



ARIZONA PERMIT TECHS MINUTES

"Promoting Communication and Uniformity"

March 6, 2019

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To represent the interest of the Building Departments, promote professionalism and share information with Building Departments and Professional Organizations across the State of Arizona

Arizona Permit Techs
is a Committee of AZBO
(Arizona Building Officials)



Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Place: Town of Gilbert
75 E. Civic Center Drive-Police Dept.
Amphitheater Room
Gilbert AZ 85296

Attendance: (15 including hosts)

Nina Adams, City of Maricopa
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MEET 'N GREET

Meeting began at: 10:15 a.m
Self-Introductions & Welcome- Patti Schechter, Chair
Featured Topic: **Fire Safety**

We welcomed and thanked our host, Town of Gilbert. Mr. Tim Simanton, Plan Review Supervisor who gave a presentation with a PowerPoint discussion pertaining to the IRC-Fire Safety & Plan Review. Topics discussed were, Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, escape & rescue openings, and separation of the garage. We also welcomed Mr. Dave Zehring, Town of Gilbert's Fire Investigator, and partner, Spring, who is Gilbert's ATF Fire Dog. Dave went over a good amount of information relating to the importance of using a fire extinguisher & understanding how they work. A couple of key-points that were brought to our attention were, 1. After you get the fire out, back away, don't turn your back as they could flare up again, and 2. After the fire is out, try to remain calm, and still call 911 so the Fire Department can make sure there aren't any smoldering embers.

A brief video was shown prior to a hands-on experience provided by the Town of Gilbert using real-time extinguishers putting out actual fires. This gave everyone in attendance the opportunity to see and use the extinguishers.

The show-stopper was meeting Spring. She is an English Labrador Retriever. She is a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Accelerant Canine Detection dog, of which is the *only* one in the state of Arizona! Mr. Zehring gave a detailed run down of how Spring was trained and brought to the Town of Gilbert. He explained that she is a food-reward dog only. So, for her to eat, Mr. Zehring sets up training sites that range from vehicles to new construction sites when they're not working on fires. We were able to witness Spring use her extraordinary skills locating different types of accelerants, such as gasoline, paint thinners. With her abilities to locate these distinguished items, Spring has identified many suspects in arson-related fire cases. To see a quick video of Spring, visit:

<https://townofgilbert.wordpress.com/2013/03/25/spring-gilberts-atf-fire-dog/> and also on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/447841865269841/videos/583781738764314/>

Special thank you again to Mr. Zehring and Spring for their wonderful presentation, we appreciate you very much! 😊

Business meeting:

Ella and Tabitha reminded our attendees that we still have one vacant Member position on our board. If anyone has any interest or questions, they can reach out to any of the board members.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be a half-day session to be held *in Sedona on June 6th*. This topic will be aimed at Green & Sustainable building. Keep your eye out for the agenda. Ceu's are still to be determined.

As a reminder, our meetings are not just for Permit Techs (or like job titles/responsibilities) anyone is welcome & encouraged to attend. This is **our** organization and it will only succeed with **your** participation.

Plan Review study sessions with Sharon Bonesteel:

This plan review is in full-force. Updates to come with anyone that takes the ICC test after completion of Sharon's classes.

Job Postings:

There are job postings that can be viewed via the AZBO website. Please visit the website at: <https://www.azbo.us/>

Reminders:

- We'd like to remind everyone that in order to be considered a "member" of AZBO, and/or the Permit Tech Committee: you must be a member of one of the following Chapters;
 - *Central Arizona Chapter
 - *Southern Arizona Chapter
 - *Grand Canyon ChapterIf you have any questions, please inquire with any of the board members.
- AZBO ABM will be held in Payson in July. Keep an eye out for the registration & brochure information that will soon be posted on the website at: <https://www.azbo.us/>
- The Fall Institute is slated for October. Keep an eye out for that registration and brochure information that will also be posted on the website at: <https://www.azbo.us/>

AZPT LOGO ITEMS @ CAFÉ PRESS:

Permit Tech logo items can be purchased anytime via the website at: <http://www.cafepress.com/azbo> and delivered to your doorstep! AZBO logo items are also available using the same link.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

Please share these Minutes with your co-workers. If anyone would like to be part of the Committee please contact us with their email address.

Your ideas and participation are greatly appreciated! Please feel free to contact any board members with any suggestions.

