Lifesaving Training For All

NEIEP has had great results with its efforts to train all of our membership in CPR, First Aid and the use of AED machines. Recently, we were made aware that Greg Tamez from Local 81, San Antonio, Texas, was called upon to respond in a real life or death situation. His training and quick response were able to save his daughter’s life. We would like to thank Greg for his excellent work, his bravery, and also for his willingness to share this story with us. We hope this story emphasizes the importance of safety training both on and off the jobsite and inspires you to think about what you can do to make your life and the lives of those around you a little safer in this new year and every year to come.

Putting My First Aid Training to Use

I attended CPR and First Aid Instructor training in October 2014 as part of my Continuing Education through NEIEP. About six months later, I had to use what I had learned in class in a real emergency situation. On April 28, 2015, my daughter, who is 24 years old, invited me over for dinner. I drove over to her house after work and we sat down to a nice meal. We were engaged in conversation at the dinner table, when all of a sudden her mom shouted out to her, “Sarah! What’s wrong?” My daughter wasn’t saying a word, her hands were flat on the table as if she was about to push herself up to stand; her eyes were as wide as saucers. Her mom yelled, “Are you choking?” Sarah gave no response but there was a look of panic in my daughter’s eyes.

Her mother started administering a few back blows but it wasn’t helping. At this point, my brain was beginning to process the situation and flashbacks of what I learned in the CPR/First Aid came flooding in; I thought to myself that she couldn’t be choking because she wasn’t doing the universal sign for choking, which is placing one’s hands around one’s throat. As I was thinking this, Sarah’s lips began to turn blue, so I began the procedures I was taught, shouting, “Call 911!” as I got up and put my arms around my daughter and began the Heimlich maneuver. I gave two or three good thrusts but nothing was happening. Time seemed to be going in slow motion at this point. I thought back to the training again and repositioned my hands. I focused on giving swift, inward and upward thrusts to dislodge whatever was causing her to choke. I was now actually lifting her off the ground. My head was turned with my cheek pressed between her shoulder blades so I could not see what was happening. My daughter was waving her arms frantically. I must have delivered at least three more thrusts before it registered that her mother was yelling, “It’s out! It’s out!” Apparently, my daughter was trying to wave me off and get me to stop lifting her off the ground. I thought everything would be okay since the blockage was out, but when I asked Sarah if she was okay she just kept rubbing her throat and continued to try to take deep breaths. I saw her mom fumbling with her phone. She was in tears and kept saying that she couldn’t get her phone to work. In her panic, she couldn’t get her phone unlocked so 911 had not been called.

Sarah was very hoarse but she whispered that she thought there was a piece still in her throat because she was having a hard time getting air. I grabbed my phone and dialed 911, and I quickly explained what had happened. The 911 operator said that there is the possibility that there might be some more food stuck in her throat or that sometimes the throat can suffer trauma or lacerations from having the blockage forced out. He said sometimes the throat swells shut so be prepared to perform CPR. At this point, my daughter was struggling to breathe and had started to panic again. I sat her down and by now I could hear the sirens approaching. I went outside the house to wave the ambulance in to the correct house and then rushed back in to check on her.

When I turned and looked towards the front door, the paramedics were already inside. They put an oxygen mask on her and quickly rushed her to the ambulance. We arrived at the emergency room in no time and the
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Greg’s story is both uplifting and heartbreaking. The fact that Greg was able to use his training to help his daughter is one of NEIEP’s many goals in offering this class to IUEC members. Safety is our priority in all aspects of life, not just on the jobsite. CPR and First Aid are unique in the curriculum that NEIEP offers, in that the knowledge the student is gaining is not going to directly benefit or advance them in their career. These classes provide knowledge that only other people will benefit from, possibly even rely on.

However, the unfortunate fact remains that situations like Greg’s arise every day. NEIEP would like to thank Greg again for sharing his story, as well as all the potential and actual heroes out there who have taken a CPR or First Aid training. We thank you for your commitment to safety, and to each other.

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Richard Loeb, Region 1, New York City and nearby New Jersey
Local 1 is currently in the middle of running a recruitment. Applications went live at the ICIMS website on November 21 at 10:00 AM. Only 1000 applications were being made available by the Local 1 JAC. As expected the rush to get these applications was fierce. It certainly seemed that everyone trying to acquire an application was on at 10:00 AM resulting in some technical issues. After an hour or so things straightened themselves out and it was smooth sailing. By 6:30 PM, 1611 applications were submitted and the recruitment was closed. It was a crazy day for those who were at the union hall, but at the end of the day, as always we persevered. I want to thank my NEIEP brothers as well as the local staff that came to help.

Several apprentices have registered to take the mechanics exam at the Prometric testing center. I wish them all good luck. Final exams have been administered and sent up to NEIEP for grading. Continuing Education continues to be a high priority at Local 1. Two Hydraulic Valve Simulator classes will be offered during the holiday break with several more classes starting in the spring. The attack on unions continues in this great city of New York and it’s our education that separates us from the pack.

I want to thank everyone from the Local 1 JAC, Local 1 officers and staff, NEIEP staff and my NEIEP brothers for their support. Have a happy and healthy holiday season.

E. Ray Roche, Region 2, Northeast
End of year 2015 and Semester 1 finals coming quickly. All Locals report new hires and added Apprenticeship Classes. CE Classes for required certifications also reported. Local 5 is completing installation of onsite welding classroom lab. Local 6 and Local 59 have expanded onsite classroom facilities to accommodate new apprentices. Local 59 completed a new recruitment November 30.

Local 84 is currently holding welder training classes with the arrival of the NEIEP Welding Trailer. Prometric has held Mechanic Exams throughout the Region. The NEIEP National JAC Meeting and Lab display in Baltimore was well received. Region 2 continues to accept H2H Applications to help veterans find jobs. I wish to thank Region 2 JAC Members and Instructors for their cooperation and dedication to NEIEP and the best training program in the building trades. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Oden Cowan, Region 2, Northeast
Happy Holidays from the new Area Coordinator of Region 2. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Oden Cowan and I have been in the elevator trade for 31 years in construction and service. I have also been an instructor for NEIEP since 2002. I am looking forward to meeting and working with everyone.

Paul Johnson, Region 3, Southeast
Greetings from Region #3. Where to start! Region 3 has been busy with ongoing recruitments: Local #93 Nashville, TN; Local #74 Tampa; Local #16 New Orleans; and Local #49 Jacksonville. These recruitments are all at different stages, some ongoing and some in the works. We are excited to see the results of these recruitments soon.

I would like to thank the Managers, Agents and JACs from Locals #3 in St Louis, #12 in Kansas City, #63 in Oklahoma City, #79 in Little Rock and #83 in Tulsa. It was my pleasure working with you on your Locals’ Recruitments and I would be happy to help with any other of your NEIEP needs.

As always check out the NEIEP Website and Remember You Never Stop Learning, Ever. Work Safe Brothers and Sisters. Region #3 OUT.-Paul Johnson

Ray McCann, Region 4, Midwest
Greetings! Region 4 has seen quite a few probationary apprentices hired recently. SAFETY FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS! Congratulations to those who have successfully challenged the Mechanics Exam and thanks to their instructors. Locals 2 and 55 will be starting recruitments in the near future and by press time Locals 15 and 132 will be completed. In closing I would like to thank the entire NEIEP Staff for their dedication and support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.-Ray McCann

David G. Aranda, Region 5, Southwest
Recruitments are in progress for (81) San Antonio and (131) Albuquerque/ El Paso. Locals (31) Houston (133) Austin and (140) Phoenix/Tucson have recently held a recruitment and re-lists. All recruitments throughout the U.S. either active or upcoming are posted on the NEIEP website.

The Welding trailer lab has been stationed in El Paso, Texas, to certify Mechanics and Apprentices both in 3G and 4G. The Welding Lab will be moved to Albuquerque next so 131 members rush to NEIEP’s website then the student gateway tab. Register and complete the CE019 Welding Preparation course and you will be eligible for classes.

A reminder for instructors to complete an inventory so we will be ready for the upcoming semester. Laptops need to be returned and will be issued to those listed as active.

I want to thank the Joint Apprenticeship Committees for a successful fall semester and for having all fall classes built. Congratulations to all new Mechanics. Work safe, Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year!

Bobby Capuani, Region 6, Northwest
Season Greetings from Region 6. Congratulations to all who have successfully completed their Mechanics Exam. It is a great achievement in life and I wish you nothing but the best in your new position. With the new responsibilities you are taking on, please remember to work safe at all times!

Education is key for everyone, it is not just for apprentices. As I have stated before there are numerous Continuing Education classes online that new and existing mechanics can be taking to brush up on their skills! Be sure to check the NEIEP website under Continuing Education!

We have just completed a recruitment in Local #38, Salt Lake City, Ut. There was lots of positive feedback about the new recruitment and interview processes! Thank you to all who helped make it a smooth and successful recruitment.

As another successful year comes to an end, I would like to thank the JAC committee members, part time administrators, all the instructors, NEIEP Staff, area coordinators and everyone else involved for all of their hard work and dedication. I would like to wish you and your families a very safe and happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous 2016!
Steve Tsunemoto, Region 7, Hawaii and Pacific Islands

Aloha from Hawaii. We are definitely into our winter weather here in the islands, with rain and more rain. Temperatures in the 70’s now, time to dig out our woolies!

Construction here in the islands has really picked up within the past year, with several high end condominiums currently coming up in Honolulu, many with multi-million dollar price tags for the penthouse units. Subsequently, many individuals have been taken off the pre-hire list due to the surge in building construction. Approximately 30 probationaries will complete their NEIEP requirements and initial six months in the trade mid Spring Semester and will be enrolled for the Fall 2016 semester.

Forty-four students will be attending five classes for Spring 2016, comprising two RC200, one RC400, and two RC800 courses. Seven apprentices are scheduled to take the mechanics exam in December 2015 and January 2016. We are currently in the process of signing up at least ten apprentices who are interested in obtaining welding certification through Honolulu Community College.

Larry Morinaga, instructor, local administrator and JAC member, and I had the opportunity to train with Tim Daly to administer the Sig/Rig Level One and Two qualification exam. Thank you, Tim.

In researching a location to hold our Fork Lift/Aerial Lift training, which included a possibility of utilizing the Hertz storage yard in Kalaelloa, HI, or the parking lot of Honolulu Community College, we discovered that the apprenticeship program at the college had purchased a forklift, a rough terrain forklift, a scissors lift and an articulated lift for use by the various apprenticeship programs. We therefore have the opportunity to utilize the equipment at no charge to NEIEP.

Larry, our most experienced instructor, has opted to withdraw from teaching the semester courses to focus on instructing the CE courses. Our plan is to offer Fork Lift/Aerial Lift training in January 2016, as well as First Aid/AED.

Finally, Hawaii’s instructors and myself would like to thank the staff at NEIEP for the support we’ve been given and for the forbearance you all have shown us this past year. Wishing all a safe and happy holidays.

-Steve Tsunemoto

James Leonard, Region 8, Northern California

Hello from Region 8, the northern part of the Golden State. In January I came aboard the NEIEP train just as our recruitment for Northern California began. I would like to thank Brothers Ray McCann, Bobby Capuani, David Aranda, Larry Engel, Frank Lopez, Scott McGinty, Richard Loeb, Jeff Burns, and Curt Devillers for making it all happen! That month of signups and EIAT testing was a blur to me. Thanks to these guys, it all happened.

As one of the last walk-in recruitments, we took in approximately 2450 applications, administered the EIAT exam to 1700, and had 1200 pass. Those 1200, along with 250 on our existing list, were scheduled for interviews (1450). Interviews lasted 6-9 weeks and were completed in April. Our new list went into place with 478 people on it. Since it has been established in spring, to date, it has moved over 90 individuals, with 10 to 20 percent passing on the opportunity when called to go to work!

As the work picture picked up and school started in the fall, we had to schedule 9 semester 100 classes and hire 3 new instructors. We are running 13 classes in San Francisco, 4 in Santa Clara, and 2 in Sacramento, along with distance learning in Reno and San Francisco. At this writing Local 8 has 205 apprentices and 164 probationary apprentices! The work picture looks outstanding with most of the new projects just beginning to get geared up.

In closing, I personally want to thank my mentor, friend, and Brother Roy Francesconi. Roy has battled back from some pretty tough health issues. All the while he never failed to answer my endless questions or lose his sense of humor. Thank you Roy for continuing to pick up the phone or return my texts. Roy, you may no longer have the title “Area Coordinator;” however, you remain one of the greatest assets that NEIEP has and I am thankful to have you as my Co-Dependent!

-Ed Lackey, Region 9, Southern California

During the last year, prior to October, we were averaging 20 new hires per month. This last semester there were 20 classes in the Los Angeles area. This will increase by at least 4 classes minimum in January to 24 classes. The forecast is that in January the hiring will increase. At this time it is unknown as to what that will be; however, there are at least 3 large jobs in downtown over 40 stories. One of the new buildings will have double deck elevators, our first in California. We are now into the third month of the Mechanic Exam and still have 7 apprentices that have not registered. The results so far have been less than stellar and we will have to wait until January for the full result as most of the apprentices registered in the last two weeks of the 90 days. According to the State of California there are over 400 Apprentices currently in Southern California. Here is hoping that everyone will have a more prosperous time in the upcoming new year.

Donald Groh, Region 11, SEC

Greetings from Region 11. I want to start out by thanking NEIEP for allowing me to help spread the word about all the great things that are, or will be, offered through our different programs. After almost 9 years of being the Business Representative for Local 52, I have recently taken over the position of Area Coordinator for Region 11. I can say that “I hit the ground running” so to speak. Since then I have been assisting all of the Locals in my region with many different projects. I have to say that, with a little guidance, they will have me on the right track. We are working on approving Standards in all of the states, firming up leases for classrooms and JAC meetings. There will be upcoming recruitments in Local 80 and Local 135, with applications being taken Dec. 17th through the 30th. We will also have a recruitment in Local 52 beginning in February and in Local 51 during the summer of 2016. Things are busy in my region and I wouldn’t have it any other way. Thanks to all of the Business Managers, Local Administrators, and JAC members for all of your help and support.

-Donald Groh
Hello from Region 12. The Northeast continues to be blessed with abundant work and most Locals have New Hires working. Local 4 Boston is moving into the interview stage of their recruitment, and Local 41 Springfield will launch a new recruitment in the spring of 2016. As we close out the fall semester, thank you to all of our 2015 Instructors, Part Time Administrators, and JAC Members. Your dedication to the industry does not go unnoticed. Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season and also for a prosperous 2016. - Curt Devillers

Hello from sunny South Florida. The fall semester is coming to a close and it looks like another successful semester. The spring semester will start with orientation on January 26, 2016. I would like to wish the best of luck to all the individuals who are taking the mechanic exam. Special thanks to the NEIEP staff, instructors, JAC members, apprentices, Local Business manager and agents for making this a successful fall semester. Happy Holidays and work safe.

The first semester in both Local #10 and Local #48 is finishing up. Both Locals’ classes went well. I want to thank my instructors in Locals #10 and #48 for their hard and diligent work. I want to thank the NEIEP support staff, Gail DeRoy and Kerri Leigh for their constant support. The work situation in both Locals is strong. In local #10 their JAC is in the process of interviewing and re-interviewing prospective candidates to establish a new working list. I want to thank Oden Cowen for coming to Local #10 and assisting me in administering the EIAT test to these candidates. I want to thank Ms. Kristel Henry for making the changes to the New Standards for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Lastly, thanks, Curt, for the constant phone calls from me about ICIMs. Without that help things would have been harder. Hope all have a great holiday season.

I’m sitting here listening to Christmas music as the Grandchildren decorate the tree while sending out emails about class building, finishing up the recruitment for L34 (Indianapolis), getting ready for the next recruitment for L11 (Cincinnati), packing for my flight. . . . What a difference a year makes! We have probationary students in all locals, we have a large number of probationary students in New Hire 002, and are swearing in new members almost every meeting. It’s a great feeling; classrooms are filling up, Local 37 Columbus bought a new Union Hall to be able to get new Labs for the students, Local 45 Akron moved to a better location to get Labs, and Locals 44 Toledo and Local 17 Cleveland are looking for new locations for the same reason (we sometimes forget that small locals have a harder time getting good school locations. Nice to see these moves). When work picks up, school picks up and it all starts to gather into that big ball of progress we call busy. We had recruitments as I noted in Indianapolis and Cincinnati, we will have recruitments next year in Minneapolis (L9), Cleveland (L17) for sure, probable recruitments in Louisville (L20), Columbus (L37) and Toledo (L44) with Akron (L45) waiting for 2017. I want to thank the JACs and Instructors in all my Locals for all the hard work and to everyone that has new apprentices working for (and with) them. Having 50%ers for the first time in 8 years is a real shock and it takes a while for everyone to realize that probies are not 10 year apprentices. It’s nice to be able to teach our apprentices again! Thanks again and Happy Holidays and have a great New Year. Work safe, Jeff Burns Region 18.

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest. Local 19 and 23 have had steady employment, and the immediate future holds promise for the same. Classrooms are full with new apprentices and some new instructors as well. NEIEP Instructors are an important part of our industry and vital to the success of the apprentice, and for their dedication we are grateful. Region 21 does not have open recruitments for apprentices at this time. Local 19 completed recruitments in Alaska, Montana, Seattle, and Spokane earlier this year. Local 23 Portland Oregon has a list in place and will probably conduct another open recruitment in fall of 2016. Local JACs have been vigilant in regard to apprentice classroom participation, high quality work, and safety on the job. As always safety is paramount to all Elevator Constructors, and if we all work together, and pay attention to all hazards both on and off the job site we can all go home to our families each and every day. Hoping all who read this article enjoy a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.
NEIEP announces a new offering - available this January - to help eligible candidates prepare for success on the Mechanic Exam. CE025, the Mechanic Review Eligibility Course is designed for students who have completed course and on-the-job learning requirements and are in the process of preparing for the exam.

This thorough course offering is designed to provide eligible students with an in-depth review of materials for all eight semesters of the apprenticeship program. Each semester’s review is comprised of a pre- and post-test. The pre-test will help the student determine his or her weakest areas in the content for that semester. The results of the pre-test will point the student to the pages in the semester material that cover the content from which the exam question is derived. Students will have the opportunity to review this material before taking the post-test to see if their knowledge has improved. After completing each pre-exam, students will receive a summary of the questions they answered incorrectly, along with a number in parentheses. This number corresponds to the unit where the correct answer to this question can be found.

Eligible students will find a link to the course on the Online Training and Licensing page at neiep.org and can register and take the course on their own schedule, within the 90-day window of Mechanic Exam eligibility. An important part of this course is the availability of a mock Mechanic Exam to further prepare eligible students for success. This 160-item exam simulates the current Mechanic Examination and gives students the opportunity to test their knowledge by answering the same type of questions found on the current exam they will take at Prometric. This mock exam is made available only to those students who have completed the preparation for all eight semesters in the previous sections of the review course.

NEIEP would like to congratulate and welcome the following new Area Coordinators:

- Oden Cowan, Region 2, covering locals 5, 6, 7, 59, & 84.
- Donald Groh, Region 11, covering locals 32, 51, 52, 80, & 135.
- Charles “Jerome” Ramirez, Region 19, covering locals 3, 12, 21, 63, 79, 83, & 133.

These individuals have started work on behalf of the local members who benefit from the unique educational opportunities made available through NEIEP. We are excited to welcome them to the staff and look forward to working with them. Take a moment to welcome your new area coordinator when you see them. Best wishes to these gentlemen.

### NEW ONLINE VERSION OF CE025 MECHANIC EXAM REVIEW COURSE

### NEIEP WELCOMES OUR NEWEST AREA COORDINATORS

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**IMPORTANT for Instructors:** With payroll now closing weekly, student grades and attendance should be submitted the night of your course or by the Friday of the week your course met at the latest.