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# MEET THE KABA INSPECTORS!

## Doug Scott – Electrical Inspector

Doug has been a licensed electrician for over 35 years, beginning his work in the field at the age of 13. He attended Michigan State University through the Electrical Technology Program. Following his years as an Electrical Contractor, Doug began his current role as an Electrical Inspector 18 years ago and currently handles electrical inspections for 28 jurisdictions in Southwest and Central Michigan, including municipalities in Kalamazoo, Hillsdale, Jackson, St. Joe and Calhoun Counties. Additionally, Doug is certified to perform zoning inspections and serves as Zoning Administrator for two of his jurisdictions. In his free time, Doug is passionate about fishing and all things Scottish, attending numerous regional Scottish festivals throughout the year.



## Terry Thatcher – Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector



Terry attended Ferris State University, majoring in Engineering and Technology. After college, he spent the next 8 years working in the plumbing and HVAC field for a contractor based in Coldwater, Michigan. In 2001, Terry became a licensed Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector and he currently services jurisdictions in Kalamazoo, Branch, and Jackson Counties. When not performing inspections, you can find Terry on a golf course or at a local fishing spot. He is also a strong supporter of the Humane Society.

In addition to Doug and Terry, KABA also has several inspectors who are contracted to cover inspections during those times when our primary inspectors are unavailable. Our goal is to offer consistent, uninterrupted inspection services to our contractors and homeowners at all times.

# KABA WEBSITE SERVICES

KABA's newly updated website offers homeowners and contractors a number of services. Its user-friendly design allows customers to access KABA's permit applications, which are form-fillable and can be submitted directly via the website for immediate processing. We have recently added the ability for users to submit building plans along with their permit applications, eliminating the need for contractors and homeowners to mail their plans or stop in the office.

The Frequently Asked Question section offers information regarding the process of permit submission and fee schedules, inspection scheduling, and obtaining Certificates of Occupancy at the conclusion of their project.

We have also included a link to the entire Building Component Safety Information booklet, an invaluable asset to anyone planning a building project.

KABA Board information, meetings packets, agendas, minutes, and meeting schedules are all available for anyone interested. Additionally, our "Links" section provides direct access to a number of resources in Kalamazoo County and the State of Michigan, including the websites of our Member Jurisdictions.

Homeowners and Contractors are able to contact KABA staff directly with any questions they may have by using our "Contact" link. We review the contact forms on a daily basis and pride ourselves on replying to their inquiry promptly and professionally.

We are constantly seeking to improve services and information available through our website and feedback is always welcome!

In an upcoming newsletter, we'll introduce you to our Board of Directors. The KABA Board is composed of one elected representative from each of our Member Municipalities, one resident member of those Municipalities, and one At-Large Board Member.