

The logo features the acronym 'NECA' in a stylized font with three stars above it, followed by 'North Florida Chapter' in a smaller font, and 'CONNECTION' in large, bold, white capital letters. The background is a dark blue gradient with a complex network of glowing blue lines and nodes, resembling a circuit board or data network.

NECA North Florida Chapter CONNECTION

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Upcoming Course Offerings

December 9th, 9 a.m - 12 p.m

Building the Case to Win- Claims and Change Orders (Change Orders Level II)

In this session, the group will discuss contract risk management and preservation of rights in order to increase the chances of financial recovery during project execution. Since the most valued information for contract conflict resolution come from those closest to the work, the basics of preparing that documentation and effectively translating the information will be discussed. The group will gain understanding and review examples of risky contract clauses, the process of claims management, the legalities of change order control, and preparation for lawsuits.

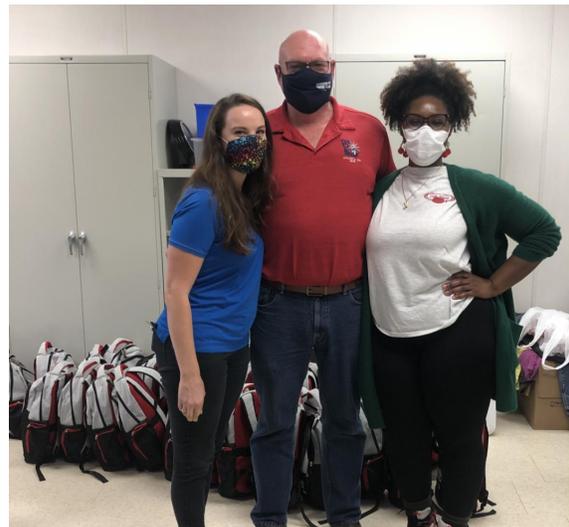
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NECA 2020 LIVE

Access to NECA 2020 LIVE On-Demand has been extended through December 31st, 2020. Access all convention content [here](#)

Children's Home Society

With the pandemic, more families have found themselves food insecure than ever before. 95 bags were created containing full Thanksgiving meals for families in Daytona, Gainesville, and Jacksonville by the NECA/IBEW Powering America team. We worked directly with the Children's Home Society to place these meals where they are needed. We are thrilled to see the immediate impact with their community partners such as Howard W. Bishop Middle School.



Feeding North East Florida Food Drive

North Florida Chapter NECA partnered with the IBEW and our community to donate nearly 150 pounds of food to Feeding North East Florida this 2020 Holiday season!

Feeding North East Florida helps local children and families, seniors and active and retired military members who struggle to put food on the table. Working with local grocery stores, manufacturers, and farms they rescue high-quality food that would normally be wasted and transform it into meals for those in need.



Unemployment Tax To Increase For Florida Businesses

Spurred by the spike in unemployment caused by the coronavirus pandemic, unemployment taxes paid by businesses will increase next year, per the Department of Revenue announced. Starting in January, businesses paying the minimum rate will owe \$20.30 per employee, a \$13.30 increase on the current rate.

-Capitol Alliance Group

Apprentice Business Start Up

Apprentices participated in a Business Start Up Challenge presented by *ELECTRI*. In this challenge, they were tasked to look beyond the cost of labor and introduced to broader concepts of business, marketing, and finance. This challenge gives the participant a more well-rounded idea of what it takes to bid and win projects. It gives insight into the effort involved in sustaining a business as well as the timeline of growing a business and the profits needed to create more jobs. In this 30 day assignment they are learning about insurance, bonding, safety, and more.



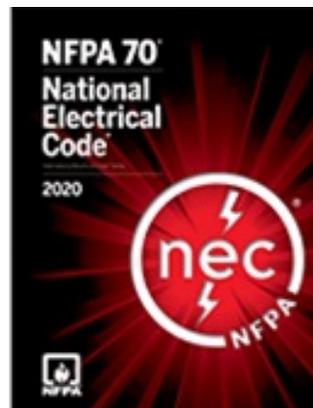
Apprentices won 3rd place in this Business Start Up Challenge!!

Codes and Standards Report

2023 National Electrical Code Update

Work is currently underway for the 2023 edition of the NEC, and the 18 Code Making Panels (CMP's) are busy reviewing thousands of Public Inputs (PI's) to evaluate possible changes or revisions. All of the CMP's have been conducting initial Zoom task group meetings to sort through the PI's and make recommendations. After the task group work is completed, each CMP will hold full panel meetings (via zoom) over the next couple of months, to finalize first drafts and allow for public comments later in 2021.

This is a long, methodical process and is being conducted by hundreds of committee members from all areas of our industry including contractors, electrical inspectors, engineers, manufacturers, related organizations, and other interested parties.



Adopted in all 50 states, NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC) is the benchmark for safe electrical design, installation, and inspection to protect people and property from electrical hazards.

JATC Apprenticeship Reports

Jacksonville JATC

To the members of the North Florida Chapter of N.E.C.A. -

The Holidays are upon us, but the Electrical Training Alliance of Jacksonville is busy as ever! We are currently taking enrollments for a Pre-Apprenticeship class that will start in January. If you know if anyone who is interested in starting a career in the electrical trade, please have them contact us to secure their place in this upcoming class. This class will begin January 11th with students attending one night a week, have their books and tools provided through a grant received from the *Pathways Grant to Career Opportunities*.

Thus far, by keeping with the CDC guidelines and increasing the amount of cleaning to a daily schedule, we have had no outbreaks of Covid-19. Protocols for students who have tested positive from exposure outside of the school have been assigned online course work from their instructor, encouraged to remain in quarantine and provided opportunity to make up their class hours once they received a negative test result. Instructors have been monitoring each student's progress by keeping weekly contact via email or telephone calls with their students.

The Training Alliance is continuing to provide professional development training to Journeyman Wireman. Classes are scheduled based on subject matter and interest; and we have recently completed classes based on NFPA 70E and EPS Training. If you know of anyone who desires to better themselves in the trade, and stay abreast of the latest trade skill developments, please have them contact the office for discussion of how we may serve their needs.

As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me if I can help with anything. On behalf of the Trustees of the Apprenticeship Committee, thank you for your continuing support.

Daniel Van Sickle
Apprenticeship and Training Director
Daniel McEarchern
Assistant Training Director

Daytona JATC

Hello from Daytona Beach,

This month we have continued our classes via Zoom and were able to hold labs at the hall with groups of twelve or less. We had one aptitude test with seven attending and passing as well.

On November 11th, we hosted an event for the National Apprentice Week. We held a Zoom meeting with Milwaukee Tools and guest speaker Nic Bittle, author of "Know This, Do That". Contractors donated gifts to hand out to our apprentices in appreciation to them.

We currently have 90 apprentices working and we currently have 9 CW's available for work. We have continued to hold job fairs vis Zoom, but we feel this method is not as effective as we would like.

Robert Cruz
Training Director

Looking Forward

- December 9th, 2020: **Building the Case to Win- Claims and Change Orders (Change Orders Level II)** Virtual
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