

Refrigeration / HVAC Report

by Joel Crabtree



Brothers & Sisters,

We hit the ground running at the start of 2017 and things seem to be continuing to ramp up! Work has been steady for the Refrigeration/HVAC Mechanics through the holidays, but the outlook for 2017 is the best we've seen in years. All of our contractors are getting busier, and this trend is expected to gain momentum as we head into summer. Due to the construction boom in the downtown core the Refrigeration/HVAC mechanics should see an increase in construction, commissioning, tenant improvement and service work well into

2017 and beyond.

You have most likely already seen the Labor/Management Agreement Contract Negotiations survey that was mailed out to your homes. Hopefully, you have taken some time to look it over and fill it out. There will be another HVAC/R specific survey coming to you in the very near future. This upcoming survey will have questions directly related to our industry and the Refrigeration Appendix set to expire on September 30, 2017. Please take a few moments

to review the Refrigeration appendix starting on page 82 of our Labor/Management agreement and add your voice to the process. We will be utilizing these surveys to determine the importance of specific topics and concerns. We want to know what is important to you. You can also visit the website online at www.ualocal32.com where you can complete and submit the survey electronically.

I would also like to get out and talk to some of you in person about upcoming contract negotiation points of interest. If you are working with a crew in the near future please contact me, and I can set up a time to meet with you over coffee to discuss what is important to you and your families in this new negotiation.

Wage Allocation

At the December Union meeting, we allocated \$1.00 for the refrigeration mechanics effective January 1st, 2017 as follows:

- \$0.25 to the check
- \$0.50 to the Supplemental Pension
- \$0.25 to the JATC, as called for by the JATC Trustees



Outdoor units and refrigerant piping for the Southport VRF system.



Brothers Greg Prentice and Jason Clark

HVAC/R

We visited Holmberg’s Southport job last month where our members are installing a large VRF system in a new hotel that will have spectacular views of Lake Washington looking north across the lake with Seattle in the background. The hotel and convention center should be opening later on this year or early next.

28th. Congratulations Dan and we wish you all the best in the future!

Building Trades HVAC/R Out Of Work List

- 7 Journeymen available
- 5 MES available

I am still working on the email distribution list for our HVAC/R members. I plan to use this list to pass along job information, employment opportunities, and concerns, as well as upcoming events. If you would like to be added to this list and receive an occasional email, please contact me at joel@ualocal32.com with “email list” in the subject line of your email.

I look forward to serving Local 32, continuing to develop relationships with our members and contractors to build a strong future of our industry.

Fraternally yours,

Joel Crabtree
Refrigeration Business Agent
UA Local 32



Pictured L to R: Jeffery Owen & Dan Sleeth

Highline Water District

Jeff Owen, Kurt Swanson and I met up with 30 Year member Dan Sleeth who retired on December