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Comprehensive Guides to Hearth Appliances Garnering Acceptance and Appreciation from Building and Code Officials

Atlanta, GA –One year after their introduction, *Gas Hearth Systems* and *Solid Fuel Hearth Systems*, two comprehensive and convenient guides to all major hearth appliances and their venting systems written for building and code officials, have enjoyed widespread acceptance from their audience. In addition to the International Codes Council (ICC) lending their name and logo to the materials, the ICC offers the handbooks to building officials via their online store (www.iccsafe.org).

“Having our hearth handbooks enthusiastically endorsed by the authority setting the standard for building safety (ICC) speaks volumes about our comprehensive guides,” said Ben Weathersby, program director for the HEARTH Education Foundation and author of both guides. “Our handbooks for building and code officials in the U.S. continue to be recognized as a one-stop reference source that save time and energy as officials perform duties relevant to hearth products and their installations.”

Both reference guides organize and clarify the world of fireplace and stove products for those not entirely acquainted with hearth systems. They cover categories of hearth appliances and venting systems, including product standards and variations found in manufacturers’ instructions such as floor support and configurations of venting systems. Hard-to-find information and a convenient index to help locate relevant sections of the major codes or to find information on a particular issue are also included.

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Weathersby reports that the HEARTH Education Foundation has received a number of invitations to participate in regional chapters of ICC Building and Code Official events. “I know this is as a result of the positive reaction to our exhibiting at other ICC conferences,” notes Weathersby. “Our industry is reaching out to building officials in a substantive way,” he continues. The manuals cover important installation issues with references to major codes, including national and international gas codes. Plus, the opportunity to speak with officials on a one-to-one basis is providing the industry with valuable input on the concerns of code and building officials about hearth products.

To order a set or learn more about the handbooks, call HEARTH at (703) 524-8030, visit the HEARTH website www.heartheeducation.org under Building and Code Officials, or visit www.iccsafe.org and link to the ICC Store.

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