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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

December 2016

## ***Labor News***

### **Merger of South Jersey Ironworker Locals**

In Bulletin 135-16, we reported the announcement by Steve Sweeney, General Vice President of the International Association of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental Ironworkers, of the merger of the South Jersey Ironworker locals, effective January 1, 2017. Local No. 350 and Local No. 68 have been merged into Local No. 399, whose jurisdiction will be expanded to cover these counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and parts of Monmouth and Ocean. For more details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Operating Engineers Wage & Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletin 131-16, we emailed Active Members the wage & fringe benefits package for the Operating Engineers, Local No. 825, effective January 1, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Ironworkers Wage & Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletins 132-16 and 134-16, we emailed Active Members the wage & fringe benefits packages for the Ironworkers, Local Nos. 68 and 399, effective January 1, 2017. Access the bulletins in the members-

## **ACCNJ News**

### **In Memoriam - Jeffrey C. Hall, Sr.**

With deep regret, we informed members this month that Jeffrey C. Hall, Sr., brother of ACCNJ Past Chairman Mark Hall, passed away December 19. He was 52. Born in Long Branch, Jeffrey grew up in Highlands and graduated from the University of Vermont. He was a member of the Operating Engineers, Local 825, working with the family firm on many prominent projects. Jeffrey married Sharon Keenan in 1995, and the couple raised their two sons, Jeff Jr. and Owen, in Brielle. In addition to his wife and sons and brother Mark, Jeffrey is survived by his mother, Barbara; his brothers Conrad and Scott; his sisters Margaret Mary and Julie; his siblings' spouses; and eight nieces and nephews. Donations in Jeff's memory may be made to the MS Society, 1480 US Highway 9 North, Suite 301, Woodbridge NJ 07095, or at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org). We extend our sympathies to Mark and the Hall family.

### **Paul Natoli Honored by Boy Scouts**

Paul R. Natoli, President and CEO of ACCNJ member Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp., was named 2016 Man of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America Patriots' Path Council, honored at the organization's Harvest Ball. Paul was recognized for his extraordinary community service and promotion of the positive values embodied by the Boy Scouts. Accepting the award, Paul said, "To be viewed as a role model by such a fine organization is truly an honor. Important things - like the value of hard work, giving 100% to everything you do while treating people with respect, conducting yourself with honor, being trustworthy and dependable and, most especially, being more of a giver than a taker in life - these are Scout-inspired values to which I attribute any bit of success that I've had personally."

### **Welcome New Members!**

In December, the Association welcomed seven new members. We will include descriptions of their businesses in the Spring 2017 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine.

Cashman Dredging & Marine Contracting Co., LLC - Quincy, MA  
Krim Associates - Paramus  
Marbro, Inc. - Montclair  
Schifano Construction Corp. - Middlesex  
Schultheis & Panettieri, LLP - Hauppauge, NY  
Steel Mountain Fabricators, LLC - Linden  
Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc. - Mountainside

Last month we announced Construction Industry Career Day will return to the calendar in 2017: *Tuesday, May 30 & Wednesday, May 31 at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison*. Here are the latest updates:

- Tuesday Night Showcase is open 4 to 8 pm - all are welcome, open to the general public.
- Back by popular demand, Wednesday, May 31, 8 am - 1 pm, will be dedicated to JUST JUNIORS! (11th grade students only).
- Check out the new website at [www.cicdnj.org](http://www.cicdnj.org).
- We have sent informational flyers to guidance counselors and principals across the state!

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## Government Affairs

### Feds Appeal Decision Blocking Overtime Rule

The federal government filed a notice of appeal on December 1 asking the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Texas) to reverse the preliminary injunction blocking implementation of President Obama's executive order requiring overtime pay to employees making less than \$47,476 per year. The decision to block the rule was made on the basis that the Fair Labor Standards Act doesn't give the US DOL authority to use a salary limit for overtime exemption. The date of the appeal corresponded with the date the original rule was due to go into effect.

### OSHA Injury/Illness Rule OK'd Three Days Before Enforcement Date

On November 28, a judge in the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas decided OSHA could begin enforcing its new illness and injury reporting rule on December 1. AGC of America and other organizations had sought a temporary injunction against enforcing the rule, which OSHA released May 12, 2016. It requires employers with more than 20 employees to electronically submit annual injury and illness log data to OSHA, which OSHA may then post as summaries on its public website. The rule also requires employers to establish "a reasonable procedure" for reporting work-related injuries. In addition, the rule allows OSHA to punish employers for safety incentive programs that violate the standard if they offer benefits that could persuade workers not to report injuries and illnesses.

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## Safety

### BLS Releases 2015 Workplace Fatality Data

In December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its final data on

2015 workplace fatalities. Of a total of 4,836 work-related deaths (the highest total since 2008), 937 were in construction (also the highest total since 2008), and 364 of the deaths were due to slips, trips or falls (39%). By construction segment, 62 deaths occurred in non-residential building incidents, 148 occurred in heavy/civil construction activities and 595 (63.5%) occurred in incidents among the specialty trades. In New Jersey, construction in the private sector reported 22 fatalities in 2015, 12 of which were due to slips, trips or falls.

### **Rutgers Issues Work Zone Safety Training Schedule**

In Bulletin 130-16, we emailed information and links from the Rutgers' Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT) for its Work Zone Safety Training Schedule for the Winter/Spring of 2017. With the anticipated increase in work zone projects in New Jersey, we encourage our members to take advantage of the training. Available courses include the Traffic Control Coordinator Program and the Traffic Control Coordinator Refresher, plus the Work Zone Safety Awareness Workshop. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Construction Safety Programs at the Training Centers**

In Bulletin 133-16, we distributed the January 2017 schedule of construction safety classes available at the training centers affiliated with the general construction trades. Members may register their active union employees for an upcoming course. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### ***LAST CHANCE!* Reserve Space at the Summer Internship Job Fair**

In Bulletin 102-16, we introduced the 2017 Summer Internship Program, once again working within the CIAP structure to offer the program to all Active Members. We have invited approximately 60 to participate in a mandatory Career Fair on January 11, 2017. Active Members are invited to set up company displays and interview students for summer selection. For details and to reserve space at the Career Fair, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org), or call Jill Schiff at the Association office, 732.225.2265.

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## ***Industry News & Events***

### **ConsensusDocs 2016 Updates and Revisions**

As we reported in Bulletin 129-16, the ConsensusDocs Coalition, of which AGC of America is a member, published the 2016 comprehensive

revisionstomany of the prime and subcontract agreements in the ConsensusDocs portfolio. The revisions address industry changes impacting insurance, legal issues, technology and terminology. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

## NJBIA New Good Neighbor Award Nominations Open

The 57th Annual New Good Neighbor Awards competition is now open for nominations. Sponsored by NJBIA and *New Jersey Business* magazine, the awards recognize companies that have helped improve New Jersey's economy by building or renovating a commercial facility or a community enhancement project such as a park or streetscape. Awards will be presented at a luncheon in July 2017. *Deadline for nominations: Friday, February 3, 2017.* To nominate online, visit [www.njbmagazine.com/2017-ngn-nomination/](http://www.njbmagazine.com/2017-ngn-nomination/).

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## Hot Topics Recap

In December, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org):

- AGC Analysis of Population Data as Predictor of Construction Demand
- New Milford Looks Ahead to Shopping Center Development
- NJ Transit to Fund Perth Amboy Train Station Renovation
- Metros Add Construction Jobs at Lowest Level in Four Years
- Feds Want to Remake Northeast Corridor
- Camden Gets \$13.2 Million HUD Grant
- Update: More German Groceries in Jersey
- Uptick in Construction Jobs Across the Country for Month and Year
- EDA Approves Incentives for Three Manufacturing Projects
- UPDATE: Amtrak Adds Six Months to Each Gateway Tunnel Fix
- Dream Sequence: Triple Five Presents American Dream Design Video
- NJ Post-Sandy Dredging Gets Extension and Budget
- Palmieri to Leave CRDA
- Gibbstown DuPont Factory Moves to Phase Two in Redevelopment

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