



Thomas (Tom) M. Moses passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday July 21, 2015.

Tom's life story is a picture of a man that was destined to become a leader in developing and enforcing effective building codes that would lead to safe buildings and communities.

Educated as an architect, his work experience included time as Building Official for the City of Winter Park, Manager of Building Code Services for the Gypsum Association, and Technical Director for Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI).

His involvement with code development organizations includes SBCCI (Past President), CABO (Past President), Society of Fire Protection Engineers (Member), NFPA (Director), Underwriters Laboratories (Member), and Chairman of Florida Board of Building Codes and Standards.

His career path eventually led him to an association with Walt Disney in the early days of planning for the Florida project that would become Walt Disney World. Walt Disney, through negotiations with the Florida legislature, created a quasi-governmental agency named the Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID) that functions as a city/county government, providing municipal services to the landowner. In 1969 Tom became RCID's first Building Official, during the construction of the Magic Kingdom, and was instrumental in creating the EPCOT Building Code. He went on to serve as RCID District Administrator from 1971 to 2001, responsible among other things for building & safety, planning and fire services.

Returning to public service in 2011, Tom became an elected member of the RCID Board of Supervisors, and City Manager of the City of Lake Buena Vista.

He also served as one of the early leaders in the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) and the Central Florida Chapter, serving as BOAF State President from 1962 to 1964.

He also was a Past president of the Building Officials Association of Virginia.



Tom Moses speaks at the 2012 BOAF Annual Conference Business Luncheon at WDW

Tom served on the Board of Directors for NFPA from 1990 until 1997, and in 2000 was awarded NFPA's Research Foundation Medal for Extraordinary Contribution to the NFPA Research Foundation.

Tom had the unique ability to relate to everyone he met on a person level. His infectious smile and positive tone inspired confidence and respect. Mentoring colleagues was a normal part of his business life. He loved to share stories about his career and involvement in building the "Happiest (and Safest) Place on Earth", regularly inspiring new RCID employees during a monthly orientation program.

The "World" is a better place because of the influence of Tom Moses, and he will be missed.