



## March 2021

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**TO BENEFIT ...  
PARTICIPATE!**



### **WOMEN IN NECA AND FUTURE LEADERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE GOES VIRTUAL**

Two Half-day of meetings beginning at 1:00pm EST. The Women in NECA and Future Leaders (WINFL) Leadership Conference will be held March 9-10, 2021.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

WINFL Leadership Conference **registration fee is \$250** and covers the cost of the following events:

- Two keynote speakers
- Three breakout sessions with never-before heard speakers
- Two roundtable discussions with peers and taskforce
- Two networking receptions with live entertainment

For registration information and agendas, [please click here.](#)



Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, NECA has made the decision to offer the following conferences, virtually. **Get ready to experience, engage and feel more connected than ever!**

We recognize all the hard work that so many contractors, chapters, Premier Partners, speakers and staff have put into making all NECA conferences successful. Given the circumstances, our main priority is to keep the entire NECA family safe.



## EDUCATION CLASS DATE CHANGE!!

Due to the ever changing status of the COVID pandemic, we have changed the date to have Dr. Awad Hana present a class for our members. Please mark your calendar for **August 20, 2021** to attend our next education course. We have set the location for Pismo Beach, CA. We will secured a block of rooms and will allow extra nights should you wish to stay through the weekend. More details and a registration form will be coming soon!



## WINE AND WISDOM NEW DATE!!!

Due to the current situation with the pandemic, we have made the decision to move this event to November 17-21, 2021. We have kept the same location at the beautiful Allegretto Resort in Paso Robles. Please mark your calendar and watch for details. We are working with all

involved to make sure that we availability,

## NECA RELEASES REVISED STANDARD FOR INSTALLING STEEL CONDUIT

NECA is excited to announce the publishing of its revised standard NECA 101 – 2020, **Standard for Installing Steel Conduits (RMC, IMC, EMT)**. This revised ANSI-approved standard describes installation procedures for steel rigid metal conduit (RMC), steel intermediate metal conduit (IMC), and steel electrical metallic tubing (EMT), including steel conduits with supplementary PVC coating, used as raceway systems for electrical wiring in residential, commercial and industrial occupancies. This Standard also includes information on fittings and other applicable accessories necessary for a quality installation of these raceways.

NECA 101 drills down into installation details not found in the NECA, such as threading techniques, recommended securement processes that compensate for thermal expansion and contraction, bending processes and protection from electromagnetic interference (EMI). Because workmanship is described in this standard, it does recommend use of specific tools to accomplish complete installations. Specific techniques must be used

when threading PVC-coated rigid conduit. This must be performed in a manner that the coating remains intact and undamaged. Multiple quality workmanship installation methods and techniques are provided to assist not only seasoned electrical workers, but also those learning the electrical trade.

**Ordering:** NECA 101 – 2020, *Standard for Installing Steel Conduits (RMC, IMC, EMT)* is \$30 for NECA members and \$60 for non-members. Contact the NECA Order Desk at (301) 215-4504 or [orderdesk@necanet.org](mailto:orderdesk@necanet.org). NEIS can also be purchased in pdf format from [www.necanet.org/standards](http://www.necanet.org/standards).

## NIC BITTLE COURSE CONTINUES – PART 4 MENTEES

We are pleased to announce the next course in our Mentoring Series to be held for our Mentees on Thursday March 25, 2021. Please watch for more details for this informative Zoom Class.

A survey has been sent to all members for your input on this and future educational courses. We hope that you will take just a few minutes to complete the short survey. It is our desire to offer classes that you find interesting and informative. Thank you!

Don't miss this session!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE COMPLETING CLASSES

The following individuals have recently completed classes:

### 2017 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CODE

February 16, 2021

- Lloyd Eads
- Jorge Mendoza
- Ulises Mendoza
- Jim Shumaker
- Stevan Gamez
- Justin Anderson
- Manuel Garcia
- Randy Evans
- Will Nunes
- Juan Vargas
- Ralph Yniguez
- James Stanchfield



## MILWAUKEE APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is

to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job. The JATC has named second year apprentice **Gilbert Contreras** as the apprentice of the month for March. Congratulations!



## UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

**ALL IN-PERSON JW  
CLASSES ARE  
CURRENTLY SUSPENDED  
DUE TO COVID  
RESTRICTIONS!  
HOWEVER...ONLINE  
CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE HAVE THOSE  
INTERESTED CONTACT  
STACY AT THE JATC  
OFFICE AT  
[STACY@TRICOUNTYJATC.  
ORG](mailto:STACY@TRICOUNTYJATC.ORG)  
TO OBTAIN DETAILS.**

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE NEC

Online classes have resumed for the Significant Changes to the NEC. Instructor David Martinez has started up these informative classes. Those interested in attending must register in advance in order to get a Zoom invitation. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 5:30-

8:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Stacy at [Stacy@tricountyjatc.org](mailto:Stacy@tricountyjatc.org) for more information.

## FIRST AID/CPR

If your employees need First Aid/CPR, please contact Stacy at the JATC office to let her know.

The practical exam (for those who are registered through the JATC) will be held as needed. Here is the latest course:

CPR / First Aid with instructor, Merralinda Goddard

**Part 1 – Online Coursework** to be completed prior to testing in person: link to online course provided by the instructor via email

**Part 2 – In-Person Practical** to be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021: available only to those who complete the online coursework. You will receive an appointment time to attend your hands-on practical. Masks are required but not provided.

\*\*You must complete both the online course and the in-person, hands-on practical in order to receive your certification.

Please contact Stacy (JATC) to sign up for the online course at (831) 741-9069 or [stacy@tricountyjatc.org](mailto:stacy@tricountyjatc.org) N

ote that once you are signed up with a link to online course – the course is paid for.

## APPRENTICE APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Tri-County Electrical JATC is accepting applications on a year-round basis. **OUR PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED!!!** Please note that we will only accept online applications and applicants need only follow the directions contained in our website to apply. For more information regarding the process, please click in the following link:

[JATC INFORMATION](#)



## AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 16 on Book 1, 34 on Book 2, 15 on Book 3 and 6 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 1, 1 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4 for Sound & Comm. There are 2 on CW Book 1 and 3 on CW Book 2. There are 2 Inside apprentice available for work at this time. Should you need an apprentice, be sure to contact Stacy at [Stacy@tricountyjatc.org](mailto:Stacy@tricountyjatc.org).

If you missed the presentation on NECA EARN on February 10, 2021 with NECA EARN Director Dr. Charles Backes, Ph.D and are interested in seeing the recording of the session, please email Jerri Champlin at [jlchamplin@gmail.com](mailto:jlchamplin@gmail.com) and I will gladly send you a link. More information is available at:

[NECA EARN Information](#)



## A MESSAGE FROM RASHA VACCINATION UPDATE

For individuals > 65, food, agriculture, education, childcare, emergency workers- it is your turn to get the Corona vaccine.

What to expect: the COVID-19 Vaccine is a 2 shot injection that is given separately, 14 days apart. There are 2 brands approved for emergency authorized use by the FDA: 1) Pfizer 2) Moderna

How: Contact your local public health department to register for the vaccine.

Monterey Public Health : - (831) 755-4500

San Benito Public Health: (831) 637-5367

Santa Cruz Public Health: (831) 454-4000

\*If you have any previous history anaphylactic reaction after receiving any vaccine in the past; please contact your physician to help decide whether it is recommended to receive the vaccine.

Side effects that can occur: Headache, fatigue, nausea, and chills

\*If you have any procedures scheduled near the time of your vaccine appointment please contact your physician to ensure it is safe to proceed.

For further questions or concerns. Please email: [rasha@ibew234.org](mailto:rasha@ibew234.org)

Always happy to help!



## OSHA Clarifies that Vaccinated Workers Must Still Mask Up!

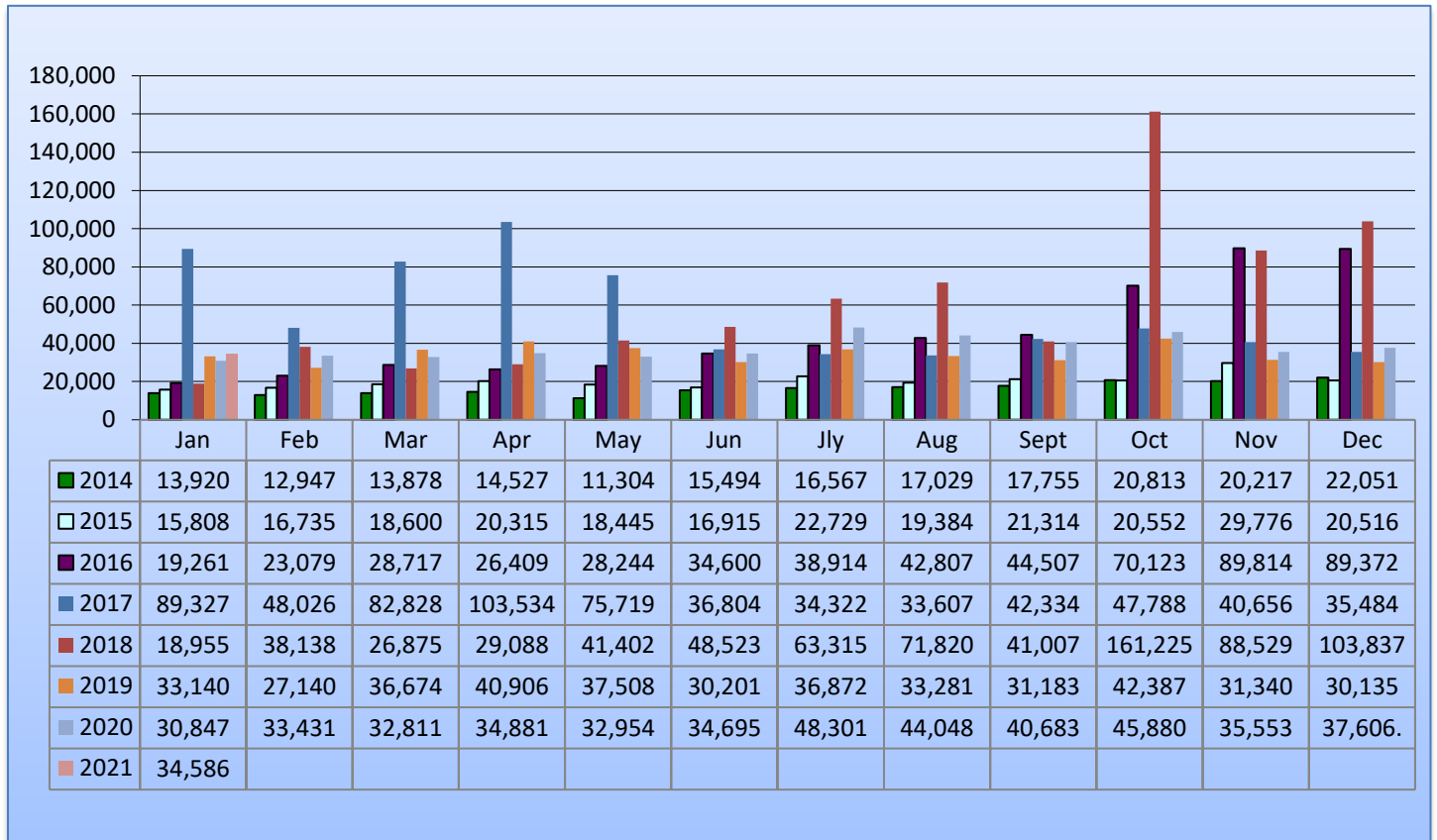
OSHA released updated guidance clarifying that workers who have received the COVID-19 vaccine should still wear masks and practice sanitization and social distancing. This is partially because we do not have comprehensive data on how vaccines affect transmission of the virus. It is possible that someone vaccinated against COVID-19 can still be a carrier and transmit the virus to others.

The guidance therefore emphasizes that regardless of employees' vaccination status, employers should continue to follow existing protocols for COVID-19 prevention by:

- [Conducting a hazard assessment](#);
- [Identifying a combination of measures that limit the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace](#); and
- [Adopting measures to ensure that workers who are infected or potentially infected are separated and sent home from the workplace](#), among other things.

The OSHA guidance also puts the onus on employers to ensure that workers are not retaliated against for raising concerns about workplace safety. It [recommends](#) that employer establish a process for workers to share concerns anonymously. The guidance and other important resources, including industry-specific guidance, are available [here](#).

## INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT





**WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS TO THE STATUS OF THESE MEETINGS  
AS WE BECOME AWARE.**

**March 9-10, 2021**

WIN and Future Leaders Conference  
Virtual  
Registration Open!

**April 12-15, 2021**

NECA Now  
Virtual  
Sign Ups Available Soon!

**July 25-30, 2021**

National Training Institute  
University of Michigan

**August 20, 2021**

Education Course  
Managing Field Productivity  
Dr. Awad Hana  
Pismo Beach, CA

**November 17-21, 2021**

Wisdom and Wine  
Education Course & Retreat  
Allegretto Resort  
Paso Robles, CA  
Watch for details!

**October 9-12, 2021**

NECA Convention  
Nashville, TN

**December 3, 2021**

Chapter Christmas Party  
By Invitation