



Metropolitan Washington Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

Newsleak

Message from the President — Al Luke

Friends: I hope your summer was enjoyable with some well-deserved R&R with family and friends. Back from our summer break, MWPHCC met on Thursday, September 7th, always the first Thursday of the month, beginning with an informative T-4 training program presented by ROI Marketing. We appreciate the continued support of Steve Kidwell and the gang at ROI for their years of support and in-depth training for our technicians, contractors and industry members.

With the Holiday Inn, College Park, under renovation, we experience updated space and a bright, new room, some new fac-

es around the tables, and best of all, continued new energy and ideas at the board meeting. Laura Warshauer, doing yeoman's work as the Chair of the Membership Committee, reported on several new initiatives including Welcomes Bags for our new members, Industry Member brainstorming sessions to bolster contractor membership efforts and always at the forefront of Laura's agenda; marketing! The MWPHCC now has truck stickers available for a nominal fee and navy blue, embroidered MWPHCC baseball hats, also for sale. Contact Sue Thompson, sue@mwpfcc.org, for more information or, better yet...come to the October 5th meeting and pick a few items for your team.

One more thing about September's meeting; during the General Meeting, our Board of Directors took the opportunity to acknowledge our long-standing Board Member and Treasurer, Glenn R. King (G.R. King Plumbing) for his outstanding efforts in introducing new members to our organization and even bringing former members back! Glenn received the **MWPHCC Leadership Award**, a well-deserved plaque and a hefty round of applause for his many years of service, constant work towards increasing membership, keeping his eye on the bottom line and offering his expertise along the way. Thanks, Glenn!!

Wishing our friend and Board

Member, Dave Shapiro a wonderful trip to the National PHCC Convention on October 3-6 as he and his crew head to the shores of Lake Michigan, and the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bring back some great information, Dave!!



I am looking forward to seeing Dwayne Withers and Cordon on Thursday October 5th as they will present information on the **Highs and Lows of Water Pressure** - always an important topic and I thank Thos. Somerville for sponsoring the T4 Training and Dinner; much appreciated. See you then! Al

Monthly Meeting

October 5, 2017

- ⇒ 5:00 - Board Meeting
- ⇒ 6:00 - T-4 Training
- ⇒ 7:30 - Dinner and General Meeting

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October T4 Training: The Highs & Lows of Water Pressure Issues

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- ◆ Understand job site installation issues ... The Do's & the Don'ts

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- ◆ Understand job site installation issues



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INDUSTRY LEADERS MEET WITH WHITE HOUSE STAFF TO ADDRESS LABOR SHORTAGE

Members of the Trump Administration's policy staff met at the White House this week with PHCC National (President-elect Laurie Crigler, PHCC EVP Michael Copp and VP of Legislative Affairs Mark Riso) and other plumbing industry leaders to discuss America's workforce shortage and how our industry is part of the solution.

The meeting was co-hosted by the American Supply Association, and included top executives from Bradford White, Elkay, Emerson and WinSupply. The purpose of the meeting

was to review and consider opportunities within President Trump's Executive Order issued in June 2017 regarding apprenticeship programs.

The discussion was active, positive and truly productive. The discussion centered around apprenticeship programs and the potential benefits of educating high schools to adopt curriculum designed to provide students with a "Jump Start" on careers in the construction industry.

The White House staff also up-

dated participants on current tax reform and infrastructure initiatives, acknowledging that infrastructure includes underground water systems and sewage as much as above ground highways, roads and bridges.

The meeting also included specific "point people" from the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, who are in positions of critical importance to PHCC. More details to come in the *Riso Report* next week.



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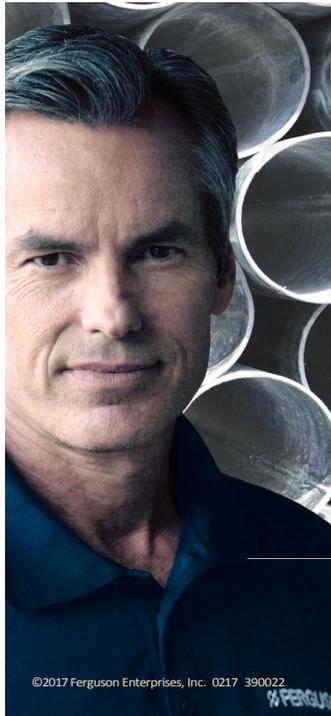
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National Fire Safety Month: 12 Tips to Present Workplace Fires

From: Safety Center Incorporated, safetycenter.org

October is National Fire Safety Month and while the main focus is on preventing residential fires, it is also a good time to revisit workplace fire safety and prevention. Fatal injuries involving fires and explosions resulted in 148 occupational fatalities in 2013. That coupled with the threat of fire to business equipment and buildings demands that all business owners and safety professionals avoid having a fire emergency. 12 Tips to ensure a fire-safe workplace:

Step 1. Get Organized– Practice good workplace housekeeping. Clutter contributes to fires by providing fuel and by preventing access to exits and emergency equipment.

Step 2. Designated Smoking Areas – Smoke only in designated areas, and extinguish smoking materials safely. Never smoke in storerooms or chemical storage areas.

Step 3. Fire Extinguishers – Maintaining the appropriate type and number of fire extinguishers and learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

Step 4. Electrical Hazards – Report all electrical hazards. Many fires start in faulty wiring and malfunctioning electrical equipment.

Step 5. Access to Control Panels – Electrical control panels need to have free access maintained so that the electric could be shut off easily.

Step 6. Maintenance – Maintain machinery to prevent overheating and friction sparks.

Step 7. Sprinkler Systems & Smoke Detectors – Never block sprinklers, firefighting equipment or emergency exits. Observe clearances when stacking materials. Testing of sprinkler systems and smoke de-

tectors at least annually.

Step 8. Chemical Safety – Use and store chemicals safely. Read the label and the Material Safety Data Sheet to determine flammability and other fire hazards. Provide adequate ventilation when using and storing these substances.

Step 9. Waste Control & Storage – Control the accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials and residues so that they do not contribute to a fire emergency.

Step 10. Prevent Ignition – Use all precautions to prevent ignition in potentially explosive atmospheres such as those containing flammable liquid vapors or fine particles. Use non-sparking tools, and control static electricity as required.

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Congratulations Glenn King

MWPHCC Leadership Award Recipient



At the September 7th MWPBCC General Meeting, Board President Al Luke presented long-standing board member, Past President and current Treasurer **Glenn R. King (GR King Plumbing)** The MWPBCC Leadership Award for outstanding service to the organization. Through grassroots networking, Glenn has worked tirelessly to increase our contractor membership numbers, chair the springtime Fishing Trip and lend a helping hand at every turn.

Great job, Glenn! Many thanks!

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12 Tips to Present Workplace Fires

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Step 11. Exits – Emergency exit diagrams should be posted and emergency exits should be well lit with neon-regulation signs.

Step 12. Contact Info – Employees should have a list of emergency contact phone numbers in case of emergency.

Remember that people will often panic in an intense situation; therefore basics such as the company address, phone number and floor plan should be posted.

Prevention is always better than cure and it's best to avoid catastrophe in the first place or at least minimize the damage. The simple truth is that fire emergencies and disasters can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere. So if a fire does break out in your workplace **A-C-T, Don't Panic.**

- A** – ASSESS THE SITUATION
- C** – CHOOSE YOUR RESPONSE
- T** – TAKE ACTION



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