



Joint Training and Apprenticeship Committee

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Training News

Fall 2009

Fall greetings from the staff at the JTAC.

We trust that all members and their families had a pleasant summer, and were able to get away for some well deserved time with the family.

The JTAC had a very busy summer working on projects and a Canadian initiative such as WorldSkills in Calgary.

We helped the U.A. show case the Pipe Trades to the World in the Skills Village at Stampede Park.

Thanks to Ryan McCarthy and Raymond Patten for their hard work as Refrigeration ambassadors for the trade.

Members have been hearing a lot of discussion about the word Green. Green Technologies, Green Work/Jobs, Green Projects, and Green Energy. The JTAC has been working to prepare for this Green movement. We have a number of different entry level courses to start training the membership on the future of Green or Sustainable practices and procedures.

The driving force behind all these new Green initiatives is climate change and energy reduction. We believe these changes are here to stay and will have a dramatic impact on the way we do business, at home or at work.

We would encourage members to attend these new courses to prepare for the changes in technology, building process and procedures or the knowledge necessary to take advantage of these opportunities at home.

Another important topic is the new College of Trades for Ontario, proposed Bill 183 in the Legislature now, looking for passage later this year. In short this new college established under Bill 183, will take over the governance of all trades and apprenticeship in the Province of Ontario.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/collegeoftrades/>

As a not-for-profit organization it will be funded from collecting fees from it's members all C of Q holders in Ontario who are members of the College.

We are not sure what the final structure of the college will be until its next reading or what the pros and cons are for members. We are sure all Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics and Apprentices will be required to be members of the College.

Local 787 and the JTAC have been active and involved. We will keep you updated.

Enclosed you will find the 2009-10 course selection and the ODP card Renewal form.

Please join us at the Training Centre for one of the many courses offered.

We will delay the posting of the courses to the JTAC Website until all the mail has had time to be received by the membership.

See you at the Training Centre.

Registration Deposit

All members must pay a \$100.00 course registration deposit fee when signing up for the 1st course of each calendar year.

This fee will be refunded back to the member in May of each year via a cheque from the JTAC office, *if and only if* the member has attended all classes that he has registered to attend for the complete training year.

If a member needs to cancel a course it must be done a minimum of 5 business days before the course date, otherwise the member will forfeit the \$100.00 registration deposit fee.

A signed medical doctor's note is acceptable in emergency situations.

All members must register with the JTAC office. The website option for course registration is not available until a new website has been designed to accommodate this process. We expect completion for the New Year.

We have implemented this process to make more spots available for the members who truly want to attend our courses. We have had on-going problems with attendance and no-shows for classes preventing the JTAC from offering these classes to other members.

Please help us to make the best of our training opportunities.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this new policy.

U.A. Apprenticeship Competition

Once again the Refrigeration Workers of Ontario won the U.A. Canadian National HVACR contest held in Vancouver at Local 170 this year.

John Wisman

Represented Canada, U.A. Local 787 and the JTAC at the Apprenticeship Contest this year.

We sent our champion to Ann Arbor Michigan at Instructor Training in August this year to compete at the U.A. International competition.

John was outstanding at the competition!

He did a great job and gave it his very best.

John made us proud.

The U.A. doesn't post the standings of each competitor; just one winner and five second places.

Thank You John!

Apprenticeship Grants AIG & ACG

The Government of Canada has a number of incentives and completion grant programs in place for apprentices.

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/apprenticeship>

Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) \$1000 x 2
&

Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG) \$2000

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca>

Tradesperson's Tool Deduction \$500

JTAC On-Line Calendar

The JTAC has an on-line calendar for members to view. Apprentices and journey persons can visit the site to see what activities are at the Training centre on a given day.

Find the link to the JTAC calendar on the website or direct to:

<http://calendar.jtac787.org>

The calendar will be updated regularly with the latest details of courses and events.

To view the details on a particular class, click on the black arrow under Appointments and Event Details.

This calendar will assist the membership with information and access to JTAC programs.

Please contact Flo Lawrence if you require additional information.

Flo.lawrence@jtac787.org

Non-JTAC Training Programs

Increased Allowance: All JTAC/Local 787 Members paying into the Training Fund are eligible to submit once per year, a course expense of \$500.00 to the Training Office, for:

APPROVED COURSES.

You **MUST** have the course pre-approved by the Training Director, and it must be trade related! A receipt and official transcript of successful completion must be received in the JTAC office for rebate.

NO retro active payments.

Night School and Home Study Apprenticeship Training Program

Apprentices - in order for you to be credited hours for Ministry school, it is your responsibility to attach a copy of your marks when handing in your Status Form.

Should you be working late and are not able to attend a session of Night School, the JTAC office needs a letter/e-mail from your employer stating your Name, N/S Level, Night, and reason. Marks are deducted for un-excused absences and 3 absences warrant your removal from the JTAC program.

Night School and Home Study are compulsory and must be successfully completed in order to graduate from the Program.

Night School Apprenticeship Program

Mondays – started September 14, 2009
Levels 1 to 4

Tuesdays – started September 15, 2009
Levels 1 to 4

Wednesdays – started September 16, 2009
Levels 1 to 4

Thursdays – started September 17, 2009
Levels 2 and 3 only

All apprentices should have received correspondence notifying you of your Night and Level. If not, contact Flo Lawrence at the Training Office.

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All Local 787 registered apprentices must be enrolled in either Night School or Home Study!

Ministry School Not at the JTAC

If apprentices are attending Day School outside of the JTAC Training Centre then you MUST include a copy of your marks from the college you have attended, when you send in your Status Form for a Referral.

No Ministry School hours will be credited without the JTAC office receiving a copy of your marks.

Gas Technician Courses On-Demand

The JTAC is running all levels of Gas Technician courses at the Training Centre in Brampton G.1, G.2 and G.3 programs run every other weekend on Saturdays and Sundays.

We are building Gas courses in the Out-of-town areas. Please call to have your name added to the list.

The only cost for the course is for books and codes. Please contact the JTAC office for current prices

Fast track G.1

October 2009 – Full

Next Class

January 30, 2010-Feb7, 2010 2 weeks recess

February 27, 2010-March 3, 2010

18 days split over 4 weeks of intensive training!

We are planning to start an Oil course.

We are waiting on TSSA's approval. We anticipate a January start.

Please contact the JTAC office if you would like to participate.

Call the JTAC office for Registration or e-mail

adeela.chaudhry@jtac787.org

On behalf of the JTAC Staff and Trustees we would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous Fall.

Work Safe, Work Smart-Your Family Needs You!

Yours in Training,

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Please view the next page for information on the HVACR Heritage Centre Canada.>>>>>

<http://www.hhc-canada.net/>



HVACR Heritage Centre Canada

Virtual Museum & Learning Centre

Your Heritage - your Industry – your Life!

By giving us the power to control our indoor environment, the HVACR Industry transformed our world and provided a sense of stability to life. That technology has meant year 'round comfort, business, jobs and play for North Americans for more than a century with its heating, refrigeration and air conditioning appliances.

Other than the food, water and health industries, is there one more important to mankind than HVACR? The Smithsonian Institute has even stated the development of air conditioning was the greatest technological innovation of the 20th Century.

Who knows that? And how did it happen? Who developed the innovative advances in heating and cooling that gave us today's lifestyles, society and economy? Who knows about it? Will they remain forgotten, footprints lost in the dust of time? Tell us who they are – and the installations before they are scrapped.

Only one organization wants to change that – the HVACR Heritage Centre Canada! As a 'virtual museum', there are no buildings. The website is the focal point for all the Centre's activities and programs. It is open 24/7 – globally. It offers interaction and participation – from anywhere there is Internet access. It can be the Industry's central communication medium, building awareness of its many careers, its evolutionary appliances, and its educational, research and scientific capabilities.

Why is it needed? It is nearly impossible to overestimate the importance of modern day HVACR technologies in the everyday lives of Canadians. Yet the Industry has a very low profile, almost unknown, except for its equipment, in the wider community.

The HVACR Heritage Centre can enhance its stature and significance through its online programs, projects, documentaries – and, most important, people. -- the pioneers, the visionaries, the technological innovators.

The 'Wright Bros.' of the heating and cooling Industry should be as well known.

Their achievements deserve to be recognized, honoured -- and remembered. But it takes leadership from everyone to ensure they are never forgotten! Will you let that happen? Think of the many companies that have already disappeared and their names and brands long forgotten or steadily disappearing: Chil-Con, Allied Chemical, Werner's, D.S. Fraser, ACR, Brock Engineering, Aero Environmental, Duomatic-Olsen, KeepRite, Hunter, Climate Master, Marcotte, Servec, Elf Atochem ... the list goes on and on...

And you really have only one chance to be remembered: by the HVACR Heritage Centre and its virtual museum and learning centre online at www.hvacrheritagecentre.com. It is the only entity anywhere that has endeavoured to restore the Industry's significant legacy through research, online exhibits like its 'Chilling Out' documentary on the evolution of refrigeration – and the documentary on the history of heating now underway.

Call 905-473-2287 or Email to: automatedheating@gmail.com. Keep it alive!