

Congratulations to SkillsUSA Utah 2026 Competition Winners!

The annual SKILLSUSA Utah HVACR competition was held last month, and we're proud to announce the Gold medal winners: **Logan Perkins** (Post-Secondary/Graduate) and **Jack Peterson** (Secondary/High School), who will represent Utah at the national level in Atlanta, June 1-5.

RMGA is a proud partner, playing an important role in the success of this event. We awarded Logan Perkins a \$2,000 prize at the RMGA May board meeting, and Jack Peterson, who was unable to attend the board meeting, was awarded \$1,500 at M-Tech.



We wish these skilled students much success at Nationals!



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND the Utah Subcontractors Alliance (USA) Legislative Breakfast - Meet & Greet from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 20th in the Olmstead Room (East Senate Capitol Building).

The fundraiser will take place on Capitol Hill during May's interim session, and will give you a chance to meet with your State legislators.

Our main purpose is introducing and positioning the Utah Subcontractors Alliance (USA) for the first time with lawmakers.

Email John@utrmga.com, if you would like to join us. See the ad on page 4 for more info!

SAVE THE DATE!

RMGA EDUCATION SUMMIT
 Wednesday, September 9, 2026
 at The DoubleTree Salt Lake City
 (110 West 600 South, SLC 84101)

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**MESSAGE
FROM OUR
OUTGOING
PRESIDENT**
SCOTT CARPENTER



Dear RMGA Members & Friends,

*I cannot believe how time has flown. I would like to thank all the board members who have helped with our organization's efforts over the last two and a half years. I would also like to give special thanks to John Hill and Ryan Rentmeister for their continuing dedication to making the RMGA the best it can be. I would like to recognize Jamie Schumacher for his example as a leader, mentor and his willingness to help me navigate this position. I think we, as a board, have done well in moving the RMGA forward over the last few years. I have been excited to see the RMGA's efforts to branch our influence into Wyoming. I hope to see those efforts bear real fruit soon. **I am proud to have played a small part in bringing the ACCA training classes into our local industry and can't wait to see that continue to positively impact our trade. I am also very proud that the RMGA now offers a Spanish-speaking option to those who need it and are looking to advance in our profession.** I am excited for the partnerships we have started to develop with DOPL and our joint effort to fight those in our industry who choose to cut corners and commit unprofessional acts. I look forward to our continuing efforts to partner with other associations, to provide outstanding training and influence within our region. I want to thank all of those with whom I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted. I hope that I have served in a manner that you, as the board and the whole association, can be proud of. I am very proud to have served in this position, and I can't wait to see Adam Merritt jump into this role and I look forward to supporting his efforts.*

RMGA BOARD BRIEFING MAR/APR 2026

At our March In-person meeting, the board awarded one RMGA Scholarship to a plumbing apprentice. The board discussed expanding scholarship eligibility beyond HVAC and plumbing, but decided to focus on HVAC and plumbing, which aligns with RMGA's mission.

When the board was approving new RMGA members, the question came up as to whether pool and spa contractors (S330 license) are allowed to install gas piping. The answer is No. To run gas piping, a B100 or H100 license, and RMGA Certification or Plumbers License is required.

RMGA is transitioning from the IFGC to the IRC for our Certification classes. We debated the benefits of the switch, including a longer 6-year update cycle, and more comprehensive code coverage, while keeping the cost at \$400 per student.

The board also discussed RMGA's membership in USA (Utah Subcontractor Alliance) and agreed to a \$10,000 contribution to fund our lobbyists, with annual approval required for future funding.

In discussing the reintroduction of a test to become an S350 contractor, now known as an H100 license, Brent Ursenbach hopes to review the H100 question bank as we consider developing an RMGA course to assist contractors in passing the test.

The Education Summit agenda for September 9th was discussed next, with plans to invite Bob Main to expand on the Ethics discussion from last year, and to discuss H100 updates, and to have Brent provide a 2026 Code Update. Additional topics will be considered at our next board meeting.

**Our next board meeting is May 6th
Zoom call at 11AM. All are welcome. ■**

2026 RMGA GAS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

You can now request registration on the new RMGA website: <https://utrmga.org/certification>

CALL 801.521.8340
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JULY IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, July 9
Friday, July 10 &
Saturday, July 11
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

SEPTEMBER IN PERSON/SPANISH

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, September 8
Friday, September 9 &
Saturday, September 10
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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1000 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

SEPTEMBER IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, September 17
Friday, September 18 &
Saturday, September 19
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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All Certification Classes are \$400. Price includes the RMGA Study Guide, IRC, online video access, 24 hours of instruction, and 2 attempts at the exam (if necessary). Technicians should attend ALL sessions. In-person attendees should bring lunch or plan to visit a local restaurant during the lunch hour. **Take the Pre-Test to evaluate your readiness for the exam at <https://utrmga.org/certification/pretest>**

Partial funding of RMGA training programs has been provided by the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing from the 1% surcharge funds on all building permits.

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MECHANICAL CODE

B-vent Installation – Code & Manufacturers Installation Instructions

AT A RECENT BOARD meeting, we addressed several cases where roof replacements led to hazardous

situations. Oftentimes, the B-vent was either shifted or pulled up, resulting in inadequate clearance

from combustible materials, separated B-vent sections, or displaced insulation shields and vent connectors. Such issues heighten the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning. Although the Fuel Gas Code does not explicitly cover re-roofing issues, it establishes standards for the proper support of B-vents and the maintenance of clearances from combustible materials. Please consult the complete code sections provided in the following references and summaries. Also consider downloading and reviewing the installation instructions for the B-Vent brand you use.

IRC G2427.5.10 (IFGC 503.5.11) Insulation shield.
Where a factory-built chimney passes through insulated assemblies, an insulation shield constructed of steel having a thickness of not less than 0.0187 inch (0.475 mm) (nominal 26 gage) shall be installed to provide clearance



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USA's annual Legislative Meet & Greet
POLITICS IS NOT AN OPTION - IT'S A CRITICAL STRATEGY

Together, we can empower the subcontracting community and amplify the voice of the subcontractors. This event offers a great opportunity to network, discuss industry trends, and explore collaboration with lawmakers and peers shaping Utah's construction future.

★ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**
7:30 - 9 AM BREAKFAST
\$50 CONTRIBUTION TO USA

RSVP HERE 

The Olmstead Room, East Senate Bldg. - 1st Floor
 Utah Capitol Complex - 350 N. State Street, SLC

Utah Subcontractors Alliance:

- Represents over 600 subcontractor companies.
- Composed of the following Utah construction trade associations.

     

For more information about USA please contact Chris 801-891-2333

DISCUSSION



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between the chimney and the insulation material.

IRC G2427.6.2 (IFGC 503.6.2)

Installation, general.

Gas vents shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

IRC G2427.6.10 (IFGC 503.6.12)

Support of gas vents.

Gas vents shall be supported and spaced in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

IRC G2427.6.12 (IFGC 503.6.14)

Fastener penetrations.

Screws, rivets and other fasteners shall not penetrate the inner wall of double-wall gas vents, except at the transition from an appliance draft hood outlet, a flue collar or a single-wall metal connector to a double-wall vent.

Most of you are aware that the Code and Manufacturers'

Installation Instructions mandate:

- A firestop **and** support must be present at every floor, ensuring a minimum clearance of 1" from combustible materials. The 1" clearance of



course applies to all B-vent components in a system.

- Flashing is required at the roofline to seal out weather, with the same 1" clearance maintained.

To maintain the safety of the B-vent, your installation procedures should incorporate firestop supports at each level, as well as a support brace within the attic or roof space beneath the flashing. Additionally, ensure that proper screws are used at all joints and connections. Proper adherence to these guidelines is essential for safeguarding building occupants. This may be a matter of life or death.

Thanks for your continued support, comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me with concerns, and photos you are willing to share. —Brent



Meet and Get to Know: JOSHUA BERMAN

Q. Tell us about your company.

A. After nearly two decades in commercial refrigeration and HVAC, I found myself wanting to dispel both the old stereotype of the “shady AC handyman type” and the modern problems of private equity companies. I take pride in my craft providing quality, honest service and educating clients so they can make informed decisions. Too many companies are willing to put profits over people these days. That’s what led me to start Mountain Man Air.

Q. If you weren’t an HVACR Contractor, what would you like to be?

A. I’d like to be a mechanic or building/customizing hot rods and motorcycles.

Q. Do you have a motto to live by?

A. I like to say: I’m here for a good time, not a long time.

Q. What is your worst habit?

A. My wife would say: Telling her “I’ll be done in 10 minutes” and staying up too late.

Q. What is your favorite hobby? When did you last do it?

A. While I’m no chef, I have to say cooking. For my family, friends, and anyone who wants to eat good food! I do it as often as I can.

Q. What’s a talent you don’t have that you wish you did?

A. Solving a Rubik’s Cube.



JOSHUA BERMAN & FAMILY

Q. What is the first thing you do when you get home from work?

A. Say “Howdy girls!” to my wife and three daughters.

Q. If you won a \$50,000,000 lottery, what would you do?

A. Pay off the debts of my parents, brothers and sister, and myself. Put half into some sort of long-term investments for my children, and use the rest to buy a vast amount of acreage, move to the middle of nowhere and peacefully homestead a farm/ranch for the rest of my life with my wife and kids.

Q. If you could invite three people to dinner (dead or alive), who would you invite and why?

A. My father, Daniel: He is the one person I have ALWAYS looked up to as my hero, inspiration and someone who set the example of what it truly means to be a man. Archimedes: He was an extraordinary inventor, mathematician and engineer. Many of his ideas and principals we still use today! Lastly, any of our founding fathers: The birth of our great nation created by men who truly valued and understood freedom, and the sacrifices it took to secure it. True patriots.

Q. People would be surprised to know . . .

A. I was an absolute menace to society in my teenage years, with a mohawk and all.

Joshua Berman can be reached at MountainManAir.com. ■



Risk Management Corner: Powering Down on Electrical Fire Risks at Your Workplace



COULD YOUR COMPANY SURVIVE if an electrical failure sparked a fire at your business? Approximately 7,400 non-residential building fires occur each year due to electrical malfunctions. Fortunately, many risks can be prevented by adopting a proactive approach to electrical maintenance.

Hidden Electrical Dangers Are Everywhere

Faulty electrical distribution systems are a primary culprit for structure fires in commercial buildings. Heat builds up in loose connections or overloaded circuits, and can ignite surrounding materials. Old electrical equipment, aging wiring, or outdated panels can also increase the risk of ignition inside your building.

Advanced Technology Can Help

Using infrared thermography, professionals can see “hot spots,” or heat patterns invisible to the naked eye. In addition to thermal imaging, smart sensors and real-time monitoring systems can track electrical performance and alert you to unusual changes or faults. Plan routine maintenance checks and make necessary updates to help mitigate these dangers before they start a fire.

Additional Electrical Fire Prevention Tactics to Consider:

- Train employees to identify common hazards, like flickering lights, frayed cords, or warm switches.
- Test safety systems frequently and ensure your employees know what to do if a fire sparks up.
- Schedule routine inspections with a licensed electrician.
- Manage electrical loads to help prevent tripping breakers or overloading circuits.
- Turn off non-essential appliances when they are not in use (e.g., space heaters, coffee pots).
- Keep electrical panels accessible.

Federated Insurance® offers a range of fire prevention materials and training program options. This article was provided by Federated Insurance. Learn more about these safety measures and other important topics by reaching out to RMGA’s marketing representative Alec Acevedo: 702-480-3344 or abacevedo@fedins.com ■



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