



PHRANC *talk*

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Fall Conference 2006

Hickory, NC - October 18-20

The Fall Conference is almost upon us and we are looking forward to providing you with a **full** educational agenda!! We hope you will find the information interesting and useful. There will be valuable information for the novice as well as the experienced rehab specialist.

Both tracks this conference will offer certificates for successful completion of the course.

For those of you who have difficulty finding contractors with personnel trained in Lead-Safe Work Practices, we are offering a Train the Trainer series.

The Specification Writing track will key on issues such as performing the initial inspection, identifying the deficiencies to be corrected, determining the best method of correction, and writing the specifications to get the job done efficiently.

We are also trying something new this time. We are offering two (2) evening sessions.

On Wednesday evening, we will be

offering tips on preparing for the Rehab Specialist Certification exam. Thursday evening will be dedicated to discussing one of the current "hot" topics - using licensed versus unlicensed contractors.

We are already working on the conference for Spring 2007. At present, it looks like it will be in Fayetteville. If you have any suggestions for specific training you would like to see, please let me know. We will try to provide the information you need to better help your clients.

And, yes, I am looking for people to serve on the Conference Committee. Carlis Sweat has done an outstanding job, with little assistance, at putting the conferences together for the past several years. I, on the other hand, am not that competent. So if you can lend a hand at helping with registration, formatting the agenda (my computer doesn't seem to like the Excel format we use), or in any other way, please let me know.

See you in Hickory! Sue Steinhauser

***VISIT PHRANC on the Web at :
www.phranc.org for
conference registration and
session information.***

Questions about the Conference? contact PHRANC Conference Committee Chairperson Sue Steinhauser at 252-639-7586 or cdcord@newbern-nc.org

Time for an Energy Checkup

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"Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment."

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Greetings! Fall will be soon be here followed by the winter months. Many people are beginning to give thought to heating their homes this winter. Higher energy costs remain an ever pressing concern for all of us. Housing rehabilitation professionals are making sure that energy efficiency is incorporated into our housing rehabilitation programs. Since home heating as well as cooling is a major expense for the individuals we serve, it is more important than ever to make energy efficiency and savings a goal in our housing rehab program goals. Everyone should read HUD's *Energy Efficiency with CDBG & HOME* (Sept. 13 '04- updated Mar. 20 '06) which places a renewed emphasis on energy conservation features such as Energy Star. I have put forth the idea that all substantial housing rehabilitation projects should undergo an energy audit including a blower door test pre and post rehab. This technical analysis would make sure that a newly rehabbed unit reflects true energy cost savings for the owner and occupants. PHRANC should continue to emphasize and train energy efficiency.

PHRANC has consistently reached

its goal of providing quality training to housing rehabilitation professionals at affordable cost. Our thanks go out to HUD and others who have provided TA funding to make this goal possible. The Housing Rehabilitation Certification Program has been a noted success, but other goals remain. PHRANC can become a model for other housing rehab associations in other states. It can also expand its training opportunities to others who work in the housing field such as contractors and home inspectors.

Congratulations to our newest board members. It is encouraging to see new members elected to the Board of Directors. I'm sure they will continue to move PHRANC forward. Please contact a board or committee chairperson if you wish to work on a committee.

I have enjoyed working with all the PHRANC members over the years. PHRANC has been a valuable training organization and has given me the opportunity to get to know some very devoted and specialized people throughout the state. Keep up the good work and tell someone about PHRANC.

Bobby Thomas - President



Spring Conference 2006

Certification Test Review

Have you taken the Rehabilitation Specialist Certification test and missed passing by just a module or two? Have you heard that the test is really difficult and you feel that you are not quite ready to take it? Would you like to take the test and achieve certification but can't get your office to support your efforts? The Fall 2006 Conference is the place and time for you to get the information you need to answer these questions and begin the preparation process for testing at the Spring 2007 Conference.

Hosted by Bob Dunham and Jim Matthews, past and present Certification Chairs, respectively, an informal evening session will provide an historic overview of the test development, present trends in the test results for the first four years, review sources of information available to help with preparation, and provide a forum for discussion about test taking strategies. Consider this training session a means to acquire an essential tool necessary for your advancement as a rehab specialist.

Complete the registration form, indicating that you plan to attend the session, then review the online resource guide and sample test questions found on the PHRANC website.

Jim Matthews –Vice President

National Duck Tape Awareness Month

Did you know that September is National Duck Tape Awareness Month? How about these other tidbits?

- The world largest roll of Duck Tape was created in **HICKORY, NC**. It is 5.9 miles long, weighs 650 lbs. and is 64 inches in diameter.
- Each year more than 543,997 linear miles of duck tape are sold. That is enough to drive from Duck, NC to Duck, West Virginia 1,150 times.
- 28.5 million rolls a year are sold. Stacked on top of each other they would reach 847 miles high.
- Those 28.5 million rolls equal 17.7 million pounds or the equivalent of 46 space shuttles
- DT was developed during WW II by Permacell a division of Johnson and Johnson from a need for a strong flexible, durable tape to seal canisters, repair cracked windows, repair trucks, etc. Of course the color was originally army green.
- It was called Duck Tape for its ability to repel water although the military never named it.
- During the post WW II building boon it was produced in silver for civilian use and used to wrap heating and air conditioning ducts. It then became commonly know as duct tape.
- In 1985 Manco then the manufacturer officially changed the name back to the original Duck Tape to better market the product with Manco T. Duck as the logo.
- Also check out the Duct Tape Guys at www.ducttapeguys.com

Information in this article came from the Duck Tape Club. To get your very own membership card and certificate go to www.ducktapeclub.com.

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