

## **JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE**

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## **Training Department Update**

## At this time,

- The Training Center still remains closed until further notice.
- Certification Continuities are continuing to be processed. If there are questions or issues with any Certification Continuities please call the Training Department Office. Do not let your continuities expire! There is a point when nothing can be done to renew Certifications other than retesting. The Training Department will provide help and process the paper work, but at the end of the day, this is the responsibility of the member holding the certification to keep up to date.
- 2020-2021 Training Year Schedules are being considered with a potential return to training the first week of August in order to recover time lost from the March suspension of training due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Other methods of training, such as remote learning, are being explored to decrease the number of people in the building assuming social distancing policies will still be in effect. Since Local 22's Apprenticeships are registered programs with New York State. Any modifications to the delivery of Related Instruction must be approved by NYS prior to implementation.
- 1st Year Apprentice selections have not occurred for the 2020-2021 Training Year. Reduced employment over the past months has delayed the process, as NYS DOL prohibits new Apprentices from being employed when there are enrolled Apprentices out of work. Future work projections are on-going to access the number of new Apprentices that may be required. Remember, every Apprentice needs to accumulate On-the-Job-Training hours (Blue Book hours) in order to advance to the next years Apprentice Rate or Journeyperson status. On-the-Job-Training is the most important aspect of the Apprenticeship Training Model. All Local 22 members should consider it a personal responsibility to properly train and mentor Apprentices on the job, they are the future of Local 22.
- The tough decision has been made to postpone the 2020 Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony. The JATC will be exploring options for this event happen at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call or E-mail the Training Depart Office (716) 668-8500 / <a href="mailto:vanessa.macey623@gmail.com">vanessa.macey623@gmail.com</a>, we are still working with limited office staff in the building, if no one answers please leave a message someone will get back to you.