

OSHA 500 Course Held for Contractors

An OSHA 500 course was recently held for contractors at the training facility for Local Unions 416 and 433 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The OSHA 500 course is a 40-hour train-the-trainer course focusing on OSHA standards for the construction industry. What made this course unique was that the participants included representatives from Ironworker signatory contractors and was conducted over a long weekend to limit the time away from work.

There were 21 participants in this OSHA 500 course that included a Disaster Site Worker train-the-trainer component. Participants must have had five years of construction safety experience. Participants are now authorized to conduct the OSHA 10 and 30-hour courses in construction safety and health, in accordance with guidelines provided by the OSHA Office of Training and Education. In addition, the Disaster Site Worker train-the-trainer component of the course prepared the trainers to demonstrate proper respirator use to disaster site workers.

Participants demonstrated their learning competencies by:

- Identifying common causes of accidents in hazardous areas of construction.
- Identifying abatement techniques for hazards found in construction.
- Donning and doffing an air-purifying respirator.
- Passing a final test.

After completing the course, participants received certification cards from the National Training Fund and OSHA.

Contractors represented included Steel Engineers Inc. (a reinforcing employer) and SME Inc., (a structural employer). Other participants included business agents, organizers, instructors, foremen and journeyman. A retired operating engineer, who is the field safety representative for SME Inc. also participated.

The course instructors included Dick Zampa Jr. Apprentice Director for the District Council California and Vicinity, George Facista Apprentice Coordinator from Local 75, Rick Hipolito Apprentice Coordinator from Local 416/433 in Las Vegas, and Frank Piccione from the National Training Fund.

For more information on this and other courses, please contact the Apprenticeship and Training Department.

Photos with proposed captions:

#598 – Dick Zampa makes a presentation during the OSHA 500 course

#603 – Participants practice wearing respirators