

The logo features the NECA logo with three stars above it, followed by the text "North Florida Chapter" in a smaller font, and "CONNECTION" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. The background is a dark blue gradient with a complex network of glowing blue lines and dots, resembling a circuit board or a digital network.

NECA North Florida Chapter CONNECTION

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Introduction to AI in the Electrical Contracting Industry

Keep an eye out for more information about this class and RSVPs in the near future!

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a grid of binary code (0s and 1s). In the center, a white robotic hand and a human hand are reaching towards each other. To the right, there is a complex circuit diagram with various components and lines. The text "SAVE THE DATE!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

SAVE THE DATE!

**INTRODUCTION TO AI IN
THE ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTING INDUSTRY**

**Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
North Florida NECA office: 4951
Richard St. Jacksonville, FL 32207**

NFPA 70E & Arc Flash Training

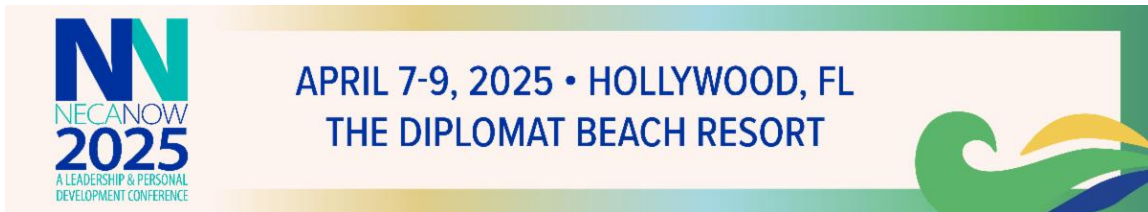
The Electrical Training Alliance of Jacksonville is interested hosting a NFPA 70E & Arc Flash training class if enough interest is gathered in attending. This class will be held on **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Electrical Training Alliance of Jacksonville.

If you are interested in attending this training, please reach out to chyanned@nflneca.org to RSVP with the number of attendees you are interested in bringing. RSVPs must be made by Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

Please feel free to reach out to our office if you have any questions.

NECA NOW 2025

Register today for the 2025 NECA Now Leadership and Personal Development conference! Housing and special event spots are limited, so we are encouraging our members to sign up for NECA Now 2025 as soon as possible. Click the banner below to login to your NECA Net account and register, or contact our office and we would be more than happy to assist in registration and housing.



North Florida Chapter NECA Interest Survey

We want your feedback!

We are urging our members to participate in this short survey about the topics you would like see more of from North Florida Chapter NECA and the classes you would like to attend.

[Click here to take this short survey](#)

Changes in the Florida Statutes

Joshua Gideon, Chief of the Building Inspection Division with the City of Jacksonville's Planning and Development Department shared this update with us on changes in the Florida Statutes that contractors should be aware of.

Changes to the Florida Statutes

In addition to a number of responsibilities for local jurisdictions, permit applicants now have a deadline in the Florida Statutes. At the end of FS 553.792(1)(f) the statutes now require an applicant to resubmit a permit within 10 business days when it has been Returned for Corrections by a plans examiner. If it is not, the permit will be denied.

For clarification, when a building permit application is denied, this means a new permit application must be submitted for the previously denied scope of work.

This statute went into effect January 1, 2025, however the JAXEPICS system will not be updated to deny building permit applications when resubmissions exceed 10 business days until about March 1, 2025.

Certificates of Use

Some of you may have already noticed that you can now apply for a Certificate of Use online through JAXEPICS. The process has been updated and has become more transparent in JAXEPICS. For those that do not know, a Certificate of Use is a Zoning certificate that is required by Subpart E of Section 656 of the Jacksonville City Ordinance. For more information, the Zoning office can be reached at Zoning@coj.net or 904-255-8300.

Did you know...

Contractors can submit revisions without reaching out to the permit assistants. Just click the “Revise” button at the top of a permit window and the permit will be placed in Active (Return for Corrections) status so you can upload revisions. Please include a written narrative detailing the revision and cloud revised elements on any new drawings. Just make sure to click on Submit for Approval once you have uploaded all your revisions and narrative.

Also, similar to Plan Review Comments, you can print a report of performed inspections that includes their comments by clicking on the Action Menu (the three dots) in the upper right corner of the Performed Inspections card on the Inspections tab on a permit and selecting “Comment Report”.



Advanced Search

Looking for permitting data? With Advanced Search, for example, you can create a list of all the active building permits on a street or even a list of all the swimming pool permits issued last year. More features introduced every month.

180 Days

Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code sets timelines for permit applications as well as Active permits. Starting about March 1, 2025, JAXEPICS will start enforcing these timelines again (they were previously enforced in our previous permitting system). These timelines are based on 180 days. If a permit application remains in Not Submitted status with no action within 180 days, these permits will be voided.

If an Active permit spans 180 days without “active progress” indicated by a passed inspection, the permit will be expired. If the permit has associated permits, even a passed inspection on the associated permit will be considered active progress.

If a justifiable cause can be demonstrated and the request is made prior to expiration of the permit, an extension may be granted in some circumstances.

Please note, an expired permit is considered “open” and will have to be resolved by the property owner, usually when they try to sell the property. In most cases this will require applying for a new permit to complete the work.

Joshua Gideon, CBO
Chief, Building Inspection Division
City of Jacksonville | Planning and Development Department

JATC Apprenticeship Reports

Jacksonville JATC

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

February 2025 has us at the Electrical Training Alliance of Jacksonville busier than ever! Our 5th Year apprentices have wrapped up their courses and our 4th Year apprentices are beginning the 5th Year curriculum. We are anticipating their conclusion by the Spring.

Our January class is full swing, giving us 6 classes of 1st Year apprentices. Along with the weekly night classes, we also began a Saturday class in January. This class attends all day on Saturday and is scheduled to conclude at the end of the summer.

Our Medium Voltage Splicing class for Journeyman Wireman is on track to start on February 10th. This course will be two months long and there are spots still available. If you know of a journeyman wireman interested in becoming a certified cable splicer, please have them contact us for more information or have them visit our website www.etajax.org.

As a reminder, we take applications year round and if you know anyone who may be interested in beginning a career in the electrical trade, please have them visit our website at www.etajax.org to begin the application process.

As we continue to expand, if you know a Journeyman Wireman who may be interested in becoming an instructor please have them send their resume to Assistant Training Director Daniel McEachern at dmceachern@etajax.org.

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 McEachern
Assistant Training Director

ELECTRI Research Report

ELECTRI'S Recap of Resources

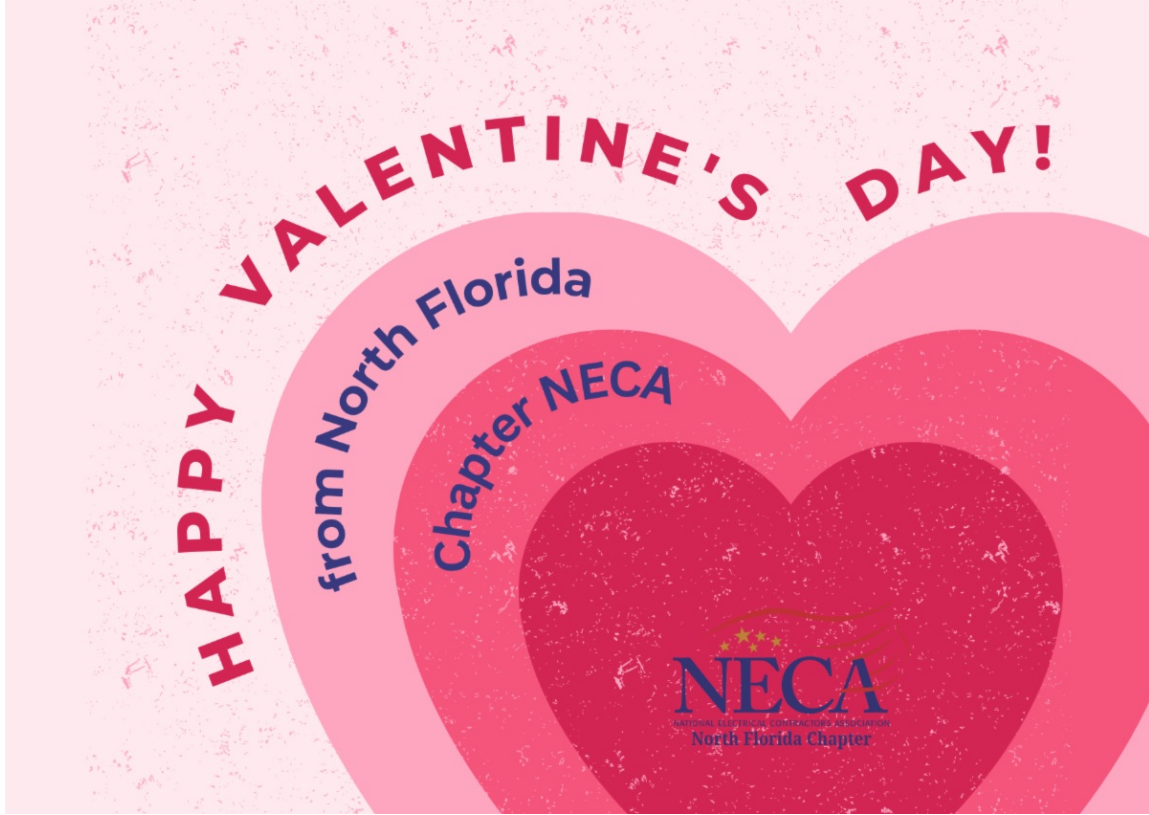
ELECTRI International has released their January 2025 Recap of Resources to share with our members. This recap includes information on the Winter Council Meeting, upcoming research projects, Action Items you can participate in, and updates to the ELECTRI Council.

Click the button below to read the full recap.

ELECTRI's Recap of Resources - January 2025

Looking Forward

- **February 20-21st, 2025:** *Future Leaders Conference in Nashville, TN*
 - **April 7-9th, 2025:** *NECA Now in Hollywood, FL*
 - **April 15th, 2025:** *Membership Meeting*
 - **August 26th, 2025:** *Membership Meeting*
 - **April 28-30th, 2025:** *Legislative Conference in Washington DC*
 - **July 14-16th, 2025:** *ELECTRI Summer Council Meeting in Toronto, Canada*
 - **September 12-15th, 2025:** *NECA Convention & Trade Show in Chicago, IL*
 - **December 5th, 2025:** *Membership Meeting & Holiday Party*
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