



DIVISION OF BUILDING AND FIRE REGULATIONS

2022 Year-in-Review

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Division of Building and Fire Regulations (BFR) is integral to ensuring building safety for those that live in, work in and visit Virginia. From code adoption to training and manufactured housing to amusement devices and more, DHCD works tirelessly to support the building community and ensure safe, affordable and resilient buildings for residents, visitors and businesses of Virginia. The team has been busy this year, and BFR highlights from 2022 include:

- The 2018 Virginia building codes and amendments to the construction code were translated into Spanish allowing for more accessibility to all Virginians.
- The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) ranked Virginia's State Efficiency Scorecard first in the South.
- Staff convened 40 meetings to complete studies, reviews and proposals for the 2021 Virginia Code Change update.
- The proposed 2021 Virginia Code Change regulations were approved by the Board of Housing and Community Development for publishing and additional public comment, putting the 2021 codes on track to become effective in late 2023.
- DHCD invested nearly \$1 million to provide six-year subscriptions to ICC Digital Complete, an online resource compiling more than 1,000 resources for every code professional in Virginia.
- DHCD streamlined the current Code Academy trade curriculum to separate residential and commercial, providing concise and targeted training.
- The Code Academy completed a comprehensive and complete overhaul of the CORE training module.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of 2022, we look forward to supporting the efforts and partnerships that provide Virginians with a safe, affordable and efficient built environment in 2023.



Hurley Flood Assistance

In 2022, southwest Virginia was hit with a devastating flood, particularly impacting the infrastructure, homes, and people of Buchanan County. DHCD partnered with local building officials, organizations, and volunteers across the Commonwealth to provide damage assessments and offer hope to those affected. Despite their hardships, the impacted people of Buchanan were very welcoming, answering questions, pointing volunteers in the right direction and offering everything from their seats to their lunches. The selflessness of the people of Buchanan was as humbling as it was inspiring, and DHCD was honored to be part of the recovery effort.

Outreach and Engagement



9 ICC Committees Served On
6 Expert Panel Invitations
50 Engaged Partner Organizations

Manufactured Housing



553 Licenses Issued
27 Dealer Lots Inspected
7 Complaints Resolved

Code Academy



1,791 Participants Trained
5,491 Courses Completed
604 Certifications Issued

Industrialized Buildings



5,378 Seals Sold
\$404,955 Seal Revenue
8 Factory Audits

Code Development



179 Code Changes
40 Partner Meetings
571 Stakeholders Engaged

State Technical Review Board



19 Appeals Considered
6 Final Orders Issues
4 Interpretations Issued