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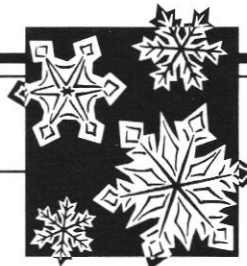
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Happy Holidays



Inside this issue:

HEATING GROUP 2 EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations are in order for those of you who came forward and passed the Heating Group 2 examinations administered in a special session for Heating Group 3 licensees.

In September 2000, we tested 305 applicants and 106 of those applicants passed the examination. In October 2000, we tested 173 applicants and 110 of those applicants passed the examination.

Many applicants who have passed or failed the examination have expressed their gratitude to us for putting them in a position where they sought training and were taught things they had forgotten about their industry. Those that failed felt that this new knowledge would enable them to pass next time and then generate valuable new work for them.

This Board is pleased with the response and during their October Business Meeting voted to extend the testing period through May of 2001. (Schedule listed on page seven) It was the Board's opinion that due to

the 1999 flooding down east, many licensees have been unable to recover financially as well as complete the tremendous backlog of work generated by the flood, thus a delay on enforcement of Rule 21 NCAC 50.0501 until August 1, 2001 has been made.

Those of you who have taken the Heating Group 2 examination and failed may review your examination paper on December 19, 2000 in our office in Raleigh. Each of you who failed have received written notice of this date, time and place via mail from our office. I trust you have already taken steps to notify Dolores Carmona, Examination Coordinator of your desire to review your examination paper.

At this time, we know that some of you who are Heating Group 3, Class I licensees are continuing to do work that now falls under the new Board interpretation. We ask that any and all who wish to continue doing work above 15 tons come forward, take the test, get your license, and be recognized in your area as a qualified Heating Group 2 contractor.

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SUMMARY OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

**BATCHELOR, CHRISTOPHER E.
EASTERN PLUMBING**

Greenville, NC

License #21511 P-II

Allegations of engaging in the business of Plumbing Class I with a Class II license in that Respondent installed a plumbing system at a business and not a single-family detached residence.

Final Order entered 9/12/00 entering a Letter of Warning on the license record of Respondent.

BELL, TIMOTHY JAMES

Kings Mountain, NC

Allegations of engaging in the business of plumbing contracting without a license.

Permanent injunction entered 8/21/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

BLAKE, DANNY E.

Mount Gilead, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a license.

Permanent injunction entered 8/14/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

DENTON, JOSEPH MICHAEL

B - C HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Raleigh, NC

License #22048 H-3-II

Allegations of misconduct in the business of Heating Group 3, contracting in that Respondent began work and arranged for rough-in inspection, obtained \$1,600.00 on the contract, abandoned the jobsite and never returned to perform the contract. Respondent also converted 2 heat pumps belonging to another licensee of the Board to his own use and installed them on jobs near Wake Forest, N.C.

Formal hearing held 7/11/00.

Order entered by the Board on 8/10/00 which revoked the license of the Respondent as a Heating Group 3, Class II contractor.

FENSTERER, ERIC ANDREW, Vice President

RUTHERFORD HEATING & AIR, INC.

Spindale, NC

License #16710 H-1,2&3-I

Allegations of incompetence in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to install a drain pan under the air handler; failed to install dampers; failed to properly support flexible ducts; failed to install the condensate drain with grade and support; installed 30 amp breakers to serve the units rather than 15 amp breakers as the air handler label requires; installed improperly constructed flexible duct joints put the units into service without having received a certificate of compliance; failed to install smoke detectors and automatic fan shut down.

Final Order entered 8/10/00 placing the license of Respondent on

probation for 12 months with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; enroll in a course in Building Code Law and Administration and a Level 1 Mechanical inspection or equivalent course approved by the staff; maintain records detailing and documenting his compliance with the provisions of the probation order and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

**FIPPS, PAUL DOUGLAS "BUSTER", General Partner
FOUR SEASON'S HEATING & A/C**

Aberdeen, NC

License #20507 H-3-I

Allegations of misconduct in diversion of contracting business from employer in that during the period of his employment offered to and contracted for the account of person other than his employer to perform installations.

Consent Order entered by the Board on 9/12/00 which placed the license of Respondent, Paul Douglas Fipps on suspension for 9 months and the license of the firm, Four Seasons Heating & A/C on suspension for 9 months subject to provisions that upon completion of 9 month suspension and return of license to Respondent, license is placed on probation for 1 year with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board. Mike Smith, General Partner in Respondent, Four Seasons will be permitted to sit for the October 2000 examination and in the event a license is issued to Mike Smith on January 3, 2001, the license may be issued in the name of Four Seasons Heating & A/C as of that date. During the period of suspension, Respondent Fipps and Mike Smith may work as full-time employees of a licensee of the Board, provided such work does not involve the Four Season's firm or its telephone number.

HILL, RODNEY G., Owner

B & R HEATING & AIR

Murphy, NC

License #18604 H-3-I

Allegations of incompetence in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to request a final inspection, put both the gas furnace and air conditioner into service without a certificate of compliance; failed to perform a test on the propane gas piping; failed to connect the condensate drain; installed flexible duct serving heat return which is too small; installed an oversized 60,000 BTU gas furnace with a two ton air conditioning unit for a residence of 800 sq. ft.; left improper clearances on the side of the gas furnace.

Final Order entered 9/12/00 which suspended the license of Respondent for one month with provision that Respondent, prior to restoration of license, present evidence to the Board that he had attended a Building Code seminar sponsored by the Board and admonished Respondent to have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as

required prior to commencement of work; maintain records detailing and documenting his compliance with the provisions of the probation order which shall be available for inspection at any time during normal business hours upon request of the staff of the Board, and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

JONES, EDWARD RANDOLPH

Elm City, NC

License #12257 H-3-I

Allegations of incompetence in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to insulate refrigerant lines; failed to install drip leg, failed to install a duct and boot, failed to properly install gas piping, notched a roof rafter beyond that allowed by the Code, failed to install a walkway to unit, failed to insulate takeoff, ran only one condensate line outside and failed to seal the hole in outside wall and failed to properly install condensate lines in attic or properly support air handler.

Final Order entered 9/12/00 suspending the license of Respondent for 2 months and, after completion of suspension, placing license on probation for 3 years with conditions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; maintain records detailing and documenting his compliance with the provisions of the probation order and mail in such reports to the Board on a quarterly basis and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

KING, DAN BREVARD

Charlotte, NC

License Number: 14462 PH-2&3-I

Allegations of violation of probation order in that Respondent failed to obtain a permit or inspection, put system into service without a Certificate of Compliance, let the slip joint connection of the flue pipe leaking, installed new double wall flue pipe less than one inch from the PVC condensate drain; installed double wall tee fitting in flue piping system with improper cap; covered wall where piping installed prior to inspection; used quarter bend where direction of the flow is from horizontal to horizontal and failed to properly support water lines.

Formal hearing held 8/8/00.

Consent Order entered on 8/8/00 placing the license of Respondent on probation for 9 months with provisions that Respondent have written contracts, maintain job files and service logs, assure that a licensee of the firm make personal site visit to each job and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

LACKEY, J. P. , Owner

BRYSON CITY PLUMBING & HEATING

Bryson City, NC

License #17072 PH-1,2&3-I

Allegations of incompetence in the business of plumbing contracting in that Respondent failed to obtain a permit, failed to vent the washing machine, installed washing machine downstream of water closet, failed to pipe pressure and temperature relief valve from

water heater to drain pan, ran 3" PVC main vent up outside home without protecting the PVC pipe, ran 3" PVC main vent horizontally below the flood level rim of fixtures in the house, installed total developed length of the washing machine standpipe over the 48" maximum required by code; replaced sewer from house to septic tank with 3" line rather than 4", failed to insulate copper water lines, and failed to properly support PVC-DWV system. Order was entered by the Board on 9/12/00 suspending the license of Respondent as a plumbing contractor for 12 months, effective 7/24/00, the license of Respondent as a heating contractor is placed on probation until such time as the plumbing qualification is restored. License will be restored after 6 months provided Respondent produces evidence that the corrections to the installation subject of the Notice were made as of 8/8/00. After completion of suspension, license of Respondent is placed on probation for two years; with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; enroll in and pass a Level 1 plumbing inspection course; implement procedures and supervision adequate to assure that systems typically pass both rough-in and final inspection without reinspection; purchase Vol. I-A, Administration, Vol. II, Plumbing, Vol. III, Mechanical and Vol. VII, Residential One and Two Family Dwelling (CABO) of the North Carolina State Building Code; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board with regard to any qualification administered by the Board.

McGOWAN, PAUL MITCHELL, Owner

PAUL McGOWAN PLUMBING

Charlotte, NC

License #5230 P-I

Request by Respondent for modification of prior order of the Board.

Modification Order entered by the Board 8/22/00 modifying the Order entered by the Board on 2/8/00 with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; enroll in a Level 1 plumbing code course or equivalent course approved by the staff; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

MITCHELL, LARRY

QUALITY HOME IMPROVEMENT

Erwin, NC

Allegations of plumbing and heating contracting without a license.

Permanent injunction entered 9/1/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

MOFFE, JOHN PAUL

Thomasville, NC

License #18134 H-1,2&3-I

Allegations of incompetence and misconduct in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to install flashing in a professional manner; failed to properly support gas piping; failed to run thermostat wire through conduit; used a 14-2 power wire for min. circuit amps of 17.9 amps; used duct sealer on flashing to seal

the cover on the disconnect; failed to install a condensate trap; left 0000a hole in foundation wall below grade level; positioned the unit too close to the house and duct connections; failed to seal foundation wall; used 14" flex on supply with 12" collars; used tape on duct connections at unit; used only two runs for return for a 2-ton unit and installed one crushed at plenum; failed to hang plenums satisfactorily; installed a supply duct transition that does not fit at top and attempted to hide bad connection with tape; used tape and flex bands to support supply runs; failed to hook up several supply runs; used 1/2" duct liner instead of 1"; failed to insulate boots; failed to provide adequate supervision of his student help, with the result that the installation failed three inspections by the local code enforcement official; failed to obtain a final inspection on the installation; failed to complete the installation even though Respondent was paid in full for the installation.

Formal hearing continued due to illness and was held on 7/11/00.

Order entered by the Board 8/10/00 revoking the license of Respondent.

MYERS, GARY RONALD

McLeansville, NC
License #16463 P-II

Allegations of failure to comply with probation order entered 12/14/99 in that Respondent failed to attend the local code seminar program.

Formal Hearing held 7/11/00.

Order entered 8/10/00 requiring the Respondent to attend the next available local code seminar program provided by a local Inspection Department. In the event such coursework is not completed by 9/30/00, the license of Respondent as a Plumbing, Class II contractor is suspended for 6 months.

ORR, ROBERT THOMAS

BLACK MOUNTAIN STOVE AND CHIMNEY

License #21852 FP

Allegations of code violations in the business of fuel piping contracting in that Respondent failed to obtain a permit, failed to obtain final inspection, installed a system with a CGI reading of 0, installed logs with no regulator, inspection or leak test and installed the system with several leaks upstream of tee.

Order entered on 8/10/00 placing license of Respondent on probation for 12 months prior to commencement of work; enroll in and complete 3 classes offered by a local gas company; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

OWENS, MELVIN d/b/a

DEPENDABLE PLUMBING

Eden, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a license. Permanent injunction entered 8/31/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

PARKER, JERRY WAYNE

Rocky Mount, NC

License #4746 PH-1,2&3-I

Allegations of misconduct in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to obtain a permit, failed to call for inspections, left a 3" vent open under sink, failed to install vents through the roof, failed to properly test drainage or water piping; covered piping with concrete slab without inspection; discharged drain directly into municipal sewer without a grease trap and located the commercial kitchen vent hood with inadequate clearance to combustible materials.

Order entered 8/25/00 which revoked the license of Respondent.

REVELS, REGGIE

St. Pauls, NC

Allegations of heating contracting without a license.

Judgment of Permanent Injunction filed 9/18/00 enjoining the defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor until properly licensed.

RHODES, JOHN STEVEN, President

WILSON RHODES ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Greenville, NC

License #20449 H-3-II

Allegations of misconduct in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent failed to obtain permit, cut into existing 40" length of gas tubing to gas logs and installed a tee in the 5/8" line and ran 1/2" gas tubing from the existing line to the 72,000 BTU gas pack which line was grossly undersized for the installation; used undersized 16" flex duct for the supply and return and failed to obtain an inspection.

Formal hearing held 8/8/00.

Order entered 8/30/00 placing the license of Respondent on probation for 1 year with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; have heat loss calculations on every new installation; enroll in a course in Business Practice and in Duct Design or equivalent course approved by the staff; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

RIDDICK, CHARLES

H & R BUILDERS, INC.

Ahoskie, NC

Allegations of plumbing contracting without a license. Permanent injunction entered 8/17/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

ROY, CHARLES RANDOLPH

D/B/A ROY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Bunn, NC

Allegations of engaging in the business of plumbing contracting without a license.

Permanent injunction entered 8/11/00 enjoining Defendant from engaging in business as a plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor.

**SMITH, CLYDE EDWARD, FTE
UNITED AIR COMFORT**

Fort Lauderdale, FL
License #7396 H-2&3-I

Allegations of code violations in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent subcontracted the installation to an unlicensed individual; failed to obtain a permit; used electrical conduit for the condensate drain line; failed to seal the sheet metal joint; failed to install a drip leg on the gas line; installed a flue pipe that was too small for the gas furnace; installed only one combustion air vent in the confined space.

Final Order entered 9/12/00 suspending the license of Respondent for 3 months and, restoring license to Respondent after presentation of evidence to the Board that Respondent has attended a seminar sponsored by the Board within 90 days of the order and further admonishing Respondent to have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; present evidence to the Board that he has attended a Board sponsored seminar in 2001, maintain records detailing and documenting his compliance with the provisions of the probation order which shall be available for inspection by staff of the Board during normal working hours and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.

**SMITH, RANDY WADE, Owner
SMITH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**

Graham, NC
License #18052 H-3-I

Allegations of incompetence in the business of heating contracting in that Respondent installed a gas line that was too small; installed ductwork that was too small; failed to adequately secure insulation; failed to seal duct joints; failed to install firestopping as required; installed oversized equipment; covered up some ductwork prior to inspection; failed to install lintels; failed to install R-6.5 on outside ductwork; installed condensing units sitting flat on roof; failed to obtain permit; double trapped drain; and back graded drain.

Consent Order entered 8/8/00 placing the license of Respondent on suspension for 6 months to be reinstated after Respondent sits for and passes a Heating Group 3, Class I exam given by the Board. Upon completion of the suspension, and return of license to Respondent, the license of Respondent shall be placed on probation for 1 year with provisions that Respondent have written contracts; maintain service logs, maintain job files, obtain permits as required prior to commencement of work; have heat loss calculations on every new installation; enroll in a course in Duct Design, Load Calculation and Level 2 or Level 3 mechanical (heating) inspection or equivalent course approved by the staff; present evidence to the Board that he has purchased pertinent volumes of the North Carolina State Building Code; and commit no violation of Article 2, Chapter 87 or the Rules of the Board.



**Continuing Education
By Bill Tomlinson**

At a Business Meeting held in October, the Board voted to implement Mandatory Education as a requirement for the 2003 Renewal Cycle. At this time six (6) hours per year is proposed. Those who have attended seminars held in conjunction with your Local City, Town or County Inspection Department will be given credit for each seminar attended, if you turned in your attendance card at the seminar site.

Although attendance was below our expectations, those who attended expressed great satisfaction. Overall your marks and ours were high as it related to participation and information shared.

The Board in it's deliberation concerning education requirements took into account the tremendous number of complaints received in this office and the obvious lack of skill and installation knowledge shown by licensees who appear before the Board. An additional concern was the technical advancement of our industries.

At this time, the Board's Administrative Rule concerning education is before the Administrative Rules Commission and will be available to you in the near future.

As for those who have failed to attend the free seminars and obtain hours at no cost to you, we can only tell you that no one will be renewed in 2003, who does not have the required hours once the educational requirement becomes law. You should take every step to obtain the required hours to avoid what would be an unpleasant situation for you or your company.



Consent Agreement Report

This list will run several times in hope that if they show up in your area and continue to work unlicensed you will report them.

A Consent Agreement is an affidavit taken from unlicensed individuals performing plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler work without license. These individuals sign a Consent Agreement stating that they will not perform any work requiring a license until they are properly licensed to do so. If you see these businesses or individuals in the field report them to this office.

Name	City	Consent Agreement
Altman, Wesley	Raleigh, NC	06/14/2000
Baker, Ken	Wilmington, NC	09/21/2000
Britt, Billy	Goldsboro, NC	06/22/2000
Brown, Thomas	Holly Springs, NC	09/19/2000
Burch, Lester	Fayetteville, NC	07/13/2000
Crawford, Mark S.	Supply, NC	09/21/2000
Crisp, David R.	Asheboro, NC	09/19/2000
Donahue, David	Wilmington, NC	07/07/2000
Dunn, Coward	Youngsville, NC	06/26/2000
Eddins, Chad	Zebulon, NC	08/16/2000
Ellis, John Thomas	Kenly, NC	06/28/2000
Evans, Bryan	Burgaw, NC	07/11/2000
Farrow, Charles	Smithfield, NC	06/22/2000
Freeman, Virgil	Boone, NC	07/21/2000
Garrison, William S.	Syracuse, NY	08/30/2000
Hardison, Jack Jr.	Grantsboro, NC	06/27/2000
Harris, Ronald Jeffery	Murhy, NC	07/20/2000
Jackson, Charles M. Jr.	Clover, SC	09/14/2000
Joyner, Richard	Rocky Mount, NC	08/15/2000
Kwon, Kwang Chan	Burlington, NC	09/12/2000
Letter, D. Whitt	Marion, NC	06/06/2000
Marshall, Lathern	Fayetteville, NC	07/12/2000
McDonald, Scott	Burlington, NC	10/02/2000
Naughton, Kevin	St. Pauls, NC	08/17/2000
Pacheco, Louis Gerald	Parkton, NC	07/18/2000
Prevatt, Randy	Sarasota, FL	08/30/2000
Prince, Steve	Landrum, SC	06/21/2000
Ravenell, Darrell	Greensboro, NC	07/18/2000
Rawls, Burney	Lumberton, NC	07/06/2000
Ray, Michael	Sanford, NC	09/28/2000
Sellers, Blake T.	Selma, NC	06/27/2000
Summey, Timothy Clark	Shelby, NC	09/27/2000
Tillott, Kevin	Franklin, NC	07/19/2000
Wade, Ronald	Willow Springs, NC	06/20/2000
Walker, Roy David	Winston-Salem, NC	08/31/2000

2001 HEARING PANEL

January 9 & 10, 2001

February 13, 2001

March 13 & 14, 2001

April 10, 2001

May 8, 2001

June 12, 2001

July 10, 2001

August 14, 2001

September 11 & 12, 2001

October 9, 2001

November 13 & 14, 2001

December 11, 2001

2001 Business Meetings

February 13, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

April 10, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

June 12, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

August 14, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

October 9, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

December 11, 2001

Business Meeting at Board's office (Same day as Hearings)

Examination & Review Schedule

January 31, 2001

Heating Group 2 Examinations

Raleigh

February 7, 2001

Heating Group 2 Examinations

Asheville

February 22, 2001

Examination Reviews

Raleigh

March 19, 2001

Heating Group 2 Examinations

Raleigh

August 23, 2001

Examination Reviews

Raleigh



Heating Group 2 Examination Continued from page one

Many of you have spoken with me concerning the interpretations your local Inspection Department is putting on Rule 21 NCAC 50.0501 the Board's Heating Group 2 interpretation. Our staff is working hard with all departments to bridge any misunderstanding they have along these lines concerning Heating Group 2 requirements.

As in any change, many people come forth

saying they can perform this work because they always have. We only need to turn to those who passed the examination to hear what little they really knew, how much they have learned and how thoughtful to be brought up to speed.

Those wishing to take the test should call or fax our office as soon as possible as no test will be given by paper after May 2001.



SUB-CONTRACTING FROM MAJOR RETAIL OUTLETS

Recently advertisements regarding the installation of hot water heaters have shown up in Newspapers across our State. These advertisements give a 1-800 number to call and state that a Plumbing License Number is available upon request.

We call your attention to Board Rule .0402 (B), .0403(A), and .0404(A)(B).

.0402(B) A licensed contractor shall not authorize permits to be obtained or allow his license number to appear on permits except for work over which he will provide general supervision until the completion of the work, for which he holds the contract and for which he receives all contractual payments.

.0403(A) A licensed contractor shall not permit the use of his license by any other person.

.0404(A) In each separate place of business or branch thereof operated by a contractor licensed by the Board, there shall be on active on-site employment a person licensed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 87, Article 2 and whose duties are to supervise all installations falling within his license qualification.

(B) Separate place of business or branch thereof shall mean any office or facility of any kind:

- (1) from which work requiring license is solicited or conducted;
- (2) from which contracts for work requiring license are negotiated or entered into; or
- (3) from which requests for work requiring license are received or accepted.

You may note that this Board has always stated that you cannot sub-contract from unlicensed people or firms. It would be in your best interest if you are sub-contracting work from any of the major retail chains to re-examine your position, as violators of the above Board rules will be called to account.

We are in renewal season and if your correct address is not in the file you may end up paying additional charges such as late fees. Look on this newsletter and verify that the address is correct, if not notify us immediately. You are responsible for your license renewal not anyone else.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Board's rule, 21 NCAC 50.0408 (c) reads as follows:

- (C) The licensee shall notify the Board of any change in location or mailing address from that shown on the last license renewal invoice within 30 days after the change takes place.

The above rule requires you to notify the Board of a change of address within 30 days after the change takes place. Compliance with this rule benefits you and the Board. The Board is able to keep its records up to date if you notify the office of an address change. The Board is also able to keep you up to date if it has your correct address. Through the newsletter, the Board notifies you of new requirements for licensed contractors, code amendments, educational opportunities, public rule hearings that may affect you, and much more. The newsletter will not get to you if the Board does not have your correct address. The Board notifies you when your license is going to expire and sends you an invoice. This invoice will not get to you if the Board does not have your correct address.

**Changes must be in writing with your signature.
Many an ex-relative or business partner has
forwarded mail to Alaska without permission.**

Moved to Alaska—
address unknown



GOOD GUYS AWARD

Be a Good Guy or Gal—let's let the State know what great licensees we have.



Still Living Without the Basics: A North Carolina problem - Sandi O'Brien

We like to think that everyone in North Carolina has the basic amenities of daily life—indoor plumbing-- toilets, showers, baths, and sinks with hot and cold running water. Yet, thousands of North Carolinians still live without these basic amenities.

I'd like to encourage any of you with your invaluable skills to take the time out of your busy schedule and volunteer to help this Group that is trying to remedy this situation.

The North Carolina Rural Communities Assistance Project works with Community Colleges to have the room built at the school and transported to the

site. Get involved—maybe your community college could do the same thing. They desperately need plumbers to volunteer their time. A community club could sponsor and help fund these projects. 919/542-7227

I grew up without indoor plumbing but that was fifty years ago and in South Florida. I sure would have hated not to have had indoor plumbing during this last snow.

Not to neglect our HVAC guys. You don't have to do the plumbing—a hammer probably fits your hand. I am sure there are elderly in your community that could use your assistance with heat right now and cooling this summer.

I know that many of you already do community service. So Thanks, but there is more to be done. Find a project and I'll come help too.

Outreach for Qualified Help—Interns Bill Tomlinson

Dr. Harmohindar Singh, a Board Member with the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors as well as a Staff Member of A & T University at Greensboro, held a series of class workshops at A & T University on October 18, 2000.

The purpose of these workshops, held for engineering and other related students was to encourage participation and interest among students, as a alternate means of getting into a work field most notably the plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler business.

Ms. O'Brien the Executive Director of the Board and some of her staff were on hand along with Board Members Ronald Long and Alan Williams to respond to questions of interest pertaining to the plumbing and mechanical trade. Steve Hensley,

President of the North Carolina Chapter of American Fire Association spoke to and responded to questions relative to the fire sprinkler interest.

Dr. Singh has completed a list of students who have expressed an interest in following up on our trade. Any plumbing, heating or fire sprinkler contractor who would like to help in this program by hiring and using one or more students during the coming summer can contact this office for a list.

We have for the longest period of time complained about a lack of people coming into our trades. We offer to you the opportunity to help your business and to train someone at the same time.

Dr. Singh has long been active in training and trade workshops for our industry as well as a valuable member of this Board.

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Happy Holidays—This is a busy time of year for the Board staff. We would like to thank all of you that have been so courteous and understanding during this past year but especially during renewal season. Your kind words and patience are always appreciated.

Staff

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