



SOUTHERN TIER BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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A Message from the President:

Dear STBOA membership,

It is with sadness that I share word of the passing of one of our own, a Past President of the Southern Tier Building Officials Association and a friend.

“Bruce Bates” became involved in government and the fire service as a younger man and found code enforcement later in life. Perhaps to help protect life and property like a lot of us. I’m sure he was looking for the same results a lot of us do. Bruce was a stickler for compliance and in following codes and rules. He did his best to see that things were done right, fairly, and consistently. He treated everyone the same. When we do it correctly tragedies are averted & just don't happen...I believe this is how he felt about Code Enforcement.

Bruce served as Code Enforcement Officer for Chenango County until 2007 when he went to the Town of Ithaca as Director of Code Enforcement until he retired.

Most importantly, Bruce was the president of the Southern Tier Building Officials in 2014 & 2015. He navigated Code development and the 2015 nys code update. Bruce took record keeping for STBOA members seriously and implemented a state-of-the-art IT scanning system to track members 24 hr in service training hours.

I know collectively we all wish the family peace during this time.

William Knickerbocker

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