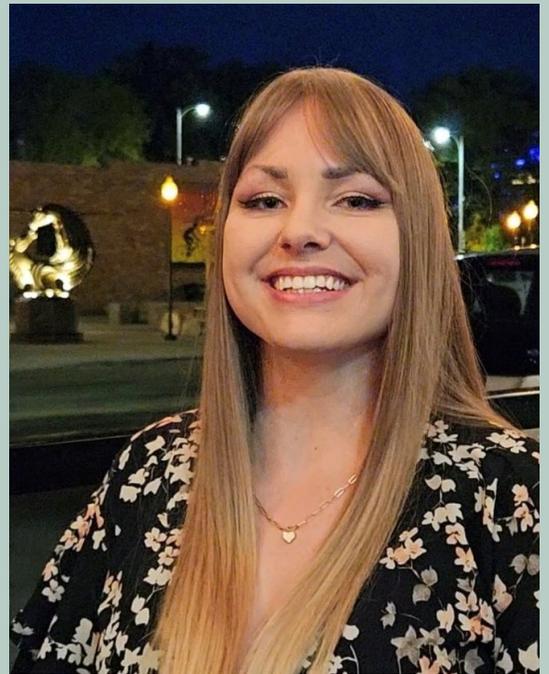
PERMIT TECH SPOTLIGHT

BOARD MEMBER EDITION!

CAPT Treasurer, Madison Rhea

Madison has been a Permit Technician with the City of Greenwood Village for nearly eight years, reaching this milestone in May 2026. She has been an active member of CAPT for about seven years and began serving on the CAPT Board in 2023. Madison currently serves as CAPT's Treasurer and is also a member of the Communications Committee.

Outside of work, Madison enjoys spending time with her cats, Oli and Fig, and her Great Dane, Lola. She loves tackling house projects with her husband, exploring Colorado, and never says no to a good brunch!



**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 reach out to any board member with specifics!