



Apprenticeship Corner

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Oklahoma City Reinstates Apprenticeship Program

Roofers Local 143, Oklahoma City, OK, has not had an apprenticeship training program since 1995. That has changed thanks to the hard work and diligence



of International Vice President/Director of Market Development Jim Hadel and International Assistant Apprenticeship Director Walter Smith.

The Local successfully held its first training class the week of October 8, 2008.

A total of 17 roofers attended the week-long class, which was held at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center. The standards were approved by the Office of Apprenticeship the week of October 27. It has been a long and hard effort, but it is truly paying off. Local 143 thanks Brother Hadel, Brother Smith and the International for all the help and support they have received.



Local 143 Roofers get the mock-up prepared for the first apprenticeship class.



Let the practice begin.



Local 143 apprentices spend time in the classroom as well as outdoors.



Proud group of Local 143, Oklahoma City, OK, apprentices – it's a new era for these roofers.

Local 242 Has Finally Done It!

It has taken about 56 years, but Local 242, Parkersburg, WV, has finally begun building an apprenticeship training facility, thanks to the combined work of Roofers Local 242 and its union contractors: Murray Sheet Metal, Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal, Singer Sheet Metal and T&M Contractors LLC.

The training facility will be used to train apprentices in many areas, including proper safety techniques. It will also provide more hands-on experience, which will make the apprentices more qualified when being out on jobs.

Roofers Local 242 greatly appreciates the hard work and help it has received from other unions, local members and contractors.



Pictured breaking ground, from left: Chris Campbell, United Construction and Murray Sheet Metal; Steve Wallbrown, Tri-State Roofing; Joe Strain, Local 242 Business Manager; Mike Stiens, International Representative; Jim Villers, Local 242 Apprentice Instructor; and Kenneth Downie, retired Local 242 Business Manager.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

More from the Apprentice Competition

Local 210, Erie, PA, would like to congratulate its apprentices who participated in the Northeast and Mid States District Councils' Apprentice Competition earlier this year.



Winners of the apprenticeship competition, third-year category: 1st place - Mike Degolier, Local 210, Erie, PA; 2nd place - Wilbur Strobel, Local 42, Cincinnati, OH; 3rd place - Tom Charlton, Local 210, Erie, PA.



Eric Myers of Local 210 works on an EPDM field seam mock-up at the competition.



Local 210 apprentice Jerel Johnsen torches down modified membrane.

Mike Yovich, Local 210 apprentice, left, gets judged on his work in the competition.



Local 58 Apprentices Receive Hands-On Training



Apprentices from Local 58, Colorado Springs, CO, take note as Carlisle representative Chuck Pruitt walks through the Carlisle specifications on how to flash a curb.



Local 58 apprentices Kyle Heikkila, Brian Cline and Adrian Sosa learn how to flash this curb correctly through hands-on training.



Apprentice Porta Edmon checks out his perfect weld.



Local 58 apprentices jump right in and practice their welding techniques.