

**Act 47 – Building Energy Code Compliance Study Committee Pitch from Michael Desrochers
8/21/2023**

- The rule making process currently in DPS is working and future rule making added to fire safety will cause delays in the rule making process as we already promulgate rules for the following (plumbing, electrical, access, elevator safety and rental housing safety). DPS does a nice job managing the rule making we should not break something that has been working.
- **Residential:** Owner-occupied dwelling should be voluntary and contractor education, training and offering incentives to help builders and homeowners should be a focus. There is way too many homes to manage and regulating single family owner occupied homes will not gain much support.
- **Residential (One and Two Family):** contractor education, training, and incentives- many contractors simply do not know what to do.
- **Residential (3 units or more units):** contractor education, training, and incentives- many contractors simply do not know what to do.
- Variance and or code interpretations are already being addressed by PSD.
- **Commercial:** There is already substantial compliance in this arena improving compliance can be achieved through education and training and there are compliance driven apps already in place for use to validate design criteria. This approach could include training contractors to complete the app to ensure compliance. This would allow for a more robust compliance rate.

Michael Desrochers, Executive Director

Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety
State of Vermont
45 State Drive
Waterbury, Vermont 05671
(802) 479-7539

