

## Employee Spotlight

### Emmitt Stallworth

#### Building Official for the City of Alabaster

Emmitt Stallworth is an old hand when it comes to his new job as the Building Official for the City of Alabaster. “I was a General Contractor for ten years,” he shares. It is this background that he believes will help him in his role as the Building Official. “Being a general contractor allows me to see construction from a contractor’s view, which will enable me to counteract potential problems that contractors may have,” he said. “Cooperating with contractors will help them get things right the first time, instead of wasting money and time if they are non-compliant,” added Stallworth.

His start in building actually came about in a unique way. “Several years ago, as a math teacher, I decided to build my family a house. I put a ‘for sale’ sign on it just to see what would happen, and it sold before I could finish it. I kept that process going and the same outcome kept happening. Before long I was a contractor,” he shares with a smile.

Stallworth’s jobs as the Building Official is one of public trust. “My role is to inspect and make sure structures that are built are in compliance with the Zoning and Planning Regulations and the International Building/Residential Code,” he said. The purpose of these codes is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating safe construction. Stallworth goes on to add, “My job assures the residents



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and business owners within the city of Alabaster that construction is in compliance with the International Codes; thus, assuring that the construction is safe.”

During his first two months, he is loving his new job. “I get a high point all day long while working here in Alabaster,” he shares. “It happens when I get emails from complaints from residents or business owners as it relates to the Building Safety Department and I

facilitate in solving the problems,” he said. As someone who had his foot in both worlds, contractor and consumer, he can view problems from both sides. “I get to see construction from two points of views,” he said. “I can view it as a contractor or I can view it as a business owner or resident.”

When he is not working he enjoys being with his wife, a high school science teacher and his two sons and daughter. He also wanted to make sure that he thanked the City of Alabaster for this great opportunity to serve the community.

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