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## PREVAILING WAGE

**Are you receiving what the law says you should?**

Missouri prevailing wage according to the schedule 16 & 17 wage order is \$55.84 for an electrician. The Federal Davis Bacon Wage order is \$56.02 for an electrician. Those wage rates includes your fringe benefit package.

State and Federal laws vary slightly. On State projects, your work week should consist of 8 hours a day between 7am and 4:30pm Mon-Fri. On Federal projects your OT starts after 40 hours. Any hours worked, outside of those hours, are overtime. No comp time is allowed in exchange for overtime hours worked. If you have questions call 314-550-7630

## A NEW COMPLIANCE COUNCIL, THE MECC, WILL BE INTRODUCED TO MISSOURI CONSTRUCTION

Missouri Electrical Compliance Council is planning to be open for service in early February. The council has plans for offices in several Missouri cities.

The main objective for the council will be to monitor publicly funded projects for compliance in several areas. Including: prevailing wage, workers compensation coverage, payroll records, licensing, apprenticeship standards, bid monitoring, minority participation, unemployment laws, bonds requirements, worker safety laws, worker misclassification laws and the unauthorized workers law.

## WHAT ARE LOCAL 57 ELECTRICIANS FINDING WHEN UNEMPLOYED? IN A SINGLE WORD NOTHING!!!

With the harsh reality of our economic times, unemployment can be devastating.

Local 57 members, are finding out just what it means to be a member of an employer dominated union. Local 57 electricians that have been laid off, the first call they make is to the Local 57. Unfortunately for them, there is nothing to help them through the rough times. The only assistance given by Local 57 is "go find another job".

\*Those members do not have any funds to financially assist them.

\*Those members do not have a local hiring hall that will assist them in getting work.

\*Local 57 contractors can hire off the street while ignoring the members that are laid off.

\*Those members do not have a network of unions throughout the entire United States and Canada that will gladly put a Journeyman Wireman to work in their area if work is available.

\*Those members are left to fend for themselves, just like when they were Non-Union.

### In Times of High Unemployment What The IBEW Has To Offer

- ~2 unemployment funds~
- ~A structured hiring hall~
- ~370 Inside Local Unions across the U.S. and Canada that will accept your JW status~

## CARPENTERS UNION SPENDS MILLIONS ON A PHONEY ELECTRICAL UNION WHILE OVER 1000 CARPENTERS HAVE FALLEN FROM THE RANKS OF THE CARPENTERS UNION

The carpenters union continues to throw hard working carpenters money at the sham called, Local 57.

While they spend millions of dollars targeting projects and loaning money to electrical contractors that are paying substandard wages and benefits, thousands of hard working carpenters are dropping from the ranks of the carpenters union.

Why not spend money on your own craft? How long will the real carpenters allow their money go to fund the hypocrisy that exists?

## BIRKEL ELECTRIC'S TROUBLE WITH THE NLRB CONTINUE

Birkel Electric continues to be under investigation by the federal government for violation of the NLRA. Birkel has once again tried to reach a settlement agreement with the NLRB. That agreement is on hold because several charges filed against Birkel Electric are being appealed as well as the settlement agreement itself. Birkel is a habitual violator of the law.

# US DISTRICT COURT HANDS VICTORY TO DISSENTING CARPENTER

## US Court Rules Carpenters District Council Infringed on Carpenters Free Speech Rights

Kevin Price, a member and elected delegate of the carpenters' district council won a victory in federal court for the right to criticize his own union for raiding the work of another union. On Oct 8, 2010, Judge Michael J. Reagan granted Andrew Kevin Price a preliminary injunction to prevent the CDC from silencing him from speaking against the formation of a carpenters' electrical division – Local 57. Price was among many dissenting carpenters. In the summer of 2010,



Price put an anti-local 57 sticker on his personal vehicle. A carpenters' union representative ordered him to remove the sticker. When Price refused, Terry Nelson (Head of the CDC) notified Price he would stand trial on charges. The judge noted in the decision that "Price is a loyal union member. He earnestly believes that the council should spend the unions money assisting carpenter, rather than electricians".

[www.local57facts.com](http://www.local57facts.com)

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# ELECTRICAL WORKERS HELD A "PROTEST THE HYPOCRISY" RALLY



Over 600 electricians from Local 1, the surrounding IBEW locals and members of the area building trades, braved the below freezing temperatures to be part of the protest. Carpenters, unafraid of reprisal from the CDC, also joined the protest.

The CDC installs pickets and banners projects when the contractor is not paying the area standards. The hypocrisy of this is that the CDC signs contracts with electrical contractors who pay their employees far below the area standards.



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