

Roger Axel, C.B.O.

Roger Axel is the Building Official for the city of New Hope, Minnesota. He has over 17 years experience as a Combination Inspector, Plans Examiner and Building Official for a variety of construction projects. These include single and multi-family residential, educational, industrial, business and mercantile occupancies, including the Mall of America. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Education from the University of Minnesota and an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Building Inspection Technology from Inver Hills Community College. He holds several certifications from the International Code Council (ICC) including Building Official, Plans Examiner, Building Inspector, Mechanical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Accessibility/Usability Specialist; as well as a Building Official certification from the State of Minnesota.

He has 15 years experience as an adult educator. He is a contract instructor for the International Code Council; an adjunct faculty member of the Minnesota State College & University system teaching classes in Building Inspection Technology at Inver Hills and North Hennepin Community Colleges; an instructor at the Housing and Building Inspection Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Engineering; an instructor of MN Department of Labor & Industry approved seminars for MN Licensed Residential Contractors; Cracker Barrel Presenter at the ICC Annual Business Meeting in Detroit (2005) and Reno (2007) as well as a guest speaker at the Reno ABM Chapter Presidents Breakfast. He has also been a guest speaker at the American Association of Code Enforcement Annual Conference; the MN Glass Association's Midwest Glass Conferences; and the Minnesota Landscapers Association Green Expo. He is a recipient of the 10,000 Lakes Chapter Russ Smith Education Award and of the Association of Minnesota Building Official's Education Award.

He is the Past Chairman and current Executive Officer of the Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO); Past Co-Chair of the AMBO Uniformity of Inspections Committee; member of AMBO's Legislative Committee; member of the Hennepin Technical College Construction Advisory Council; member of the Minnesota Education Advisory Committee; member of the MN State Plumbing Code Certification Exam Development Committee; Past Chair and current Vice-Chair of the Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute; and Past Chair of the Building Section of the Annual Institute for Building Officials. He was selected to represent AMBO in Washington, D.C. during ICC's 2007 Building Safety Week Capitol Hill Day Events where he met with Senators and House Representatives to solicit support for ICC's Community Building Code Administration Grant.

He is an active member of the Minnesota Building Permit Technicians Association, Upper Great Plains Region III, Association of Minnesota Building Officials and the 10,000 Lakes Chapters of ICC.