

Axel First Recipient of Brent Snyder Award

Roger Axel, Building Official for the city of New Hope, Minnesota, is the first-ever recipient of the Brent Snyder Education Award. Presented by the **ICC Upper Great Plains Region III**, the award was created in honor of the late Snyder whose 40 years of experience in code enforcement and training exemplified dedication and service to the public and his fellow code officials.

“As for me, all I can say is that this is very humbling to be acknowledged by my peers in this fashion and have my name recognized on the same educational plateau as Brent,” Axel said. “I have modeled my professional career under his tutelage. I live and breathe this education and am committed to sharing that knowledge, or interpretative opinion, to any person or group asking the question.

“Anytime, anyplace, but I guess you already knew that,” Axel continued. “This is what I do and happy to be able to do it! I am very proud and excited to be one of the ICC instructors. I am looking forward to the learning opportunities that this will provide me.”

Snyder Award recipients should exhibit a dedication to code training for others; make contributions to fostering training; relate real-life experiences to code training experiences; exhibit a dedication to fostering uniform code enforcement; show devotion to friends and family; exhibit a healthy perspective on life; and exhibit a sense of humor. “Brent’s career as a code official and code instructor exemplifies the professional character we must all strive to achieve,” said **ICC Upper Great Plains Region III** Chairman Pat Parsley. “His dedication and service to the public and to his fellow code officials is widely known and appreciated.”

Axel has more than 17 years experience as a Combination Inspector, Plans Examiner and Building Official for a variety of construction projects. He holds several Code Council certifications including Building Official, Plans Examiner, Building Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Accessibility/Usability Specialist; as well as a Building Official certification from the State of Minnesota. He has 15 years experience as an adult educator, including as a contract instructor for the Code Council; an adjunct faculty member of the Minnesota State College & University system teaching classes in Building Inspection Technology; an instructor at the Housing and Building Inspection Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Engineering; and as an instructor at Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry-approved seminars for Minnesota Licensed Residential Contractors.

Axel is the Past Chairman and current Executive Officer of AMBO. He is a member of the Hennepin Technical College Construction Advisory Council; member of the Minnesota Education Advisory Committee; member of the Minnesota State Plumbing Code Certification Exam Development Committee; Past Chair and current Vice-Chair of the Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute; and Past Chair of the Building Section of the Annual Institute for Building Officials. He was selected to represent AMBO in Washington, D.C. during ICC’s 2007 Building Safety Week Capitol Hill Day Events where he met with Senators and House Representatives to solicit support for ICC’s Community Building Code Administration Grant. He is an active member of the **Minnesota Building Permit Technicians Association, ICC Upper Great Plains Region III** and the **10,000 Lakes Chapters of ICC**.