



VIRGINIA BUILDING & CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

High School Technical Training Program

March, 2016

“Friday was a great success, and VBCOA deserves all of the credit, for creating such a wonderful network to support and promote the HSTTP. In a very short period of time VBCOA will be leading the nation in participating schools.”

Jim Ellwood-ICC

A great turnout and show of support for the HSTTP event in Abingdon.



On March 4, 2016, VBCOA First Vice President David Beahm, 2nd Vice President Gregg Fields, Sergeant-at-Arms Pete Mensinger, HSTTP Co-Chair Thomas Braddock, along with Jim Ellwood and Robert Sale from ICC, presented information and showed their support of the High School Technical Training Program at Abingdon High School in Abingdon, Virginia.



Administrators and trades teachers from Abingdon High School attended the meeting, as did representatives from Wise County, Southwest Community College, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. Region I Building Officials and several Region I members also participated in order to pledge support to their respective schools. Ms. Angie Lawson, Principal of the Grayson County High School Cate Center, also attended. She previously implemented the HSTTP into her school's existing program and wanted to encourage other educators to provide this opportunity to their students. This was arguably the best turnout so far for an HSTTP event, because *every county* in the region had representation at the meeting.

As a result of this event, several schools in the region have verbally committed to participating in the program. The work is clearly not over, but we will continue to work hard toward getting every technical school in the state to sign up for the program!



A special thanks to the people who helped organized this event: Region I Chair Jimmy Moss; Region I committee representatives Mike Yingling and Josh Davidson; Region I Secretary Jada Black; and all those who helped to make this event such a great success.

Upcoming events:

SkillsUSA, Fredericksburg VA, April 15-16