

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



**Eastern Illinois Chapter**

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**Spring / Summer  
2025**

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## **Meeting Dates**

### **June 18th**

JATC Meeting  
JATC Office 2:00pm

### **June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Board of Directors Meeting  
NECA – 8am

### **July 7th**

LMCC/Bond/Audit  
Union Hall 8:30am



*50 years and counting!*

## **New Labor Rates Posted**

IBEW Local 176 has completed their wage/benefit allocation process and the new Inside/Residential/VDV Agreements wage sheets for 2025-26 effective June 1<sup>st</sup> have been emailed to all area contractors. They are also available on our website at <https://www.necaeil.com/labor>. It's important to note all these Agreements will expire in June 2026 and we will soon begin negotiations for new CBAs early next year.

## **New Apprenticeship Rotation Policy**

As we wrote about in our last Newsletter, there is a new Rotation Policy effective within the Local 176 jurisdiction available to all area contractors. The new Policy is available to review here: <https://www.necaeil.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Apprentice-Rotation-Policy>. In this jurisdiction, inside journeyman apprentices are subject to rotation every nine months during their first three years of the apprenticeship program. This new policy better defines these rotations and gives contractors the ability to retain apprentices under certain circumstances. Specifically, you may have an apprentice that fits well with your company and will likely to be a foreman you can build a crew around. Under this new policy, that apprentice can be exempted from future rotations, with their consent, helping you to build your business. We've had a few contractors take advantage of this Policy but want to make sure all contractors are aware of it. Should you have any questions, feel free to call our Chapter Manager, Scott Dworschak at 815-729-2288 to discuss.

## **Quick Notes:**

Remember, when you are making your Electronic Program Reporting (EPR) payments electronically, it often takes a day for the bank to process them. Therefore, try and schedule those transactions by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid problems.

Our VDV Tech apprenticeship program has expanded to a four-year program. Wage schedules are included with the Local VDV Agreement.

***MANPOWER REPORT******Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of April 2025***

	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>VDV</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Local Contractors	32	2	7	2
Traveling Contractors	<u>112</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>0</u>
	144	6	39	2
Workers-Local	519	3	71	7
Workers-Travelers	<u>446</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>0</u>
	956	11	213	7
Hours-Local	97,520	432	9,694	1,105
Hours-Travelers	<u>46,919</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>9,014</u>	<u>0</u>
	144,439	1,469	18,708	1,105

Number of Workers registered for Work as of 05.27.25.

Book I..... 116                      Book II..... 85                      Apprentices.....0  
                  Residential Wiremen.... 8                      Residential Trainees....0  
                  VDV Tech.... 8                      VDV Trainees....0

