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NECA *Awards of Excellence*

Members of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), Western Ohio Chapter and members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82 are simply the best in the industry. Here are some highlights of their accomplishments over the last year.

Chapel Electric Company, LLC



On March 14, 2019 Chapel Electric Co., LLC received the highest safety certification awarded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), placing them among the elite contractors in the country to reach such a milestone. Of the 10 million companies in the U.S., fewer than 2,000 have qualified for VPP status.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the VPP “recognizes employers and workers in the private industry

and federal agencies who have implemented effective safety and health management systems and maintain injury and illness rates below national Bureau of Labor Statistics averages for their respective industries.” OSHA verifies qualifications through a comprehensive onsite review process and approves successful applicants.

Gaye Johnson, OSHA’s Assistant Area Director in Cincinnati, was on hand to award the VPP flag and plaque to Chapel Safety Director Scott Stevens and the entire Safety Committee. According to

about your families and how an injury would affect them. Think about how an injury affects your co-workers. Even the



Chapel Safety Director Scott Stevens (left) with OSHA Assistant Area Director Cincinnati, Gaye Johnson, receiving VPP Award.

smallest gesture can have a large impact,” says Gaye.

Chapel’s qualification for OSHA’s premiere recognition program is a testament to the

is continuously promoting the company-wide safety culture to achieve buy-in at all levels and have promoted a family like atmosphere to help maintain below industry averages,” notes Chapel Safety Director Scott Stevens.

Statistical evidence for VPP’s success is impressive. The average VPP worksite has a Days Away Restricted or Transferred (DART) case rate of 52% below the average for its industry. Reductions in injuries and illnesses begin when the site commits to the challenging VPP application process.

Since 1946, Chapel Electric Co. LLC has ventured into a variety of different market sectors in becoming one of the nation’s leading electrical contractors, from state-of-the-art electrical and technology systems for ultra-modern hospital construction, modernization and renovation, to 24/7/365 service and preventive maintenance. www.chapel.com

Kastle Electric Kastle Technologies

CareSource

The new six-story CareSource Center City, with construction led by Danis, will have the space to house 800 employees. CareSource, which now has about 2,000 employees in downtown Dayton, has been rapidly growing in recent years into a nonprofit with more than



It takes a team committed to safety to achieve VPP status. Congratulations to the Chapel Safety Committee, management, and staff for their ongoing diligence.

Gaye, the real challenge isn’t attaining VPP status, it is maintaining it. “Think outside the box. Don’t do what you’re used to, do what you’re not used to. Think

ongoing efforts by their employees at every level to develop, implement and maintain VPP quality, safety, and health management systems. . “Chapel management

Kastle, cont'd.

\$7 billion in revenue and members in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Kastle Electric is the Electrical Contractor for the new building. The work performed at CareSource includes: installing the electric for the new 6 story office space; new switch gear; fire



Newly constructed CareSource building.

alarm system; UPS system; site lighting; lighting control systems; furniture feeds; and backup generator. According to Operations Manager Tim Pruitt, "This job has offered its challenges, but we are on target for opening this spring."

Kastle Technologies is providing all of the Network infrastructure cabling needs for CareSource at all of their sites. They build out the Telecommunications rooms with network racks and provide the Cat 6 cabling from this point to the user end workstations. Kastle also installed the wireless infrastructure along with all security cabling, CCTV, access control wiring, and fiber optic cabling between network rooms throughout the buildings. Operations Manager for Kastle Technologies is Stephen Altic.

A division of Quebe Holdings, for more than 80 years the Kastle name has stood for comprehensive electrical contracting services with unsurpassed dependability. The Kastle Group is dedicated to electrical system installation, and data structured cabling systems. www.kastle-group.com

Chapel Romanoff Technologies, LLC

Dayton hosts AV Training

Everybody knows what an HDMI port is, right? It's on the back of your HDTV where you plug in your

FireStick or Roku cord. Did you know that HDMI means high-definition multimedia interface? Probably

not. But an AV technician would.

The professional audiovisual industry is a multibillion-dollar industry. The proliferation of audiovisual communications technologies, including sound, video, lighting, display and projection systems, is evident in every sector of society: in business, education, government, the military, healthcare, retail environments, sports and entertainment,



Avixa AV Train-the-Trainer class held at the Dayton ETI.

hospitality, restaurants, and museums. The application of audiovisual systems is found in collaborative conferencing (which includes video-conferencing, audio-

conferencing, web-conferencing and data-conferencing); presentation rooms, auditoriums, and lecture halls; command and control centers; digital



Joseph D. Cornwall with Legrand Data Communications Division and A/V Technology Evangelist

signage, and at home on your own TV.

The leader in AV certified training is the Audio Visual and Integrated Experience Association (AVIXA). Over 12,000 Certified Technology Specialist (CTS) certifications have been awarded by AVIXA.

AV training is available locally through the Dayton Electrical Training Institute (ETI). The National ETI recently selected the Dayton

location to host an AVIXA recognized AV Train-the-Trainer course. This hands-on course covered several areas of AV technology, including setting up operational

HDMI, DisplayPort, USB and HDBaseT infrastructure.

Kenny Smith, with Chapel Romanoff Technologies, was

instrumental in bringing the training course to Dayton, as well as earning AVIXA recognition for the course.

The instructor for the course was Joseph D. Cornwall with Legrand Data Communications Division and A/V Technology Evangelist. "Our goal was to set up four train-the-trainer full day events for select ETI locations nationwide prior to the 2019 NTI Conference in Ann Arbor to understand and support the ETI's need for AV installation training. This program should be a foundation that can be built upon to ultimately create a full AV installation curriculum to assist the electrical trades in meeting contemporary demand for qualified AV installation professionals. Using these events, we will examine the content of the proposed agenda and refine it to better fit the needs of the ETI program based upon feedback from the trainers who will attend the events," says Mr. Cornwall.

The training took place on March 26 and over 15 instructors attended.

The electrical training ALLIANCE (previously called NJATC) was created over 70 years ago as a joint training program between the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) aimed at training the best electrical workers the industry has to offer.



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Wagner Industrial Electric

UD Arena

The UD Arena turned 50 years old this year. For it to serve the community and as the home for Flyers basketball, as well as NCAA Tournament games, it required a bold, significant upgrade. UD is committed to investing in the future of Dayton basketball, and upholding the standard of excellence the University and community have come to expect. The project is a 3 year, 72-million-dollar renovation with upgrades throughout the facility.

Danis is the General Contractor for the project and Wagner Industrial Electric is the Electrical Contractor.

The renovation includes

expanding the entrances, modernizing seating, installing new fire alarm system, controllable lighting, sports lighting, switchgear, generator, electrical distribution and many other improvements and updates.



Newly reonvated UD arena.

According to Area Manager Mark Blankenship, "The renovation was completed in time for the 2018-2019 season." Scott Whip was the Project Manager for Wagner and Jon Threnhauser was the Superintendent on the project.

Wagner Industrial Electric specializes in industrial electrical construction and maintenance services. www.wagner-ind.com.

ESI Electrical Contractors

Miami Valley Hospital South

Premier Health recently launched a \$60 million expansion construction project on its Miami Valley Hospital South campus in Centerville. A spine and joint center of excellence is the cornerstone of the project. The Center of Excellence features expanded sports medicine, sports performance and pain center services.

Other expanded services include emergency medicine, cardiology and primary care. There is medical office space for dozens of additional physicians, six additional operating rooms, and expansion that includes 20

additional inpatient beds. Danis was the General Contractor for the project and ESI Electrical Contractors, Inc. was the Electrical Contractor. ESI was contracted to



\$60 million expansion of MVHS.

perform the normal and emergency power distribution, branch power, lighting, lighting controls, and fire alarm system at Miami Valley Hospital South Campus in Centerville, OH.

ESI Electrical Contractors, with over 50 years in business, serves Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

www.esielectricalcontractors.com.

Outstanding Performance Awards

Team Building Night is an annual awards program recognizing the best in the Dayton area construction industry. The event was held on April 24 at Sinclair Community College and is sponsored by the Subcontractors Association of Western Ohio and the Dayton Builders Exchange (DBX).

Brian Shockley, ESI Electrical Contractors

Brian Shockley with ESI Electrical Contractors received the DBX Electrical Project Management Award for his outstanding work on the P&G MBC J&L Building Project.

The \$300 million Procter & Gamble Co. project included a massive research and development center at its Mason campus. Cincinnati-based P&G moved 1,150 employees to the new Beauty Innovation Center from its R&D operations in Blue Ash.

According to President ESI Electrical Contractors Matt Hartshorn, "Mr. Shockley maintained a great working relationship with M+W/Hunt and Procter and Gamble. From the design, to the installation, to the commissioning, open lines of communication were meticulously maintained and required by Brian. He developed an onsite office staff with duty assignments specific enough to meet the needs of this fast pace project which assured that the field personnel would have the information and materials needed for the installations at hand. Brian Shockley is professional, safe, and delivers high quality results."

Gold Construction Industry Safety Award: ESI Electrical Contractors

ESI Safety Director Barry Smallwood accepted the DBX Gold Construction Industry Safety Award for ESI Electrical Contractors. The DBX Safety Program Award recognizes Builders Exchange of Dayton Members that have demonstrated a commitment to improving jobsite safety through development, implementation, and enforcement of a safety and risk management program. The Safety Program allows applicants to have their program reviewed by nationally renowned OSHA and Workers Compensation Attorney, Gary Auman, of Auman, Mahan and Furry. Congratulations to ESI Electrical Contractors for meeting this stringent safety criteria.



Nick Behnken, (from left), Barry Smallwood (with Safety Award), Brian Shockley (with Project Management Award), Brian Hartshorn, and Matt Hartshorn, all with ESI Electrical Contractors.

Christopher Pruitt, Kastle Technologies

Christopher Pruitt, a Dayton native, is a General Foreman at Kastle Technologies Co., LLC. He received the Electrical Craftmanship Award for his skilled management of the new CareSource building downtown.

An IBEW Low Voltage Contractor specializing in Network Infrastructure Cabling, Chris began his career in the Skilled Trades in 1995 and has gone on to manage many successful projects. Chris became a BICSI Certified Technician in 2012 and went on to become Foreman in late 2015. He was promoted to General Foreman in 2018.

In addition to being a General Foreman, Chris also holds a seat on his Employer's Corporate Safety Committee and is a member of the Local Union 82 Low Voltage Committee.

Chris is married and a father of four. When Chris isn't managing projects he likes to spend time with his family in the outdoors.



Operations Manager Steve Altic with Kastle Technologies (left) with Award Winner Chris Pruitt.

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