

Introducing the

During the 2020 Fall Forum, I officially assumed the role of DASMA Technical Director and took over the responsibility of writing a column in Door + Access Systems Newsmagazine. I look forward to using this platform not only to interact with and inform our members and dealers but also to continue the legacy that has been established by Joe Hetzel over the course of two decades.

The last "Ask Joe" was published in the fall 2020 issue, so this marks the first "Director's Corner." In this column I will include the typical Joe-inspired Q&A section, and I also plan to incorporate a variety of technical topics, trends, and observations.

There are many important topics, both current and emerging, facing our industry. Some include whole-building air leakage; the adoption of IBC 2021; the labeling of wind-rated garage doors; the addition of tornadic



Gordon Thomas,
DASMA Technical Director

"I look forward to using this platform not only to interact with and inform our members and dealers but also to continue the legacy that has been established by Joe Hetzel over the course of two decades."

sections in ASCE 7; ICC 500 (Storm Shelters) 2020; FBC 2020; WUI fires; ASHRAE 90.1; unattended operation; increases in hurricane activity; FEMA/IBHS; and many others. The next code cycle is starting up, so we will continue to monitor and address many of these items.

What's on your mind?

I am interested in receiving feedback that will help me address the issues and trends affecting you and the industry. Door + Access Systems' readership covers a wide market segment with a variety of installation, regulatory, and code compliance challenges and serves as a terrific platform to distribute this information.

Please contact me at dasma@dasma.com or through the DASMA office at (216)-241-7333 to submit topic ideas and questions. ■

It's never too late to Automate!



Dominator EasyRoller™ and the Dominator™ Shedmaster®.

The ATA Dominator™ EasyRoller™ and the ATA Dominator™ ShedMaster® are the solution to a problem the metal shed industry has had for some time. With a slim-fit profile, and the grunt to back it up, you no longer need to sacrifice reliability, security or convenience. You really can 'have it all'!