



Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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Holiday Schedule

Our website is up and running! Please take some time to check it out. We are always open to suggestions so if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on our website or if you want to know why something is or is not on this website, just call or e-mail us.

Our office will be closed on Friday, April 9th for the Good Friday holiday. We will resume business again on Monday, April 12th.

Thanks, Jim

One item of interest to you may be the class schedule. This schedule gives you an idea of what will be taught on any particular class day. This may be of particular interest to you for many reasons. For example:

The Answer Box

If you are a contractor you may have a need to know what is being covered on a particular evening or you may decide you would like to sit in on a class. Knowing what type of subject is scheduled to be covered, may help you decide if you would like to attend. Please contact us if you are interested in a particular class.

This newsletter is our opportunity to answer your questions.

Question: I'm in school right now. When does this school year end?



Answer: Since all classes did not start on the same date and have varying requirements, the best way for you to know when your class will be done is to view our website and check out the appropriate class schedule.

If you are an apprentice attending class – and have been given credit for prior schooling, you can review this schedule to determine which dates you will not need to attend.

Question: I'm not an apprentice, but I got an "Out of Work Survey" from the JATC. Why should I fill it out and send it back?

If you are an IBEW member or non-union employee working for a signatory Limited Energy contractor, you may see a class that you would like to attend.

Answer: The JATC is performing a service to the Contractors and IBEW members. By filling out this survey, IBEW members have a way of getting valuable information to contractors who are looking for people. This information includes phone numbers, training, and areas of practical work experience. Contractors have the ability to call the JATC for the Out of Work Report and can use this report to call you for an interview or to offer a job.

Our website also has a listing of currently scheduled continuing education classes. You can register for any of these classes on-line. These classes will help any person holding a Power Limited Technician License meet the training requirement for license renewal. **We have April and May classes now listed.**

Contractors: You can download forms to notify us of a change in employment status, recommendation for apprenticeship or evaluation of performance for an apprentice or individual you are recommending for apprenticeship.

The only information on the Survey that will not appear on the Out of Work Report is your street address, social security number, and Union affiliation. If you are an IBEW member and not currently working, you can download the survey and Authorization to Release Information; fax them to the JATC and your information will be placed on this report.

IBEW Members: You can also download a number of forms. These can be used by apprentices and non-apprentices.

Have fun navigating your way through our website and don't forget to contact us for your training needs.

Please keep asking questions. Remember, the question you ask is probably something that someone else is wondering.

[Send your newsletter suggestions to editor@statewidelea.org](mailto:editor@statewidelea.org)

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From Jim's Desk



From time to time, we are asked ...

"I've been working in this industry for a long time now. Why would I want to go to school!?"

There are many answers to this question. I have listed some compelling reasons why you may want to consider school.

1. Technology is changing at an ever increasing pace. To keep up with the changes in technology, you will need to update your training. Although the JATC does not currently do product specific training, we do train on industry wide technology changes.
2. The scope of work covered under Limited Energy is in many specialized areas. For example, if your specialized area of work has typically been Fire Alarm and Security Systems, you may not be able to market your skills to a contractor needing people with skills in voice & data. The best way for you to gain some of these skills is through training. Training that you can receive at our JATC.
3. The Limited Energy Union Agreement states that you cannot be promoted beyond certain levels without going through apprenticeship. In order for you to be promoted, it may be necessary for you to go to school.
4. Technology has been changing at an ever increasing pace. Part of the function of the JATC is to stay up to date on new technology and train on these changes. We have vendors who are willing to train on the technology changes for their products. This training is available to all Limited Energy personnel, not only apprentices.

Hopefully, you have your own motivating reasons for attending classes, but if you don't, any of the reasons above should help you to realize that continuing your education is in your best interest and in the best interest of your chosen industry.

Thanks, Jim

Donations Received

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following vendors for donations of equipment to our JATC.

GE Security: Kalatel digital video recorder, miscellaneous security and fire alarm equipment, training aids and product catalogs.

Stuttle: 12" structured wiring panel, training aids and product catalogs.

We sincerely appreciate these equipment donations and the value that has been added to our lab training area.

Continuing Education

There were 40 people who attended the class on Home Audio/Video. This was the first time this particular class was offered and the response was overwhelming.

There is a wealth of information for this area and we would like to go into more depth on this subject. So the next time this is offered, it will be in multiple parts. You will have the opportunity to select sections or attend the entire series of classes

Watch future newsletters and our website for more information!



Instructors Wanted

Do you have skills that you are interested in passing along to others?

You may feel you do not have the broad knowledge needed for teaching. However, the continuing education classes we hold are on specific areas of work. This may make you qualified as an instructor for this type of class.

If you are interested in learning more about instructor opportunities, please contact me.

Thanks, Jim