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PROGRAM INFORMATION

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THE 123RD LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 123rd Legislative Session began on December 6, 2006. Since, we are still in the early stages of this Legislative Session, bills have not been assigned numbers to date. The Program will keep you informed as to the introduction of bills that may affect you as Code Enforcement Officers. Please check the CEO Program web site at www.maine.gov/spo/ceo for updates. You may also check the status of a bill by logging onto www.maine.gov/legis.

TRAINING

Summary 2006 - Workshop participation, examinations, and compliance: During 2006 the Code Enforcement Officer Training and Certification Program conducted 10 training sessions which were held statewide. Topics included: Court Rule 80K, internal plumbing, subsurface wastewater disposal, zoning and land use, energy standards, floodplain management, wetlands identification and delineation, and a multi-issue session which covered over 12 topics. One thousand three hundred and ninety three (1,393) individuals attended training over the past year. The program is also responsible for administering code enforcement officer certification examinations. Total examinations taken this year numbered 202. The compliance rate for municipalities having certified CEOs is currently 92%, which, given vacancies and newly-employed code officers (who have 12 months to become certified), is near as possible to total compliance.

Upcoming Training: During January 2007 the Program will be providing training in the area of *Legal Issues and Enforcement Techniques*. Other training anticipated to be offered before June 2007 includes: Handicapped Accessibility, Electrical Installation, Shoreland Zoning, and Subsurface Wastewater Disposal. Please check the CEO Program website www.maine.gov/spo/ceo/training for training announcements. Announcements are also sent via the US Postal Service, approximately 4 weeks prior to each session, to anyone who is listed in the CEO database. Any municipally employed CEO or LPI should be included in this database.

Shoreland Zoning: Rich Baker will be conducting a Shoreland Zoning training session at the Winthrop Multi Purpose Center on **Monday, January 22nd** from 1:00-4:00 PM. This session has been arranged specifically for any individuals who are short in credit hours in Shoreland Zoning for recertification on January 31, 2007 and will contain much of the same information as the May 2006 session. An updated Shoreland Zoning session will be held in May of 2007. If you wish to attend the three hour workshop in January, please contact Sue Baker at 287-8064.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WEB SITE

The CEO Program's website (www.maine.gov/spo/ceo) contains a treasure trove of information. Most all of the CEO Training Manuals are posted to the site, as well as announcements for upcoming training sponsored by the State Planning Office. We also post outside training opportunities that we are made aware of, therefore, if you are sponsoring training sessions that may be of benefit to the CEO community, please give us a call so we may review your agenda and determine the applicability for CEO recertification credits, etc. You are now able to register for training sessions on line. If you register on line you will receive a confirmation via email, there is no need to fax or mail your registration if you use this method. Check out the site there is a lot more information that has not been mentioned above.

COURTESY

Once again, we must remind people to please observe some simple rules of behavior regarding workshops and exams. We ask again that you follow these basic rules of courtesy.

- ...please notify this office if you are registered to take exams or attend a workshop and know days in advance that you will not be able to attend. There are often waiting lists especially for exam sessions.
- ...turn off pagers and cell phones or place on silent activation
- ...do not hold private conversations while a presenter is speaking. **We have received several comments pertaining to this issue.**
- ...when asking a question, stand and speak loudly so that all can hear you clearly
- ...do not abuse the privilege of asking questions
- ...return from break periods and lunch on time

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Have an enjoyable winter season and stay safe!