



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

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"He Replied All."

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
MEETINGS**

NECA 2020 LIVE – 10/5 – 10/7

SAVE THE DATE: NECA 2020 VIRTUAL SAFETY SUMMIT | OCTOBER 27th – 29th

2020 has caused all of us to reimagine work, life, and safety. As we begin to reemerge after months of physical distancing and working from home, keeping engaged and staying updated on the latest information is imperative to your organization’s survival. To help, NECA is proud to present its first “Virtual” Safety Summit.

The summit will showcase two half days of programming from industry safety leaders as well as a bonus day, and a concentrated trade show focused on industry leaders. All sessions will be recorded and available to attendees for 30 days after the show. Pricing and information will be forthcoming, right now please **SAVE THE DATE!**



NECA 2020 LIVE – CUSTOMIZE YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

It is not too late to register for the upcoming NECA 2020 LIVE, the virtual Convention & Trade Show which will take place Oct. 6th–8th. With a wide range of topics, NECA provides a one-stop shop for the information you need to keep your company on top. Attendees can customize their agenda by selecting from a range of sessions to fit their individual and business needs.

For NECA 2020 Live, we're bringing in the best of the best speakers and a jam-packed schedule with something for everyone in your company. Sessions will run from 8:20 AM – 2:00 PM.

These fast-moving sessions will be spread across three classrooms, providing you with 20 different sessions each day. And best of all—you can take advantage of every single one!

In each live session you'll be able to interact with the facilitator and other participants and if you miss the live session (or want to come back and view it again) all sessions will be available on-demand for 30 days!

For more information on the class schedule or to register click [here](#).



TWO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INJURED WHEN SEATTLE'S PIER 58 PARTIALLY COLLAPSES

Police responded to the Seattle waterfront when Pier 58, next to the Great Wheel, collapsed Sunday, sending construction workers into the water below.

The dismantling of Pier 58 began this weekend. Crews were removing a concrete section of the pier when the northeast corner collapsed. Pier 58 has been closed to the public since August 6th.

Seven people were working on the pier when it collapsed, according to a press release from the Office of the Waterfront. Two men, ages 30 and 42, fell into the water but were rescued before Seattle Fire arrived.



The two men were treated by medics and taken to Harborview Medical Center in stable condition. A Harborview spokesperson said the 42-year-old man was released from the hospital, and the 30-year-old remains in satisfactory condition at the hospital.

Twelve workers were on a barge nearby, but none fell into the water.

About 1/5th of the pier is currently underwater, according to Seattle Fire.

The Office of the Waterfront said there is no “observed damage to Pier 59 (Seattle Aquarium), or Pier 57 (Miner’s Landing),” or any observed damage to the adjacent seawall.

FLORIDA CONTRACTOR ARRESTED FOR PPP FRAUD, COULD FACE 30 YEARS IN PRISON

A Fort Myers, Florida, contractor has been arrested and charged with attempting to defraud the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), meant to help keep workers employed during the coronavirus. Casey David Crowther, 35, has been charged with making a false statement to a lending institution. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison.

According to the complaint from the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, Crowther sought and received more than \$2 million through a PPP loan on behalf of his company, Target Roofing & Sheet Metal. Crowther allegedly submitted a loan application that included false and misleading statements concerning what the PPP funds would be used for,



specifically that the PPP funds would only be used for business-related purposes, to retain workers, and maintain payroll or make mortgage payments, lease payments and utilities payments.

The complaint further alleges that within days of receiving the PPP funds, Crowther used a portion of the funds to purchase a 2020 40-foot catamaran boat for approximately \$689,417, which he registered in his name. The case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service.

IN A HAZE – SMOKE EXPECTED TO STICK AROUND IN SEATTLE AREA

The National Weather Service expects smoke and poor air quality to persist Monday across Western Washington. “Smoke from wildfires will remain an issue today and possibly further into this week,” the NWS forecast for Monday predicts.

Air quality is typically measured on a scale of 0 to 500. Between 51 and 100 is considered “moderate,” 101 to 150 is “unhealthy for sensitive groups,” 151 to 200 is “unhealthy,” 201 to 300 is “very unhealthy,” and 301 to 500 is considered “hazardous.”

As of Monday morning, air quality in areas from Bellingham all the way down to Tacoma sits around 300. In Seattle, most neighborhoods are above that 300 benchmark in the “hazardous” category. You can monitor ongoing air quality through the Washington Department of Ecology’s interactive map [here](#).

The NWS does expect some rain showers in the Seattle area later Monday, but because they’re likely to be “weaker and drier” than originally hoped, it “seems unlikely to be enough to scour the smoke and poor air quality affecting the area.”

An air quality warning for Western Washington is currently set to expire this morning, but the NWS expects it to be extended after a morning conference call with air quality agencies.

According to KIRO 7 meteorologist Nick Allard, more smoke could persist well into the week.

“The system coming in later today and tonight will help air quality a little into tomorrow,” Allard said. “However, not a ton AND I see more smoke possible by Wednesday. Not good.”

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1814 – Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America’s national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The poem, originally titled “The Defense of Fort McHenry,” was written after Key witnessed the Maryland fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the “Star-Spangled Banner”: “And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.”

“Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you're donating blood.”

-- Bill Murray

As of Friday, September 11th, there are 276 JW on Book 1 and 152 JW on Book 2. There are currently 8 Commercial Apprentices, 1 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. 13 Commercial bootcamp graduates will be available September 15th. An additional 17 Commercial Apprentices will be available at a date yet to be determined in late September.