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The Association of Minnesota Building Officials is proud to announce that this year's recipient of the Alvin Kleinbeck Award for Excellence in code administration is the Building Official of the City of Hopkins, Richard Davidson.



Each year the Association recognizes a Minnesota code official whose work and accomplishments exemplify a willingness to contribute beyond the job requirements and enhance the application of the profession through education, code development, or professional development. These efforts translate into improved public safety in the built environment.

Since 1987, when he became the building official for the City of Moorhead, Davidson's contributions to the profession of code administration in Minnesota have been extensive.

Davidson has served as president of the Northwest chapter of the International Conference of Building Officials and as an active member of two other chapters. His service also includes participation on the State Education Committee, the State of Minnesota's International Residential Code Advisory Committee, and the Northwest Chapter's code change committee. He has served as chairman of the MNCO International Residential Code committee and the Construction Codes Advisory Council's technical advisory committee on statewide code adoption.

In addition to his committee work within the state, Rick has been active in code development on the national level. He currently serves on the International Code Council's International Zoning Code Committee and has previously served as Sergeant At Arms at the ICBO Annual Business Meeting (ABM). He has attended all but one ABM since 1985 and has in the past five years attended and participated in the public hearings for the International Residential Code's development. Because of his code change proposals, and his willingness and ability to promote them, Minnesota code officials have had a significant impact on the development of this new code soon to be adopted in the state of Minnesota.



Though deeply involved in code development and administration, Rick still takes time to volunteer at the State Fair answering questions that the public has relating to construction. He also shares his professional knowledge with residential building contractors by teaching Contractors Continuing Education courses.

Realizing the unique challenges of serving as a Building Official, and in light of his many accomplishments over and above that job over the past fifteen years; it is with utmost admiration that the Association of Minnesota Building Officials bestows upon Richard Davidson the 2003 Alvin Kleinbeck award for excellence as "Code Official of the Year".