



Watt's Current

at the Minneapolis Electrical JATC

October 2023

Apprentice of the Month

The Milwaukee Tool Apprentice of the month for October is 1st year wireman:

Patrick Murphy

Each month, instructors nominate students for Apprentice of the Month, and the winner is drawn out of those nominees. The lucky chosen Apprentice receives a tool backpack or Packout bag courtesy of Milwaukee Tool, JATC apparel voucher, an exclusive front row parking spot for the month, and is featured on our social media accounts.

Congratulations Patrick!

Code Corner

True or false? If a 100 ampere, 120/240 Volt, single-phase dwelling unit service is installed to the minimum requirements of the NEC, and a metal underground water pipe electrode and a concrete encased electrode are present, then a minimum of a #4 AWG grounding electrode is required to be installed to the concrete encased electrode and a minimum of two ground rods are required to be installed to supplement the underground metal water pipe electrode.

Answer will appear in next month's newsletter.

Feedback

Questions, comments, or something you'd like to see in a future newsletter? Email Anna at amarx@mplsjatc.org.

Welcome back to the new school year!

We are looking forward to a great year and trying a few new ideas. This is the first edition of an apprenticeship news bulletin. We hope to continually offer a code question, mentoring question to the Retiree members for guidance and wisdom, and other relevant information such as from the Student Council. Communication is key, and our organization is only as strong as the membership. I would always encourage you to be involved and informed. Connect with others while in school. Connect with others on the jobsite. If you don't have someone with experience and insight in the trade, consider getting a mentor. The JATC has a list of available mentors you can get by asking the Training Director or Assistant Training Director. Be initiated, this is your career and you have a lot of potential in the industry!

Derrick L. Atkins, Training Director

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M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
APPRENTICESHIP CLASS - WEEK 4 OF 30				
		6PM ST. CLOUD MTG	STUDY HALL 3:30-5:30PM	
9	10	11	12	13
APPRENTICESHIP CLASS - WEEK 5 OF 30				
STUDY HALL 3:30-5:30PM	5:30PM 292 MTG			9AM JATC MTG
16	17	18	19	20
APPRENTICESHIP CLASS - WEEK 6 OF 30				
	STUDY HALL 3:30-5:30PM			
23	24	25	26	27
APPRENTICESHIP CLASS - WEEK 7 OF 30				
		STUDY HALL 3:30-5:30PM		
30	31			
APPR CLASS - WEEK 8 OF 30				
4:30PM LATE TC MTG				

Optional Books & CE Classes

Stipend check disbursements have changed this school year, and so have optional book and class reimbursements. Apprentices are eligible for up to \$150 worth of free optional books and Continuing Ed (CE) classes. To take advantage of this, you can register for CE classes on our website through your JATC web account, and upon successful completion of the course, would receive a full refund (up to \$150 total) for the original registration fee. A list of optional books can be found in the lobby near the book window, and can be purchased at the front desk. We do not stock all optional items, but they would typically arrive in 1-2 weeks. Books do not need to be paid for up front, but will be tracked. If you go over the \$150 maximum amount for books and/or classes, you would be responsible for the balance. If you do not successfully complete the school year, you would then be invoiced for any optional books and class refunds at that time. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

The Importance of Timecards

Did you know that the MN Dept. of Labor requires all indentured apprenticeship programs to track apprentice hours via timecards? In addition to keeping compliant with the state, we also use your timecards to compare your hours to the contractor's hours to ensure your benefits are being paid properly. We do not enjoy enforcing disciplinary actions on those who turn their timecards in late, but must have policies in place so we can stay up to date on our state requirements and bookkeeping.

Looking for more connection in the local? 292 has four affinity groups available for members to get involved with. Here is an introduction to each group & their current events for October.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC)

Mission: To promote, support and assist the organizing of minority workers in the IBEW. To foster leadership development and empower minorities to become active participants and leaders in the IBEW.

Meetings: 5pm on the 4th Monday of the month at the IBEW 292 Hall

This month: 10/23 Meeting at IBEW 292 Hall at 5pm

Reach Out & Engage Next-Gen Electrical Workers (RENEW)

Mission: To inspire the next generation of IBEW workers to become active in their local union & community, to mentor other young workers, and to recruit new members. It is the initiative's intent to accomplish these goals by focusing on issues important to younger workers, providing education about the IBEW and the labor movement, and fostering relationships with members and local union leadership

Meetings: 4:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the IBEW 292 Hall (food is served)

This month: 10/24 Meeting at IBEW 292 Hall at 4:30pm with Steward Q & A (come ask shop stewards about jobsite etiquette and the contract); 10/7 Highway Cleanup & Whirlyball Event (time TBD)

Sisters in Solidarity (SIS)

Mission: To empower women to be fully engaged members of the IBEW and civil society.

Meetings: 4pm on the 4th Thursday of the month at the IBEW 292 Hall

This month: 10/26 Meeting at IBEW 292 Hall at 4pm

Veterans' Committee

Mission: To reach out and bring veterans together into a social environment where they can relate experiences and conversate with others who have served and to inform veterans of the resources available to gain benefits they have earned.

Meetings: 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of quarterly months (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at the IBEW 292 Hall; Vets Night held on the 3rd Tuesday of non-quarterly months at the Palmer Lake VFW in Brooklyn Park

This Month: 10/17 Meeting at IBEW 292 Hall at 5pm