



# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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Brothers & Sisters,

It has been a long time since we have seen this much work going on in the fall months, work is good and man hours worked are above average. Our marketing strategies and organizing programs are paying off with increased market share, growing membership and steady employment.

The Local contractors are aggressively pursuing everything that is open for bid and outside contractors are coming to town or calling for wage rates to try to get into the action. With the Chemical Weapon Depot "PCAPP" installing 3 new static detonation chambers for additional mortar round destruction.

Swedfeger, ICM and Rand Construction have already secured contracts for work to complete around April, 2020. The Evraz Steel mill is still on track to add the 480-million-dollar rail mill addition with Xcel Energy investing in a 240MW photovoltaic solar facility to support it. The rail mill expansion is expected to start around March of 2020 with the solar field addition to start in July of 2020. Barton Malow Company will be the General contractor and the sub-contractors are expected to be awarded by the first of the year.

Murphy was successful in landing a large part of the 20 million dollar In-N-Out burger distribution center and is continuing to shine with a fair size crew at UTC in Pueblo.

Heating & Plumbing Engineers Inc. "HPE" has filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, so competition has been reduced substantially in the commercial marketplace.

The majority of the work HPE had secured has been re-awarded and we were able to benefit on most of it.

With the amount of work going on in Colorado Springs and Pueblo we need to continue to man the rest of the work in the jurisdiction so we keep this market. We are successfully performing at the Buena Vista school for Falcon P&H, PLS Mechanical at the Trinidad Hospital & multiple jobs in Alamosa.

Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk Taylor is pushing ballot issue 1A & 1B for a new 140 million-dollar 950 bed jail to be built in the Pueblo City limits. The concern I have supporting this cause is the County Commissioner leading the campaign is Commissioner Garrison Ortiz. After Union Labor helped him get elected, he has been a complete disgrace in his capacity promoting low bid, minimum wage contracts. We will keep you posted on the Jail project as updates come in.

Stay warn and stay informed.

Ron Lenz

## [Local 58's web page](http://local58.org)

*Local #58's web page is – [local58.org](http://local58.org) – there is a lot of information on this page:*

*Important Phone Numbers, calendars for the Hall and JATC, upcoming events, benefits (including dental) information, helpful links and photos of events.*



Brothers and Sisters,

Work in our area continues to be busy. Most members who want to work are working. To fill all the calls, we have gotten this summer we have started quite a few new apprentices and reached out to other locals around the country. We have noticed a shortage of licensed plumbers as have most of the locals I have spoken to around the country. We were able to bring in some new members to help fill the open plumber calls we had recently. As jobs are finishing up from summer, our contractors said they have more work they may need manpower for.

Murphy Co., Olson, as well as PLS Mechanical have let us know of their projected needs for the fall as well as into the next year. ICM does have the project with Bechtel that is going on at PCAPP. They have told us they will be needing more fitters and welders to help fill their manpower needs. This project is scheduled to go into the spring of 2020 and as many as 40 hands could be dispatched thru local 58 to that project. All that being said it should be a pretty busy winter and spring in our jurisdiction.

Work around the country has been hit or miss lately. A lot of the calls that have been coming across the UA net have been for short outages or shutdowns. That being said, as always if anyone has questions about work at home or on the road give me a call or stop by the office and we can make some calls.

Respectfully,  
Dale



## **Retirees Christmas Lunch**

*The retirees Christmas Lunch will be on  
December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the Union Hall*

## **JATC INFORMATION**

If you haven't heard the good news yet, here you go. Our JATC is beginning the C.O.E. accreditation process and we are going to be able to have an associate degree when our apprentices turn out. It is a lengthy process, but we are confident that we can have it done in less than three-years.

Several union trades are making an effort to turn Colorado back into a S.A.C (State Apprenticeship Committee) state again. There are currently around 150 registered construction trades apprenticeship programs here with no oversight or accountability from the D.O.L. Our goal is to curtail the effects of IRAP's being introduced into the apprenticeship standards.

Starting in May of 2020 the state plumbing board is requiring that all plumbers complete continuous education classes. They haven't released the requirements of the classes, but it will be eight hours for every year since their last renewal.

On another note, by the end of the year we will be holding Signaling person certification classes through the NCCCO, here at the JATC. We are waiting for the site audit and upon completion we will start classes ASAP, so sign up! Feel free to contact the JATC for more information.



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# **Meeting**

***Schedule - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month!***

*October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and*

*December 18<sup>th</sup> (which is the Christmas Party) all at 6:00*