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# Message from Chairman Jan Leggett



Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope you all found ample time to sit and enjoy the company of those closest to you this past holiday season. As you re-evaluate your annual goals, set new heights for achievement in the months to come, the Board is also undertaking similar initiatives.

As you are well aware, of primary concern and interest to the Board is protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public, while also promoting the integrity of Nevada's licensed contractors. We achieve this through a series of press releases, sting operations targeting unlicensed contractors, various partnering activities, and other outreach initiatives. But this year, we've got a different strategy up our sleeve, and one that I am eager to share with you.

The Board is developing a 2016 Public Outreach Campaign to engage Nevada

consumers, promote the Board's protections when hiring licensed contractors, speak of the integrity of the construction industry, highlight scams targeting the most vulnerable in our community and offer insights on ways they can protect themselves, and make available the resources people need in the most emergent of times, such as after a disaster.

The campaign is expected to launch in March and will host a minimum of one event each month alternating between the north and south ends of the state, including the rural, outlying areas. We will be partnering with a number of entities, associations, consumer groups, and others with a vested interest in the topics we've developed.

Why is this of interest to you, a licensed contractor, you may be asking?

While there are many reasons, the most important is so that you will hopefully attend one or more of these events and help us spread the word to your customers, colleagues, friends, and family members. This long-term campaign is intended to engage a variety of consumers, public officials, local and state agencies, as well as the industry at large.

Frequency and consistency in our message over the next

eight months will warrant greater conversation and understanding about the construction industry and the value licensed contractors add to everyday projects. Keep an eye out on your e-mail, as we'll be sure to send you information on the event dates and any opportunities for you to get involved in the event.

As we focus much of our efforts this year on public outreach, I do not want to overlook the Board's interest in keeping the industry informed of Board activities as well. The Board welcomes invitations to come and address a group of contractors at an association gathering to provide you the most current information noticed by the Board.

Often our presentations highlight trends in the industry, compliance issues that are being violated frequently and how contractors can prevent unnecessary interactions with the Board, strategic initiatives we are working on, and other updates that may be of interest to your particular group.

Open communication, transparency, and effective and timely interactions are what we strive for on a daily basis. We thank you for your continued interest in the Board's activities and promise to keep you informed on upcoming items of interest to you.

# Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The New Year brings changes in Nevada's construction environment, as new laws take effect, new regulations are adopted and your Contractors Board moves to strengthen its relationships with the building industry and community partners.

Even before the calendar page turned, we were pleased to deliver good news to many of Nevada's licensees. The Board issued a one-time refund of a portion of licensing fees paid over the last five years to nearly 15,000 eligible licensees. Thanks to conservative fiscal management and streamlined Board activities, more than \$2.5 million was returned to contractors from our reserve account.

I'm also pleased to announce that the Board was successful in creating a new subclassification to allow for remodel and tenant improvement work in structures exceeding three stories in height. The B-6 subclassification took effect December 31, 2015 after being approved by the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Regulations.

Continuing on the licensing front, staff have been working recently on revamping our licensing application, which is expected to replace the existing application this month. The new packet of information has been streamlined, instructions



made more clear for applicants to follow, the overall organization improved, and the length shortened.

We hope you find these changes to be positive and we welcome any feedback you may have after using the new format. We hope these changes will further improve our processing times based on applicants' having a greater understanding of the requirements and information necessary to submit to the Board.

Finally, since it's the beginning of a new year, I wanted to take an opportunity to provide you with a few reminders to ensure your compliance with the Board.

Please note that a contractor's license does not permit you to perform work on manufactured structures or mobile homes. Pursuant to NRS 624.215 and NRS 489.311, a license from the Manufactured

Housing Division is required for this work. Working on a manufactured structure/mobile home without a Manufactured Housing Division Serviceperson license is unlawful and may result in disciplinary action against businesses and each individual worker.

These last few reminders are simple to do and will save you unnecessary interactions with the Board:

- Place your renewal date on your calendar so you don't forget!
- Ensure your license and monetary limit are visible on all contracts.
- Pull permits for projects prior to performing the work.
- If you're a residential contractor, double-check you are providing customers with statutory information on the Residential Recovery Fund - it's one of the biggest selling points to share with your customers about hiring a licensed contractor!

We appreciate your diligence in meeting the requirements for your license. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to give our office a call!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margi Grein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Division is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board. The program provides applicants and licensees with

## Licenses Issued

| FY 2014-2015     |           |       | FY 2015-2016     |           |     |
|------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-----------|-----|
| 2014             | July      | 112   | 2015             | July      | 84  |
| 2014             | August    | 120   | 2015             | August    | 87  |
| 2014             | September | 78    | 2015             | September | 92  |
| TOTAL 1st Qtr:   |           | 310   | TOTAL 1st Qtr:   |           | 263 |
| 2014             | October   | 92    | 2015             | October   | 104 |
| 2014             | November  | 82    | 2015             | November  | 94  |
| 2014             | December  | 108   | 2015             | December  | 95  |
| TOTAL 2nd Qtr:   |           | 282   | TOTAL 2nd Qtr:   |           | 293 |
| 2015             | January   | 77    | 2016             | January   |     |
| 2015             | February  | 76    | 2016             | February  |     |
| 2015             | March     | 107   | 2016             | March     |     |
| TOTAL 3rd Qtr:   |           | 260   | TOTAL 3rd Qtr:   |           | 0   |
| 2015             | April     | 77    | 2016             | April     |     |
| 2015             | May       | 75    | 2016             | May       |     |
| 2015             | June      | 99    | 2016             | June      |     |
| TOTAL 4th Qtr:   |           | 251   | TOTAL 4th Qtr:   |           | 0   |
| TOTAL FY 2014-15 |           | 1,103 | TOTAL FY 2015-16 |           | 556 |

## Quarterly Statistics

New License Apps: 355 (+2%)

313 Approved

29 Tabled/Denied

Issued Licenses: 293 (+3.9%)

License Change Apps: 706 (-7%)

Active Licenses: 15,059 (+1%)

Inactive Licenses: 968 (-12%)

53 Declared Inactive in Q2 (+1.9%)

Voluntary Surrender: 53 (-14.5%)

Active License Renewals:

1,425 (+0.1%)

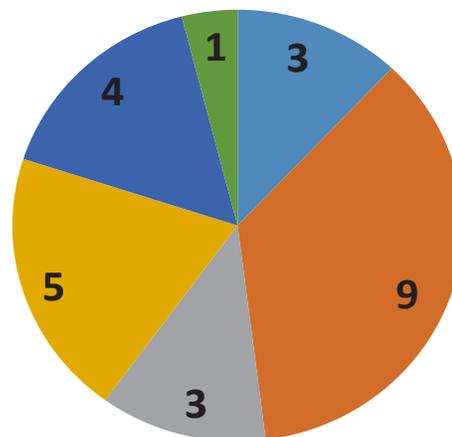
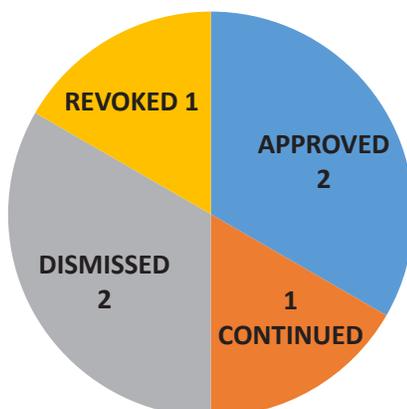
Inactive License Renewals:

74 (-31.4%)

License Suspensions (no bond):

183 (-16.8%)

## Financial Responsibility Hearing Outcomes



- APPROVED
- APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
- CONTINUED
- DENIED
- WITHDRAWN
- VACATED

## New Application Denial Hearings

# Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Division assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

## Compliance Complaints Filed

|                   | FY 2011-12 | FY 2012-13 | FY 2013-14 | FY 2014-15 | FY 2015-16 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>COMPLAINTS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>JUL</b>        | 148        | 157        | 145        | 167        | 144        |
| <b>AUG</b>        | 226        | 158        | 142        | 168        | 158        |
| <b>SEPT</b>       | 171        | 171        | 123        | 151        | 129        |
| <b>1st Qtr</b>    | <b>545</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>410</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>431</b> |
| <b>OCT</b>        | 204        | 185        | 132        | 148        | 177        |
| <b>NOV</b>        | 187        | 155        | 109        | 121        | 132        |
| <b>DEC</b>        | 174        | 134        | 135        | 119        | 112        |
| <b>2nd Qtr</b>    | <b>565</b> | <b>474</b> | <b>376</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>421</b> |
| <b>JAN</b>        | 169        | 186        | 122        | 139        |            |
| <b>FEB</b>        | 174        | 165        | 119        | 158        |            |
| <b>MAR</b>        | 163        | 147        | 130        | 152        |            |
| <b>3rd Qtr</b>    | <b>506</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>371</b> | <b>449</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>APR</b>        | 162        | 162        | 141        | 166        |            |
| <b>MAY</b>        | 159        | 147        | 160        | 153        |            |
| <b>JUN</b>        | 166        | 131        | 162        | 172        |            |
| <b>4th Qtr</b>    | <b>487</b> | <b>440</b> | <b>463</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>0</b>   |

### QUARTERLY STATISTICS

419 opened complaints

- 184 Workmanship
- 73 Money Owing
- 62 Industry Reg.

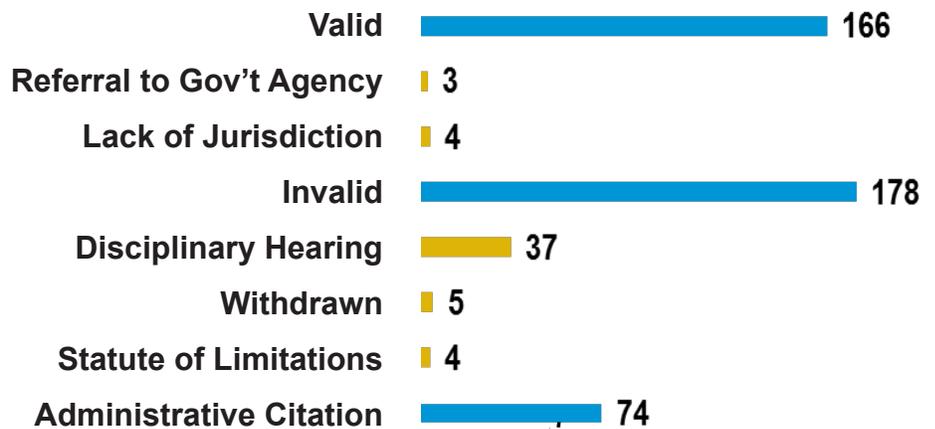
295 Pending Cases  
66 Administrative Citations

472 Closed Complaints  
\$64,475 in Fines

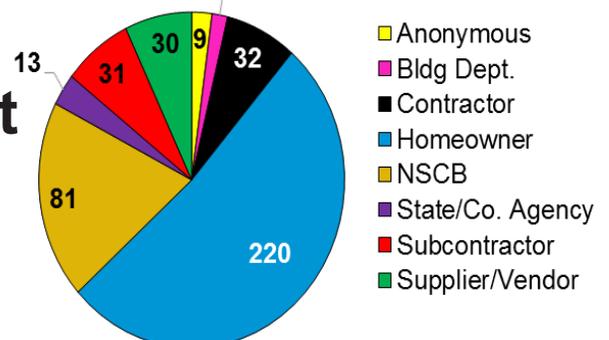
37 Cases Referred for Disciplinary Hearing

- 9 licenses revoked
- 36 fines (\$62,100)

## Closed Case Outcomes



## Complaint Sources



# Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

NSCB's Criminal Investigations Division responds to all unlicensed contractor complaints. After gathering evidence, the Board submits cases to the district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

## QUARTERLY STATS

### 288 Opened Complaints

- 195 Contracting w/o License
- 79 Unlawful Advertising
- 7 Criminal Fraud

### 329 Closed Complaints

- 24 Administrative Citation
- 56 Criminal Citations Issued
- 50 Criminal Charges Filed
- 1,365 Pending cases

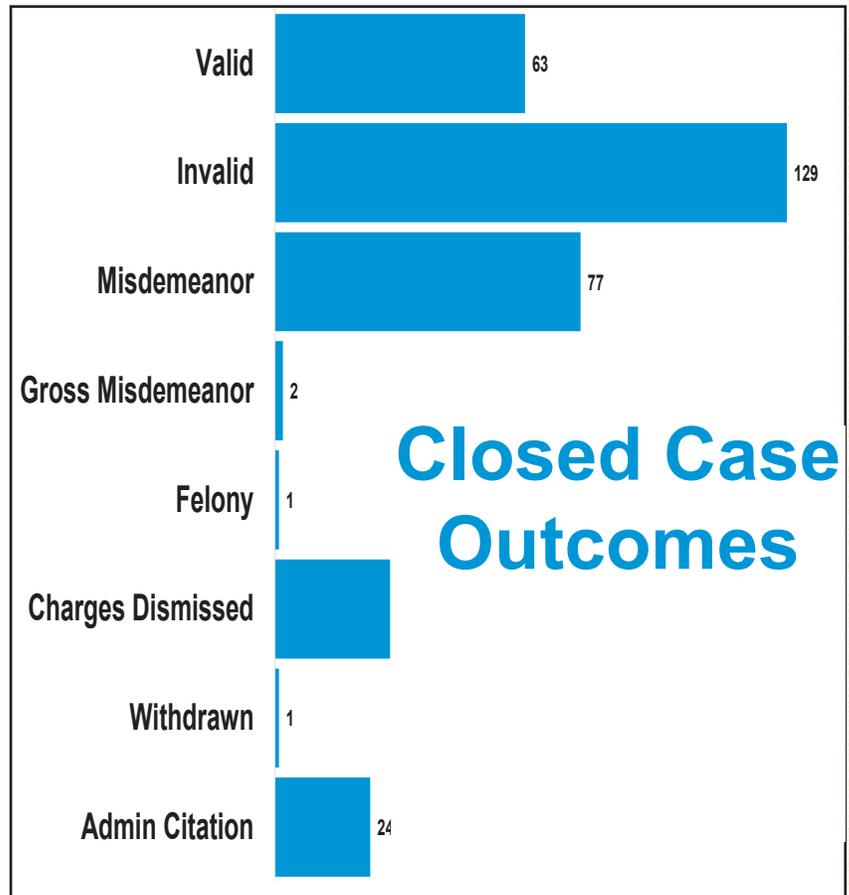
### 80 Criminal Convictions

- 77 Misdemeanor
- 2 Gross Misdemeanor
- 1 Felony

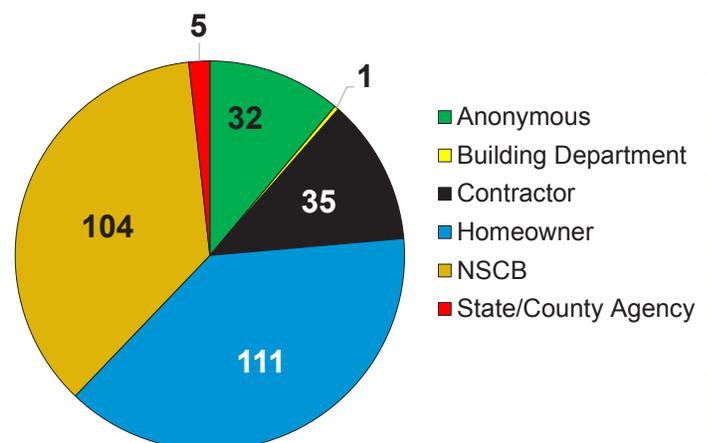
130 Cease and Desist Orders

Northern Nevada's legitimate, licensed contractors lost more than \$3.1 million to unlicensed contractors during the second quarter of fiscal year 2015-16.

This value is calculated based on criminal complaints received and the contract values associated with them.



## Sources of Criminal Complaints



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# Board engaged in solar education

During the quarter, the Contractors Board hosted the first Western States Forum on Construction Enforcement in what will become an annual tradition. Executive, enforcement and public relations staff from the contractors licensing boards of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington participated in the meeting.

The forum provided an opportunity to discuss and better understand each states' investigative and public outreach programs. Topics reviewed during the meeting included Board overview and structure, preventing the exploitation of senior citizens, administrative penalties, criminal prosecutions, trends in criminal construction activities, public outreach initiatives and regulation of solar and other renewable energy construction activities.

The solar power discussion dovetails with NSCB's continuing efforts to remain abreast of



industry trends, evolving technologies, and opportunities for enhanced learning. During the quarter the Board's Enforcement Division coordinated a staff training session on residential solar installations. NSCB employees received information on the system components and tips on how to visually inspect systems for code

and regulatory requirements.

Also during the quarter, staff met with the director of the U.S. Green Building Council regarding renewable energy trends and products. While the meeting was informational in nature, it opened the door to future partnering opportunities to educate various industries and the public at large.

## NSCB warns of unlicensed pool builder

The Contractors Board has issued a Consumer Alert warning Nevada homeowners of an unlicensed pool contractor who is accused of fraud and false representation by beginning and abandoning residential pool projects.

Justin Louis Galindo, aka Jayson Luxx, allegedly meets with potential customers and presents them a bid on behalf of a legitimate Nevada-based business. He then claims to be the owner of a California-based company, and offers to build the pool at a significantly lower cost.

Once the customer agrees, Galindo begins construction on the pool, completing up to three quarters, and then abandons the project leaving homeowners with a host of code violations, homeowners association fines, tens of thousands of dollars in repair and completion costs, in addition to the large up-front payment Galindo receives to build the pool.

Galindo is 6 feet tall with a slender build, brown hair and eyes. He has extensive tattoos on his chest and arms.

# Kent Lay named new Board member

Governor Brian Sandoval appointed Kent Lay to serve as the Contractors Board's newest member effective November 5, 2015 through October 31, 2018.

Lay is division president and qualified employee of Woodside Homes of Nevada and joins the Board with more than 25 years' experience in residential and commercial general contracting.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Lay to the Nevada State Contractors Board," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "His experience and expertise will serve to further the Board's mission to protect

the public's safety and welfare."

Lay has overseen the construction of more than 10,000 homes and various commercial projects throughout the Southwest. He has served on the boards of the Southern Nevada and Arizona Home Builders Association and has been active with Home Aid of Southern Nevada.

The Board is comprised of seven members, including six licensed contractors and one public representative. Members are appointed for three-year terms.



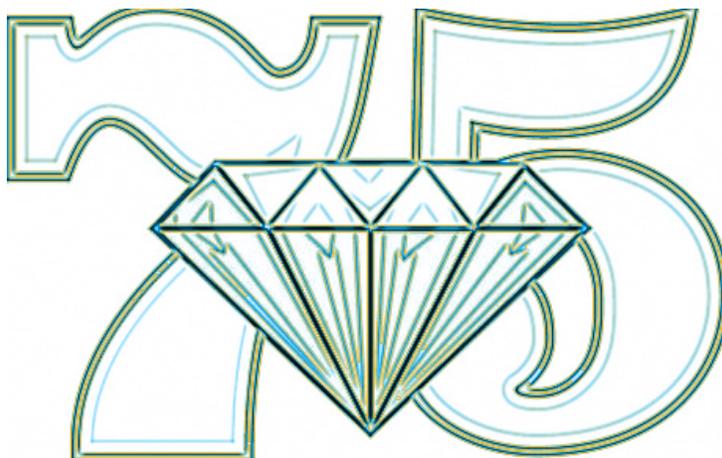
KENT LAY

## NSCB celebrates diamond anniversary

The Nevada State Contractors Board marks 75 years of service to the state's homeowners and construction industry in 2016. The Board was established by act of the Nevada State Legislature in 1941.

To celebrate, the Board will unveil an innovative marketing campaign and will host several issue-oriented forums throughout the state. The media tour will feature key NSCB employees discussing the Board's licensing, regulatory, enforcement, public relations and advocacy activities.

Potential topics include protecting seniors from construction-related fraud, encouraging new homeowners to use only licensed contractors,



maintaining the integrity of the construction industry and disaster preparedness and recovery.

The campaign is expected to launch in March 2016 and will run through October 2016. It is NSCB's goal to host a minimum of one event

each month, alternating between northern and southern Nevada.

The events will include other local and state agencies whose missions coincide with NSCB's mandate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Nevada's homeowners. Elected officials, community service organizations, students and educators are also expected to participate.

# Take extra care in cold weather

By Chris Kimball  
West Coast Consultants

The Natural Resources Conservation District estimates that the snowpack throughout Nevada is at about 110 percent of normal for this date. That is a great sign after years of drought, yet it also comes with some inherent consequences.

The increased snow and cold weather have caused some significant issues with regards to construction in the state.

Contractors building in these conditions should be aware of extra safety and quality measures that should be taken in cold-weather conditions.

## General Provisions

Section 2104.3 of the International Building Code states that special “cold weather construction procedures” shall be followed when jobsite conditions are anticipated to drop below 40 degrees at any time during the job. During this time of year it is more than likely that temperatures will fall to these levels even on most construction projects anywhere in Nevada.

Cold weather causes many construction materials to have delayed set times, fail to achieve their desired strengths, become vulnerable to frost attack and require additional precautions prior to removal from formwork. It is important to understand what the “cold



*Cold-weather damage to a concrete foundation (Photo courtesy of InspectAPedia®, <http://inspectapedia.com/index.php>).*

weather construction procedures” should be for different types of construction.

## Concrete Procedures

IBC Section 1901.2 states that concrete shall be designed and constructed in accordance with ACI 318. The cold weather construction procedures for concrete are contained in Section 5.12 of ACI 318. Detailed cold weather concreting provisions are provided in ACI 306R. The following is a brief summary of those provisions:

- Protect against freezing until a compressive strength of

500 psi has been reached.

- The temperature of concrete as mixed and placed should comply with Table 5.1 of ACI 306R (e.g. 16-inch thick section this would be 50 degrees).
- Remove visible snow and ice, and ensure that ground is not frozen.
- Warm up formwork, embeds and reinforcement.
- The length of protection depends on the loads the

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# Cold-Weather Construction Concerns

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Are you familiar with the specific code requirements for construction in cold weather? This class will walk each attendee through the specific cold weather requirements for concrete, masonry, steel, ICF, and stucco construction. In addition, the class will discuss common issues related to cold-weather construction and potential fixes/repairs.

There will likely be time remaining which can be used to discuss some common structural concerns or questions that the group might have. In order to be sure that your question gets answered please feel free to email it to the Instructor ([chrisk@wc-3.com](mailto:chrisk@wc-3.com)) ahead of the scheduled seminar date.

### Instructor: Chris Kimball, PE, MCP, CBO



Chris has more than 18 years of experience in the design, construction, and building safety industries. He is a licensed professional engineer as well as an ICC Master Code Professional. He maintains ICC certifications as a certified building official, combination plans examiner, combination inspector, and fire plans examiner/inspector. He has performed plan reviews for thousands of projects throughout Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Washington, California and Arizona.

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 9, 2016**

Elko City Council Chambers  
1751 College Avenue  
Elko, NV 89801

**TIME: 8:00am – 12:00pm**

**COST: Free!**

If you plan on attending please email an RSVP by email to Renee Gunn ([reneeg@wc-3.com](mailto:reneeg@wc-3.com)) so that we know how many handouts and refreshments will be needed.

*Each attendee will receive a 0.35 ICC Preferred Provider CEU's for their participation.*

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concrete is expected to support and must comply with Table 7.1 of ACI 306R (e.g. No load = 2 days).

### **Masonry Procedures**

IBC Section 2104.3 refers to Article 1.8 C of TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6 for the cold weather construction procedures that are to be used in masonry construction. The following is a brief summary of those provisions:

- Do not lay masonry units with temperatures of less than or equal to 20 degrees or with visible ice or snow on their surface.
- Remove visible ice and snow from the surface of the existing foundation or masonry to receive new construction.
- Heat surfaces to above freezing using a method that will not result in damage.
- Depending upon ambient temperatures mixing water and sand are to be heated.
- Maintain mortar temperature above freezing until used in masonry.
- Maintain grout temperature above 70 degrees until placed.
- Use wind breaks or enclosures when wind velocity exceeds 15 miles per hour.
- Protect newly construction masonry by covering with weather-resistive membrane for 24 hours. Depending upon ambient temperature, insulating blankets or heated enclosures may be required.
- Periodic special inspections are required to ensure that cold weather construction are being followed (see Tables 4 and 5 of TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6).

### **Stucco Procedures**

- IBC Section 2512.4 provides requirements for the exterior application of cement plaster (i.e. stucco). It is important that stucco not

be allowed to freeze within the first 24 hours as this will cause permanent ice crystals to form within the cement matrix, it will never allow the material to reach its potential strength, and the stucco may experience future deterioration. The following is a brief summary of the cold weather provisions for stucco applications.

- Ambient temperature must be greater than 40 degrees.
- Shall be protected against freezing for a period of not less than 24 hours after set has occurred.

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# Non-profit battles homelessness

A non-profit organization in the Las Vegas area offers contractors, their employees and other concerned citizens the opportunity to make a difference in solving the region's homeless problem. HomeAid Southern Nevada estimates that of the 3.4 million Americans who experience homelessness each year, more than 80 percent are women, children and families who experience an economic trauma, such as job loss, natural disaster, divorce, or health issue.

HomeAid targets this transient homeless population, providing them shelter and assistance as they work their way back to self-sufficiency. The southern Nevada chapter was founded in 2004. Though it was shuttered during the economic downturn, the chapter is back in operation and is sponsored by the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association.

Over the past dozen years, HomeAid Southern Nevada has renovated more than 95,000 square feet of living space and helped more than 1,500 homeless children and adults. This work would not have been possible without the cash, material and equipment donations and labor contributed by builders, tradespeople, sponsors and volunteers.

HomeAid uses the donations to build shelter projects and then donates them to local



charities such as the Boys Hope Girls Hope, Mercy House, Salvation Army, Volunteers of America and others that understand the needs of their local homeless population. The recipient organizations are free to use the homelessness-reduction models that they have found successful. HomeAid then works with the charity to ensure it provides adequate social services and assistance to transition their residents out of homelessness, into permanent housing, achieving the positive outcomes the HomeAid project home is intended.

Last year the organization completed a drop-in center and donated it to the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. The year-long construction project increases NPHY's service capacity by 40 percent. As is the case in all HomeAid projects, donations of time, material and equipment accounted for more than 70 percent of the job's needs.

The need for continued support of non-profit organizations that serve the homeless population continues to grow,

according to HomeAid Southern Nevada.

"Oftentimes, this is a forgotten population, so with the help of HomeAid Southern Nevada, many organizations are able to expand their operations, continue to provide beds and ultimately serve more homeless men, women and children in our community," the organization's website notes. "We recognize that the financial burden of building can become overwhelming and we want to help. In order to allow these great organizations to serve the homeless, we essentially take away the burden of the building process and all that comes with it."

Every HomeAid project includes support services that help residents move toward self-sufficiency — education, job skills training and physical and emotional support.

To find out how you or your company can get involved, contact: HomeAid Southern Nevada (702) 794-0117 ext 100 or email: [info@homeaidsn.org](mailto:info@homeaidsn.org).

# Board revokes, fines licenses

**RENO and HENDERSON, Nev.** – The Nevada State Contractors Board took action against several licensed contractors at its July, August and September disciplinary hearings:

**D&S Electric, Inc.**, license number 58543 (electrical wiring), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for lending the license to an unauthorized individual who is not on the license, failure to include the company name or license number on an advertisement, failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days of the change, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**Maraton Construction, LLC**, license number 78359 (residential and small commercial), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was suspended pending the hearing, which was continued to November 4.

**Alpha 1 Construction**, license number 49793 (general building), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$13,000 and

## Additional claims filed against Creative Interiors

Homeowners have filed several additional Residential Recovery Fund claims against Creative Interior Solutions in the wake of the company's license revocation and filing of criminal charges.

As reported in the last edition of *Horizons*, the Contractors Board during the first quarter revoked Creative Interior Solutions' license and fined the company \$60,000. The Board also submitted fraud cases against the company to the District Attorney. Those charges are currently pending. Sixteen homeowners filed Residential Recovery Fund claims during Quarter 1 for alleged damage caused by the former contractor. Those claimants have been awarded more than \$185,000 collectively.

The Recovery Fund Subcommittee will evaluate the new claims received during the third quarter.

The original investigation found Creative Interior Solutions in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship, failure to take corrective action, failure to prosecute a construction project with reasonable diligence, causing material injury, abandonment of a construction project when the percentage completed is less than the percentage of the contract price received, willful disregard for the state's building laws, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to comply with a request from the Board for information or records, failure to comply with terms or a contract or warranty, causing material injury, abandonment of a construction project without legal excuse, and failure to establish financial responsibility.

assessed investigative costs.

**ERUS Builders, LLC**, license number 78524 (residential and small commercial), based out of Phoenix, Ariz., was found in violation for misuse of a license, failure to include the

monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, and aiding and abetting an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$4,000, assessed investigative

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costs and required to submit a current financial statement and bank verification within 30 days in order to determine if the current license limit is supportable.

**Hart Tech, LLC, dba Go Solar**, license numbers 76382 (residential and small commercial) and 77760 (electrical), and Hart Tech, LLC, dba Service 1st Energy Solutions, license numbers 73844 (insulation and weather stripping) and 75376 (air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for aiding, abetting, conspiring with, and acting as an agent, partner, or associate of an unlicensed person, failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, and committing a fraudulent or deceitful act. Licensee was fined \$2,550 and assessed investigative costs.

**Bormann Construction, Ltd.**, license number 56998 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment of a construction project, diversion of funds, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a contract or proposal, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$7,800 and assessed investigative costs.

**Parmac Builders, LLC, dba Reliable Painting & Drywall**, license number 73120 (painting and drywall), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the building laws of the state, knowingly entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor, failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for com-



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**Reno** 775-850-7838 (ph.) 775-850-7854 (fax)

**24-Hour License Verification**  
702-486-1100 or 775-688-1141 (Information Line)  
[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)

pliance, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

**Maraton Construction, LLC**, license number 78359 (residential and small commercial), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for bidding or contracting in excess of the license limit, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license remains suspended pending payment of fines and costs and submittal of a current financial statement supporting the license limit.

**Darryl Leo Backman, dba Darryl Backman**, license number 55573 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license and willful disregard of the state's building laws. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended pending submittal of a current financial statement supporting the license limit.

**Larry A. Silecchio, dba Silecchio Construction**, license number 46112 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to prosecute a construction project or operation thereby

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causing material injury to another and failure to take corrective action. Licensee was fined \$1,750 assessed investigative costs.

**Desert View Remodelers LLC, dba Universal Windows Direct**, license number 77650 (residential and small commercial) and Desert View Remodelers LLC, dba Universal Solar Direct 79863 (electrical), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

**Nulook Vegas Inc., dba Nulook Floor**, license numbers 78041 (tiling), 78040 (install terrazzo and marble), and 77825 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to a written request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$150 and assessed investigative costs.

**Desert Green Landscape Maintenance, Inc., dba D.G. Landscape**, license number 75613 (landscape contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, willful disregard of the state's laws regarding industrial insurance, and failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

**Michael D. Bell, dba Golden Bear Construction**, license number 37123 (residential and small commercial), based out of Carson City, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the state's building laws, failure to take appropriate corrective action, misuse of a license, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$6,000



and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended pending payment of fines and costs.

**Nevada Controls, LLC**, license numbers 74058 (electrical) and 74056 (general engineering), based out of Carson City, Nev., was found in violation for bidding in excess of the monetary limit

placed on the license, failure to prosecute a construction contract or operation thereby causing material injury to another, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, failure to notify the Board of a bankruptcy, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Fines and costs were not assessed due to the respondent's Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing.

**Home Innovations**, license number 67302 (low-voltage electrical), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,550 and assessed investigative costs. The license remains suspended pending submission of a financial statement that supports the license limit. A hearing to determine restitution in this case has been set for February 17, 2016.

**A.A.C.A., LLC, dba Mr. Rooter Plumbing**, license number 73696 (plumbing), based out of Mission Hills, Calif., was found in violation for willful disregard of the state's building laws. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**A.R.A. Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.**, license number 40233A (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful failure to pay any money due for any materials or services

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January 27, 2016

## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

### SUBJECT: Metallic Gas Piping

On October 21, 2015, a Notice to Industry was sent regarding the enforcement of Code Requirements involving Metallic Gas Piping. The Notice stated that effective February 1, 2016, Clark County will be enforcing the provision in Section 301 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, which requires that all Pipe and Fittings in a gas piping system be listed by an approved listing agency to the appropriate Standard.

Since October 21, 2015, the following has taken place:

- Clark County has received notice from pipe industry representatives that appropriate listings are in process.
- Industry representatives are in conversation with listing agencies to discuss whether fire sprinkler pipe listing may be used in conjunction with metallic gas piping.
- At this time, there are 5 manufacturer/suppliers of fittings that are properly listed.

As sufficient progress toward compliance is being shown, Clark County is postponing enforcement of the listing requirements until May 2, 2016.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL D. PALMER, P.E., CBO  
Assistant Director

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# App helps builders get tax credit

The Nevada Governor's Office of Energy recently approved the use of a special, upgraded software to assist builders gain access to the federal 45L Energy Efficient Home Tax Credit, a move that is expected to reduce the use of fossil fuels and cut costs for home buyers.

The Office of Energy recognized the ability of home builders to use EnergyPro v4.7 software, which incorporates energy saving "credit" for many home energy rating services not accounted for in the prior version of EnergyPro. Staff at the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association has been working with the Office of Energy to gain access to the valuable



federal tax credit for Nevada builders and developers.

"Working with the Governor's Office of Energy to recognize builders who are exceeding the standard, and giving Nevada companies the opportunity to bring more federal dollars back to our local economy, is the sort

of common sense regulatory solutions we should be working toward," said Erv Nelson, Nevada state assemblyman and chairman of the Interim Legislative Committee on Energy.

The 45L tax credit applies to single-family and multi-family dwelling units (three stories or less) that are sold or leased between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2016. Specifically, if any of the dwellings exceed the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code heating and cooling budgets by 50 percent, they may be eligible for the tax credit of \$2,000 per unit. Builders and developers can claim the tax credit retroactively for up to three years.

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rendered, failure to establish financial responsibility, and willful disregard of the state's building laws. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

**Jersey Electric, dba Jersey Electric & Solar**, license number 52193 (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure notify the Board of a bankruptcy. Fines and costs were not assessed due to Jersey Electric's bankruptcy filing.

**Bee Green Energy, LLC**, license numbers 78089 (electrical) and 78239 (residential and small commercial based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for misrepresentation of a material fact intended to induce another person to use services of the contractor, substandard workmanship, failure to include the license num-

ber or monetary limit on a bid or contract, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,300 and assessed investigative costs. License number 78089 was suspended pending submission of a financial statement that supports the license limit and payment of fines and costs. The qualified individual was removed off license number 78089.

**Robert Clifford Finley, dba Finley Electric Services**, license number 57936 (electrical), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay money due for materials or services, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.



# Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see The State of Nevada "State Contractors Board Handbook," Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administration Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Keep your bond current. NRS 624.270
- Check to ensure that licenses or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Be sure name of business under which contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. NRS 624.305
- Be sure the amount of the bid or contract is within the monetary limit of the contractor. NRS 624.3015(2)
- Be sure that the contract is within the scope of work/license classification. NRS 624.3015(3)
- Know what you are contracting for, verify terms of the contract, and comply with terms of the contract. NRS 624.3013(1)
- If it is not in your written contract, it doesn't exist. Make sure all change orders are in writing and signed by all parties. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720
- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)

# Continued Education & Training

**T**echnology has changed the way different industries operate. It has even changed the construction industry. In order to keep up with changing technology and information, it has become a necessity to continually seek training and education. If you are interested in furthering your education and training your employees, please click on links to various OSHA safety, construction and computer courses. Links will direct you to various educational institutions located in Northern and Southern Nevada. Contact information will be listed, so please direct any questions regarding the courses to the educational institutions.

## Southern Nevada

### College of Southern Nevada

#### CSN Course Schedule (.pdf)

*\*Please Note: The CSN Course Schedule link is a PDF document. The following pages and categories are listed for your convenience. Note, too, that some courses may require prerequisites.*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Air Conditioning Technology - pg. 5     | Computer Office Technology - pg. 31       |
| Building Information Modeling - pg. 7   | Fire Protection - pg. 62                  |
| Building Codes, pg. 7, pg. 16           | Geographic Information Systems - pg. 65   |
| Construction Technology - pg. 20        | Mechanical Technology, pg. 85             |
| Computer Aided Drafting/Design - pg. 22 | Sustainable Construction - pg. 110        |
| Construction Management - pg. 31        | General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276 |

**OSHA Safety Courses**  
<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9vyx>

**Contact:**  
[OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu](mailto:OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu) or  
1 (877) 651-OSHA

**Computer Courses**  
<http://tinyurl.com/6twzcu>

**Contact:**  
[DWED@csn.edu](mailto:DWED@csn.edu)  
(702) 651-4747

**Computer Basics**  
<http://tinyurl.com/6wubnmm>

**Contact:**  
[DWED@csn.edu](mailto:DWED@csn.edu)  
(702) 651-4747

# Northern Nevada

## Truckee Meadows Community College

**Safety and Training Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7m226hq>  
contact: [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu) or (775) 857-4958

**Computer Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvrr>  
Contact: [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu) or (775) 829-9010

### TMCC Course Schedule

*\*Please Note: This link is a PDF document. The following pages, categories and phone numbers are listed for your convenience. Some courses may require prerequisites. For information, call (775) 673-7000..*



**Air Conditioning Courses** - pg. D-191

**Architecture** - pg. D-196

**Building Inspection** - pg. D-205

**CADD** - pg. D-209

**Computer & Office Technology** - pg. D-211

**Construction** - pg. D-215

**Electrical Technology** - pg. D-234

## Great Basin College

[Course catalog](#)

**General Inquiries Contact** (775) 738-8493

Great Basin College offers several courses of interest to Nevada's contractors:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding

## Western Nevada College

**Course Schedule:** <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/catalog/all/>

**Courses of interest to contractors include:**

Air Conditioning

Applied Industrial Technology

Building Codes and Inspections

Computer Aided Drafting Design

Construction Management and Trade Courses

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Applications/Internet Courses

Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses

Contact: [info\\_desk@wnc.edu](mailto:info_desk@wnc.edu) or (775) 445-3000

