

- Panic hardware threshold required in **A**, **E** and **H** use groups for 50 occupants more. The 2003 code now has a threshold of 100 occupants. The hardware requirement for electrical rooms has been coordinated in the *ICC Electrical Code*.
 - Roof hatches or mechanical equipment within 10 ft. of roof edge requires guards.
 - Handrails provisions moved to Section 1009 (Stairways and Handrails) into it's own new section. This will permit clarification when handrails are used in other locations, such as ramps.
 - Common path of travel has been increased to 125 ft. in **R-2** use groups when a *NFPA No. 13* fire sprinkler system is installed.
 - Provisions for "aisles" and "merchandise pad" have been added.
 - Day Care Center can have one exit if occupant load does not exceed 10 persons (staff and children combined).
 - Elevators cannot open into the exit enclosure (stairway) to be consistent with the same provisions for exit discharge passageways (1020.1.1).
 - Accessible seating requirements added for lawn and team or player seating.
 - Number of accessible parking spaces must be calculated for each parking facility.
 - Wired glass removed from human impact loads requires. Use still permitted for fire-rated assemblies.
 - Elevator must accommodate new minimum stretcher dimensions from to 24-in. X 84-in. (Was 24-in. X 76-in. in *2003 code*.)
- > THE **2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE** is now available. You can purchase a copy from us for \$99.00. Send payment to **Kelly P. Reynolds, P. O. Box 5518, Goodyear, AZ 85338-5518**. Remainder of the *2006 I-Codes* are due out in March 2006.

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THE ANSWER TO last month's question: "What Eastern fire chief is considered the father of modern building codes?" **ANSWER:** John Damrell was Boston's Fire Chief during the Great Fire of 1872. Later he became the Inspector of Buildings for Boston during the 1880's and is considered the father of code enforcement and building codes at the national level.

HERE IS THIS MONTH'S QUESTION! "When and where was the largest loss of life due to fire in U.S. history?" **YOUR PRIZE:** Lunch at **T.G.I. FRIDAY'S** for the first 5 correct answers. Send your answer to: **codexperts@aol.com**.


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