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Virginia official recognized for his contributions to building safety *Deputy Director of DHCD's Division of Building and Fire Regulation* *Bobby J. Fowler award from the International Code Council*

Richmond, VA – Virginia's Deputy Director of the Division of Building and Fire Regulation, Emory Rodgers of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), has received the Bobby J. Fowler Award from the International Code Council (ICC) at the 2009 ICC Conference, held this year in Baltimore, MD.

The award represents the most prestigious of the ICC recognitions and is presented to an individual whose contributions to the building safety industry advance ICC's goals in achieving a safer built environment.

"Rodgers has worked tirelessly in the name of public safety in the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationwide," said Tim Ryan, ICC board member and chair of the ICC Awards Committee.

Rodgers previously served as chief building official in Arlington County and now as the deputy director at DHCD, the state agency responsible for promulgating Virginia's Statewide Uniform Building Code. He has been a member of the ICC board, playing a major role in guiding the council through its inception, and remains a staunch supporter of I-Code adoptions.

"Emory has worked in state and local government for more than 35 years in the building code arena ensuring that Virginia's building codes address all areas of construction, understanding how important codes and code enforcement are to the everyday safety of Virginians," said DHCD Director Bill Shelton.

The award was named after the late Bobby Fowler, the first chairman of the ICC, an organization established to serve the building safety industry by providing a single, uniform set of model building codes for state, national and international adoption.

Rodgers has previously served as president of the legacy model building code organization Building Officials and Code Administrators, and on the board of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, the Building Officials Council of America (BOCA), the Council of American Building Officials (CABO), and the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS).

"I am honored to receive this recognition from my peers," said Rodgers. "I encourage other building officials to work to bring together all viewpoints and strategies so we may continue to develop the best codes resulting in the safest built environment we can."

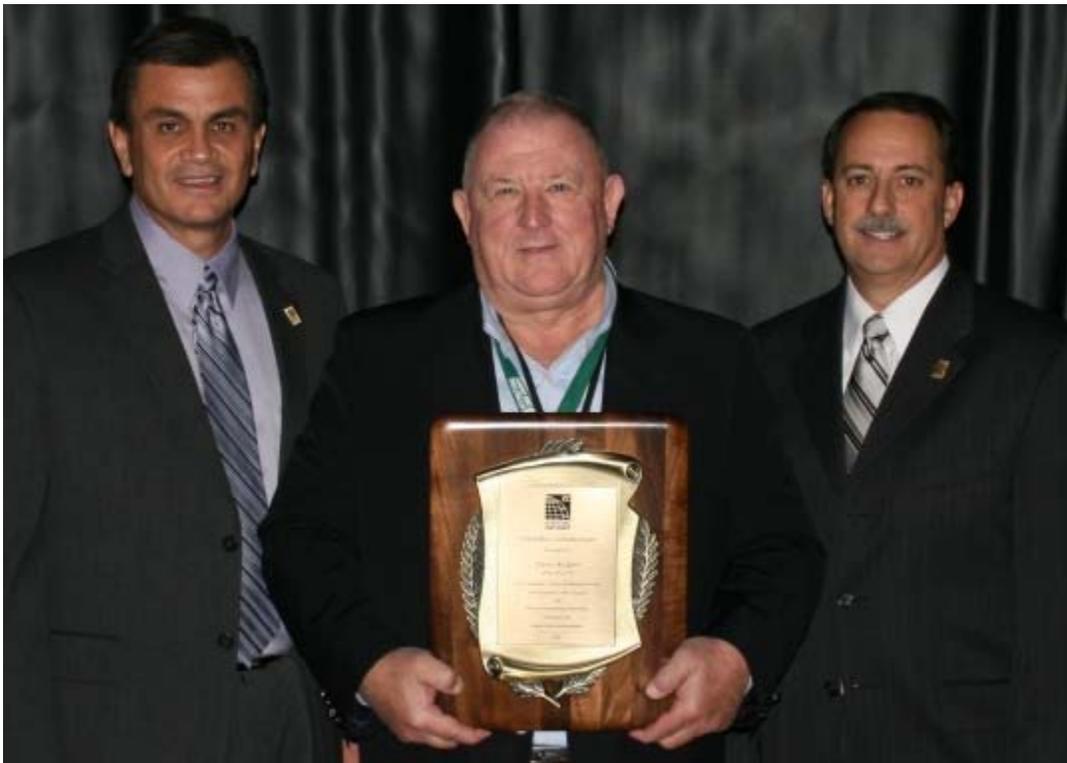
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Previous award recipients have included Bob Weger, code consultant and former building official and director of the Clark County (Nevada) Building Department; George Walker, Sr., retired building official for the City of Waco, Texas; Rick Vognild, retired director of technical services, Southern Building Code Congress International; Ron Nienaber, building official for the City of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Jim Sealy, fellow of the American Institute of Architects; and Paul Heilstedt, chief executive officer of Building Officials and Code Administrators International.

For more information about the International Code Council, visit: www.iccsafe.org. For more information on DHCD and Virginia's building codes, visit: www.dhcd.virginia.gov.

DHCD is committed to creating safe, affordable, and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia. DHCD partners with Virginia's communities to develop their economic potential, regulates Virginia's building and fire codes, provides training and certification for building officials and support for Virginia's homeless, and invests more than \$100 million each year into housing and community development projects throughout the state. By partnering with local governments, nonprofit groups, state and federal agencies, and others, DHCD is working to improve the quality of life for Virginians.

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Emory Rodgers (center), Deputy Director of the Building and Fire Regulation Division of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, was presented the prestigious Bobby J. Fowler Award during today's Awards Luncheon by Code Council Board President Adolf Zubia (left) and Board member/Awards Committee Chairman James Ryan.