

Professional association names Ron Durgin 'Person of the Year'

KINGMAN – The Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) honored Mohave County Chief Building Official Ron Durgin as 2011 Government Person of the Year.

Durgin was presented with the award on January 7 at the regional organization's annual installation of officers in Las Vegas.

"This really took us by surprise," Durgin said during an interview Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Kingman. "Mohave County has been very active with the IAPMO for more than 23 years, but we have only been with the regional (Southern Nevada) chapter for a short time. Besides Clark County, there are several large municipalities in the chapter."

The award is given each year to a governmental member for dedicated service to the regional chapter and the Plumbing and Mechanical Industry, he said. "I was extremely honored when my name was called out for the award that night. This is a very important organization for the industrial skills with an outstanding membership base."

The IAPMO is geared around providing training for chapter members, Durgin said. Like other professional associations, such as Arizona Building Officials (AZBO), IAPMO promotes education and professionalism.

Durgin, who also serves on the Grand Canyon Chapter Board of AZBO, was involved with IAPMO prior to



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coming to Mohave County when he worked in Massachusetts and then Cochise County, Ariz. He has more than 25 years of construction project management and municipal code enforcement experience and has been with Mohave County Development Services for 16 months.

"This award is truly a positive reflection of our department's desire to always provide the highest level of service for our customers and a talented professional staff available to assist them with their project needs," he said. "IAPMO has been protecting the public's health and safety for more than 85 years by working in concert with government and industry to implement comprehensive plumbing and mechanical systems around the world. The organization works toward the ultimate goal of protecting the health of people everywhere. The regional Southern Nevada Chapter of IAPMO

membership consists of both local governmental and industry professionals that provide ongoing current plumbing and mechanical educational training for its membership and local trade students.”

“With his extensive experience in both the public and private sector, proven leadership and commitment to continuous improvement, Ron is truly the right person at the right time to lead Mohave County’s Building Division,” said Deputy County Manager Mike Hendrix, Development Services. “Mohave County is extremely fortunate to have Ron on our Development Services Leadership Team.”

Durgin has an Associate of Arts degree in Business and Accounting from Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable, Mass. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from Utica College of Syracuse University. He has also earned a Southwest Leadership Program Public Policy Management Certificate from the University of Arizona, Eller College of Management, and a Level One and Two Curriculum Local Planning and Zoning Certificate through the University of Massachusetts Extension, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative.

He also holds International Code Council (ICC) certificates as a Master Code Professional, Certified Building Official, Building Code Official, Plumbing Code Official, Mechanical Code Official, Electrical Code Official, Housing Code Official, Elevator Inspector, Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector as well as other certifications through the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the U.S. Department of Labor and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Durgin lives in Kingman with his wife, Christine, who works as a volunteer at the County’s Hualapai Mountain Park Ranger Station. They have three grown children (a son and two daughters) and one grandson.

“The IAPMO training helps us keep up with the current rapid pace of changing technologies,” he said. “This award is definitely a reflection of the good work of the Mohave County Building Division staff and how we are striving to give quality customer service.”