



Get to know our Staff



Congratulations to Building Inspectors **Ron Schaecher** & **Rick Godsey** on passing their Level I State Fire testing.

Ron has also recently passed his Level II Building test, please congratulate them when you see them in the field for a job well done.

Top Construction Hazards

Prevent Struck-by



- ◆ Ensure all vehicles have operable back-up alarms or use a spotter to direct movement.
- ◆ Check all vehicles at the beginning of each shift to ensure that all equipment and accessories are in safe operating condition.
- ◆ Wear high-visibility clothes near equipment/vehicles.
- ◆ Never position yourself between moving and stationary objects.

Decks and Fasteners



Now that we're closing summer out and most of the tourism season has subsided it is a good time for the property management companies and contractors to start looking at maintenance. As many of you know there were two incidents at Emerald Island over the summer involving decks that collapsed and caused injuries. Initial reports to the cause were corrosion of fasteners, we all know what our environment on the OBX does to metal so please take a look at your properties and perform routine maintenance of your fasteners.

For some helpful tips when it comes to inspecting an existing deck for structural safety, check out our [Deck Maintenance and Safety Guide](#).

Flood Maps Update

The schedule for the release of new flood maps for Currituck County has accelerated. The State contacted staff and indicated the flood map release date is November 30, 2015. Based on previous conversations with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) officials, the new maps should have an overall positive impact on our community when compared to the current maps.

Highlights of the new maps include:

- Base flood elevations are generally decreasing between 1 to 4 feet throughout the county.
- Where base flood elevations are increasing, the increase is 1 to 2 feet; these locations amount to less than 1% of the total land area.
- There is an overall reduction in the VE Zone area.
- During the most recent review of data, 6,129 buildings are proposed for removal from the Special Flood Hazard Area; this is about 30% of the 20,700 buildings listed in the county. Of this number, approximately 5,200 are in the AE Zone and 900 in the VE Zone.
- During the most recent review of data, approximately 50 buildings are subject to base flood elevation increases and approximately 2,400 are subject to base flood elevation decreases.

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Helpful Links

- ◆ [Daily Inspection Schedule](#)
- ◆ [North Carolina Department of Insurance website](#)
- ◆ [Code Interpretations](#)
- ◆ [FEMA Publications](#)
- ◆ [UDO](#)
- ◆ Applications & Forms
 - ◇ [Inspections](#)
 - ◇ [Planning & Zoning](#)

Your Inspection Team

September 2015

- ◆ **Total Building**
316 Permits Issued
- ◆ **Total Inspections**
764 Performed
- ◆ **Total Re-Inspections**
31 Performed

County Corner

November 1, 2015, the Department of [Animal Services and Control](#) began operations of the Currituck Animal Shelter.

Shelter hours will be Monday - Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Animal Shelter and department phone number is 252-453-8682.