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Commercial Claims Building Code Scenarios

After a 22-year career in the construction industry, Mr. Parrish was drawn to the claims industry during the aftermath of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. In the earlier stages of what has been a 24-year career as a construction consultant, Mr. Parrish became increasingly aware of the impact code related scope can have on the claim adjustment process. Repeated early encounters left a general feeling of uneasiness which then led to more questions than answers.

During early encounters with design professionals, contractors and various building departments it was apparent the code enforcement issue was less subjective than fact driven. During this time, Mr. Parrish also had the rare good fortune to be mentored by one of the foremost building code experts in the country, if not, the world. What was realized is that the primary basis for determining code upgrade related scope is "enforcement" driven.

With that understanding; a road map accounting for how jurisdictional resources tend to view the code upgrade issue, became key to figuring out how code upgrade related scope decisions are made.

Those lessons have been tested over the past several years through actual case work. The tools developed during this time have provided a proven road map for success.

The session will reveal the tools and guide attendees through 6, regularly used, steps needed to solve future code related issues using a factual basis. We will demonstrate how to use those steps when interfacing with jurisdictional authorities to get needed information. We will illustrate how enforcement and (not the references) drives or controls scope.

Attendees will come away with an understanding of the benefits of proactively approaching the enforcement question and the benefits those answers bring to the adjustment process. We will illustrate effectiveness and processes that can be adapted and used in just about any situation.