

## Bon Voyage, Gary Mullis

Electrical Code Administrator Gary Mullis will retire Feb. 28 after more than 29 years as a code official.

"When I say that Gary Mullis is one of a kind, everyone who's met him knows that's not just a figure of speech," said Code Enforcement Director Patrick Granson, who has served with Mullis more than 25 years. "He is fiercely dedicated to the public's safety, but he's also made it his mission to serve as a hardworking advocate for the electrical industry. He wants our electrical contractors in Mecklenburg County to have the best education and opportunities, so that they're doing safe, code compliant work, and protecting our public. We're happy for him, but he will be missed."

In his more than 45 years in the industry, he has served as an apprentice, electrician, foreman, project manager, electrical contractor, inspector, HVAC contractor, general contractor, masonry contractor and realtor. He has also taught electrical classes at community colleges for 14 years. He is a recognized sponsor and instructor for the International Code Council, the N.C. Board of Examiners for Electrical Contractors, the N.C. Qualification Board and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, along with JADE Learning.

He holds a Mecklenburg County electrical journeyman's certificate, unlimited electrical contracting license and general contracting license from the State of North Carolina, and an N.C. Electrical Inspector Standard Level III Certificate. He is a continuing education course sponsor for the N.C. State Board of Examiners for Electrical Contractors.

Gary has also maintained membership in many professional organizations, including the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the National Fire Protection Association. For the North Carolina chapter of the IAEI, he has held many officer and committee positions over the years, and in 2005, received the Richard B. Boyd Jr. Award and Presidential Key Man Award from the NCI AEI. In 2006, he received the Southern Section Membership Committee Award. He is proud to have presented to the N.C. Building Code Council on numerous occasions and was recognized this year for his service to the Charlotte Area Association of Electrical Contractors for his support of the organization and the electrical contracting profession.

In retirement, Gary looks forward to spending time with his wife and high school sweetheart, Collette, their two children and nine grandchildren, along with serving through their church and continuing to participate in his professional and fraternal organizations.

An announcement will be made soon about the next electrical code administrator. In the meantime, please join us in congratulating Gary via [e-mail](#) or phone at 980-314-3098.

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