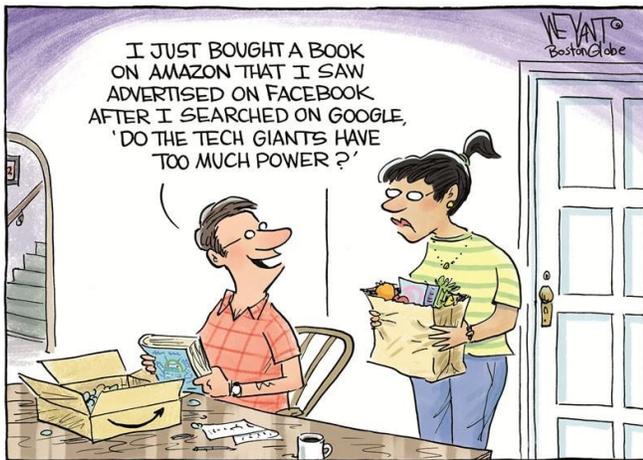




MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



**OCTOBER 19, 2020
MEETINGS**

NECA SKI TRIP – 2/12 – 2/16

WASHINGTON STATE PORTABILITY – EASY TO FOLLOW THE RULES

Firms are reminded to complete an online Portability Form, for electricians working under the Inside Construction Agreement, each and every time a person moves from the home jurisdiction into another, for those jurisdictions that participate. Firms are not required to report when workers leave the jurisdiction at the end of the job. However, if a person moves to another job within the traveling jurisdiction, Contractors should submit another online form for that job. Forms can be completed from various websites, including www.necaseattle.org, www.necawa.org, and www.ibew46.com. The Washington State Portability Agreement has been in place since 2005. There have been minor changes over the years, but the one thing that hasn't changed is a Contractor's responsibility to complete the online form just prior to any movement of manpower out of the home jurisdiction. The online form does not apply to apprentices. Commercial apprentices can be moved, in addition to the Wiremen/Foremen under Portability, with approval of the two appropriate JATC's. All jurisdictions in Washington State, except L.U. 112, participate in this agreement, in addition to L.U. 48 in Portland. This 15-year agreement has provided additional work for Contractors and IBEW Members, as firms have the ability to bid more work with greater crew stability. Everyone benefits from the Portability Agreement – please ensure that your company is completing the online forms as prescribed. For Service Work, companies can complete the Service Truck Portability Form at the beginning of each month, for those Service Truck personnel that will likely be performing Service Work of 2 days or less per job, throughout the month. Please contact the NECA Office if you have any questions on this Program.

LABOR AND INDUSTRIES – FURLOUGH DAY TODAY

Governor Jay Inslee has directed all cabinet agencies in Washington to take furlough days as a result of the state budget shortfall related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many L&I employees will go on furlough **Monday, October 19** and will not be able to answer phone calls or emails.

We remain committed to keeping Washington safe and working, and our services vital to public health and safety – DOSH, electrical inspections, workers' compensation benefits – remain operational during furlough days.

We appreciate your patience and partnership during these challenging times.

SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS – NEGOTIATIONS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The anniversary date for the Sound & Communication Addendum to the 9th District Sound & Communication Agreement is January 31, 2021. Believe it or not, it has been almost 3 years since we finished negotiations on the current CBA! NECA will be preparing for negotiations with L.U. 46, with initial sessions scheduled for November. NECA and IBEW are committed to negotiating a successor agreement that will allow the organized industry in the low voltage market to continue to grow and prosper. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the upcoming negotiations, please contact NECA.

OFFICERS LEAVE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS

The Seattle Mayor's Office on Thursday reported that the 39 departures of police officers and trainees in September was more than double the next highest month on record. The resignations followed the retirement announcement by former Chief [Carmen Best](#) after the City Council [voted to slightly reduce the department's 2020 budget](#). That included cutting the salaries of police command staff and layoffs; [the city is in the process of reducing its force by 70 officers](#).

Year to date, 110 officers have left the force, and of those 53 resigned, 50 retired, six were fired and one died. Among those who resigned, just over half had been with the force for five years or less. The Mayor's Office released staffing possibilities, including one where the number of officers could drop to 1,072 officers by 2022. That would be a net change of 221 officers from April 2020. The department's 2020 budget funded 1,422 officer positions, but there were 1,203 officers in service at the end September.

Durkan released the numbers against the backdrop of ongoing calls to defund the police by 50%. It's in reaction to a history of violent police acts against people of color. In Seattle, some 30 deaths have occurred over the last 10 years. "The (police staffing) numbers presented in (Thursday's) report are truly concerning and represent a potential crisis for Sodo and the entire city of Seattle," [Erin Goodman](#), executive director of the Sodo Business Improvement Association, said in an email.

In Sodo in the past month, there has been a fatal hit-and-run accident, a shooting, multiple assaults and more, according to Goodman. Durkan wants to cut police funding but continues to call on "reimagining community safety" by shifting some responses to community-based alternatives and civilian programs. "But the city also needs a sufficient number of officers who can respond to the most urgent 911 calls in all parts of our city at any time of the day," Durkan said in a statement.

The civil disorder continued Thursday night. The Police Department tweeted that officers arrested demonstrators on Capitol Hill after issuing "multiple dispersal orders" to a group in which several people pulled dumpsters and other items into streets around 12th Avenue and East Cherry Street.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NECA 2020 VIRTUAL SAFETY SUMMIT | OCT 27th–29th

Register now for the NECA 2020 Virtual Safety Summit. 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 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. Click on the link [here](#) for pricing and registration information.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1781 – Hopelessly trapped at [Yorktown, Virginia](#), British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders 8,000 British soldiers and seamen to a larger Franco-American force, effectively bringing an end to the [American Revolution](#).

Lord Cornwallis was one of the most capable British generals of the American Revolution. In 1776, he drove General George Washington’s Patriots forces out of [New Jersey](#), and in 1780 he won a stunning victory over General Horatio Gates’ Patriot army at Camden, [South Carolina](#). Cornwallis’ subsequent invasion of [North Carolina](#) was less successful, however, and in April 1781 he led his weary and battered troops toward the Virginia coast, where he could maintain seaborne lines of communication with the large British army of General Henry Clinton in New York City. After conducting a series of raids against towns and plantations in Virginia, Cornwallis settled in the tidewater town of Yorktown in August. The British immediately began fortifying the town and the adjacent promontory of Gloucester Point across the York River.

General [George Washington](#) instructed the Marquis de Lafayette, who was in Virginia with an American army of around 5,000 men, to block Cornwallis’ escape from Yorktown by land. In the meantime, Washington’s 2,500 troops in New York were joined by a French army of 4,000 men under the Count de Rochambeau. Washington and Rochambeau made plans to attack Cornwallis with the assistance of a large French fleet under the Count de Grasse, and on August 21 they crossed the Hudson River to march south to Yorktown. Covering 200 miles in 15 days, the allied force reached the head of Chesapeake Bay in early September.

Meanwhile, a British fleet under Admiral Thomas Graves failed to break French naval superiority at the Battle of Virginia Capes on September 5, denying Cornwallis his expected reinforcements. Beginning September 14, de Grasse transported Washington and Rochambeau’s men down the Chesapeake to

Virginia, where they joined Lafayette and completed the encirclement of Yorktown on September 28. De Grasse landed another 3,000 French troops carried by his fleet. During the first two weeks of October, the 14,000 Franco-American troops gradually overcame the fortified British positions with the aid of de Grasse's warships. A large British fleet carrying 7,000 men set out to rescue Cornwallis, but it was too late.

On October 19, General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships. Pleading illness, he did not attend the surrender ceremony, but his second-in-command, General Charles O'Hara, carried Cornwallis' sword to the American and French commanders. As the British and Hessian troops marched out to surrender, the British bands played the song "The World Turned Upside Down."

Although the war persisted on the high seas and in other theaters, the Patriot victory at Yorktown effectively ended fighting in the American colonies. Peace negotiations began in 1782, and on September 3, 1783, the [Treaty of Paris](#) was signed, formally recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war.

*"Whenever you see a successful person, you only see the public glories,
Never the private sacrifices to reach them."*

Vaibhav Shah

As of Friday, October 16th, there are 273 JW on Book 1 and 169 JW on Book 2. There are currently 22 Commercial Apprentices, 0 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 2 outstanding calls for S&C Apprentices and 1 outstanding call for a Residential Apprentice. An Inside Wire Bootcamp is scheduled for late October, with Apprentices available on October 20th and 27th. An additional Inside Wire Bootcamp is scheduled to graduate next month, with Apprentices available on November 17th and 24th. A Limited Energy Bootcamp is also scheduled for late October, with Apprentices being available on October 27th.