ON THE TRAINING FRONT

From Marty Loney, Training Coordinator...

Welcome back! School for all Building Trades Apprentices began mid-September and the Residential program will have an orientation next month and begin mid-October. The MES program will kick-off at the beginning of the year.

The weld shop continues to be open daily and on Thursday evenings for anyone wishing to improve their skills. Most calls coming in for manpower have been for combo welders. It is imperative that our membership take the necessary steps to keep this work at home.

NFPA Gas Code Adoption will be in early 2012. The following members need to recertify their Installer Certification: Joe Ash, Dom Gizzi, Marty Jourdan, Ben Logan, Justin Minard, Mike Nolfi, Dan Phillips, Shawn Shriver, Jon Turjonis, Gene Kreitzburg, John Orr, and Jay Wilkes. Recert class will be held on October 4, 2011 at 5:30 PM here at the hall. PLEASE CALL THE HALL TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE. THIS IS YOUR ONLY REMINDER!!

All Welding & Brazing continuities need to be turned in on time, as this is how some contractors are taking welders—by checking their paper trail of continuities. This is YOUR certification and needs to be signed and returned to the hall by the date specified.

If you are laid off, procedure mandates that you come in and run a coupon on Thursday night in front of our Area Testing Representative (ATR) and a Contractor Representative. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!!

Lastly, due to the high volume of members wishing to test, we will now be conducting a WELD TEST on the third Saturday of each month (8:00 AM), through the end of the year. Additional practice will be self-directed on Tuesday evenings, as some weld booths will be open, as well as on the regularly scheduled Thursday night welding (5:30 PM to 9:00 PM).

Test Session Dates:
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Your business tag line here.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction. If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.

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