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RMGA'S SUCCESSFUL 2023 EDUCATION SUMMIT!

THE 2023 EDUCATION SUMMIT ATTENDEES numbered 89. 8 were inspectors, the rest were HVACR contractors, who earned their continuing education for DOPL license renewal.

Energy Conservation was a top topic. The importance of good windows and a home's insulation envelope are essential for keeping energy costs down.

Mark Knold, of Department of Workforce Services,

warned of a possible recession in 2024, and he advised employers about the tight labor market that will make retaining staff — versus hiring and firing staff in the coming months — a bigger consideration.

Planning is already underway for next Fall's RMGA 2024 Education Summit. Join the committee, or send Education Summit suggestions to John@utrmga.com. ■



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**MESSAGE
FROM OUR
PRESIDENT**
SCOTT CARPENTER

Dear RMGA Members & Friends,

*I'm extending a very grateful thank you to John Hill and Amy Maddux for coordinating and preparing another outstanding **education summit**. Looking at the feedback from the **post-summit survey**, it looks like most attendees found it to be very good value for the time spent. I noticed that many **comments were centered around what content and training the members of our industry would like to see at next year's summit**. I would encourage all to try to get more directly involved in your association. We would love to have you attend the board meetings and present your ideas and thoughts. This would help us understand your needs and bring the ideas and desired training to each one of you.*

I would like to wish all our members a very happy holiday season. We have all seen another year of dramatic changes in our world and industry. As I reflect on the last few years, I am amazed at all the things we as an industry have overcome, from global pandemics and material shortages to unprecedented inflation and labor shortages. It gives me a great amount of pride to see that we have continued to progress above all of this.

*As we move toward the new year, I would like to challenge all of us to look for ways to promote our association within our own areas of influence. **I would like to see a large amount of input from our members on the direction they would like to see us move**. I believe we should continue to expand on the growth into the Wyoming markets and look to other markets as well. I would also like to see us continue the momentum that has been built for our journey person program and look to build other new partnerships as well.*

Again, Happy Holidays and I look forward to 2024.

Best Regards,

RMGA BOARD BRIEFING OCTOBER 2023

Twenty-two new contractor members were recently approved for RMGA membership (see pgs 5-6); State law allows RMGA to offer continuing education to association members only.

Dave Hill, with the Utah Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association (UPHCA), spoke to the board about an UPHCA Online HVAC Tech program they hope to launch in January. UPHCA wants to utilize the RMGA Certification Study Guide and Exam as part of their course. We share a common interest in bringing more technicians to the HVACR industry, so a work group was established to discuss: (1) if/how to incorporate the RMGA Video series into the online program; (2) how to provide Canvas Certification testing at the UPHCA Campus; and (3) how online training meshes with on-the-job, Apprenticeship training. **We want new technicians to understand workplace safety, and have practical hands-on experience as they enter the workforce.**

The board discussed the 2024 Education Summit and decided to keep the summit in the Fall. With Utah's adoption of most → →

RMGA.org RMGA's new web address!

AFTER MORE THAN 27 YEARS, the owner of the **rmga.org** web address decided to sell, and RMGA bought it for \$1,000. RMGA still owns these web addresses: **utrmga.org**, **utrmga.com**, **wyrmga.org** and **wyrmga.com**, and now there is one more address that leads to the RMGA website! ■

→ 2021 ICC code books this year, and the Energy code expected to be adopted in 2024 with some State Legislative changes, it was decided that offering an Energy Code Class prior to July 1, 2024 (new energy code effective date), was a good idea and to provide code training at the 2024 Summit as well.

We also discussed Lien Laws, and plan to ask attorney, Dana Farmer, to write a 2-part article on Lien Laws, for the *Pipeline* Newsletter, and possibly invite him to speak at the 2024 Education Summit.

Our next board meeting is on Zoom at 11:00 a.m. on November 15th. Everyone is welcome to attend. ■

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

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(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, November 16
Friday, November 17 &
Saturday, November 18
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dominion Energy CTC Room
1000 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

JAN. 2024 IN-PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, January 11
Friday, January 12 &
Saturday, January 13
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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MAR. IN-PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 15 &
Saturday, March 16
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

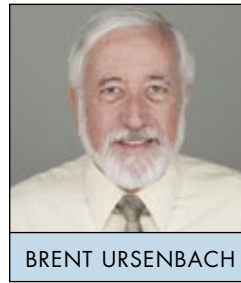
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All Certification Classes are \$400. Price includes the RMGA Study Guide, IFGC, online video access, 24 hours of instruction, and 2 attempts at the exam (if necessary). Technicians should attend ALL sessions. In-person attendees should bring lunch 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/pre-test/>**

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.

MECHANICAL CODE DISCUSSION

2021 I-Code Adoption – Furnace & Water Heater Replacements + CO Detectors



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AS WE CONTINUE OUR discussions on the 2021 ICC Codes adopted in Utah this past July, we'll touch on an item in Chapter 3 in the International Residential Code (IRC), a Chapter mechanical and plumbing contractors rarely visit. Please note in the code text below, a ~~strikethrough~~ indicates text removed and underlining indicates new text.

2021 CODE: R315.2.2 Alterations, repairs, and additions.

Where alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, the individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms located as required for new dwellings.

Exceptions:

1. *Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*
2. *Installation, alteration, or repairs of plumbing ~~or~~ mechanical systems.*
3. *Installation, alteration or repairs of mechanical systems that are **not** fuel fired.*

For several code cycles, the IRC has required updating smoke and carbon monoxide detection systems in a home whenever alterations, repairs,



or additions — work requiring permits occurring within a home. There are several exceptions

including work on plumbing and mechanical systems. This changes in the 2021 IRC, making an exception only to those mechanical systems which are **not** fuel fired. Please note, by definition, a water heater is a mechanical system as it has an input (gas and oxygen), a process (combustion), and an output (heated water).

Please consider the following in your gas appliance installations:

- The code for new construction requires a CO detector **on every level of the home**, whenever combustion appliances are installed.
- The code requires permits for mechanical appliance replacements. Some jurisdictions don't require

permits, others will issue a permit if you apply, and others actively enforce and look for you trucks.

- Some of you pull permits for every retrofit/replacement, others in specific jurisdictions, and others not at all, unless you're caught.
- In any case, the code as adopted now requires a carbon monoxide detector, on every level of the home, if not already present, whenever you install one of these as fired appliances.
- Whether you pull a permit or not, please consider installing a carbon monoxide detector with every gas space or water heating appliance if the home is not equipped with one.

The intent of this code change goes beyond the gas appliance, providing protection from car exhaust, generators, barbecue, and other devices improperly used within a garage. The detector you add for a small cost will protect occupants from CO from any source.

Please continue to ask questions and share your opinions and comments.

Happy Holidays! —Brent ■

Meet and Get to Know: JEREMY ANDERSON

Q. Tell us about your company.

A. My company is **Express Home Services** with offices in Bountiful and Las Vegas. We provide plumbing, HVAC, and electrical services to residential and light commercial clients.

Q. What is your position within the company?

A. I am the owner of the company.

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

A. Oddly enough, law enforcement. I always had a dream to work for the FBI.

Q. What was your most unusual work experience?

A. I had a client that needed a new A/C. When I knocked on the door I was greeted by his cousin. His cousin explained that he had survived a stroke but clothes felt uncomfortable. He had a long long beard and wore an eye patch. He was completely nude during the presentation.

Q. What are your favorite aspects of your job?

A. I love working with tradespeople and teaching and training them. The



JEREMY ANDERSON & FAMILY

trades are so noble and serving others is a great feeling.

Q. What is a motto that you live by?

A. See attached core values for our company

Q. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. I love Lake Tahoe.

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

A. Playing soccer, baseball, or basketball. I played last week with my daughter.

Q. What is your hidden talent?

A. I am a whiz at Dr Mario!

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

A. As crazy as it may sound, I would gift my siblings, parents, and grandparents a good chunk so that

they could all have some financial independence. I would take my family on an amazing vacation, then probably do a boatload of philanthropic work for at-risk youth.

Q. Do you have a favorite movie?

A. Any James Bond film new or old or Batman movie (Daniel Craig is my fave Bond though and Keaton my favorite Batman).

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

A. Kobe Bryant - I love his work ethic and tenacious never give up mentality. FDR - The man held the nation together during some of the toughest times in world history, he had what I believe was impeccable leadership.

Phil Jackson - I loved his book 12 rings and enjoyed watching him coach and work with players and get them to rise to occasions other coaches couldn't.

Q. People would be surprised to know...

A. I am a cancer survivor with 9 children, 2 grandsons, and 1 grandbaby on the way.

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