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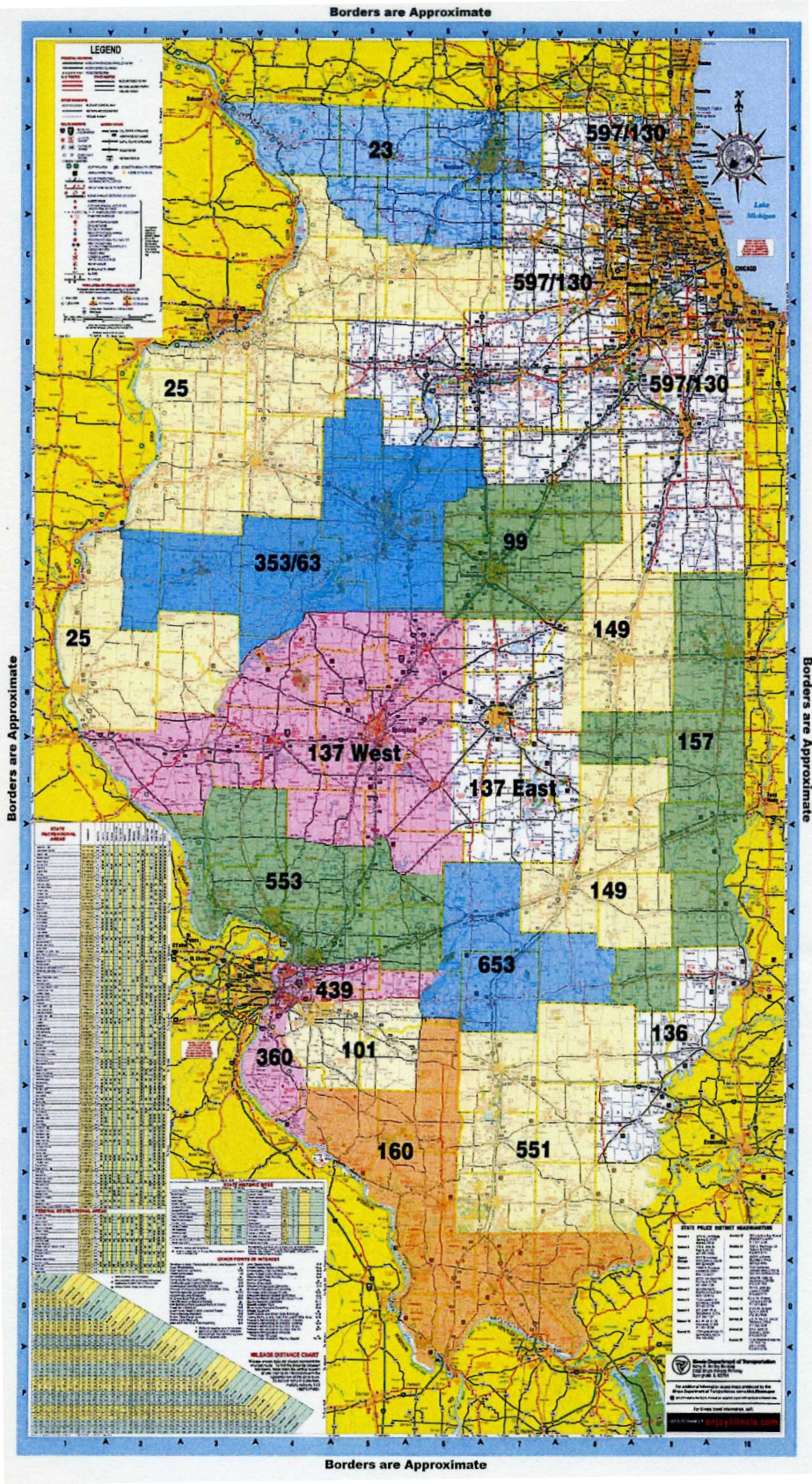
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# Steamfitters Local 353

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# STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 353

When you first walk in the doors of the Steamfitters Local 353 training site, you feel the rich history and its commitment to expert training of its membership. The hall is lined with pictures of those individuals who have dedicated themselves to training the best workforce in the industry. Moving down the hall, the classrooms contain the latest and greatest technology to train the workforce of Local 353. In all the over 26,000 sq. ft. facility, located at 6408 W Development Drive in Peoria, contains classrooms and a shop area that rivals other training sites across the country. Built in 2001, at a significant cost, the membership knew that in order to train its workers, it needed a state-of-the-art facility that could adjust to the latest trends and technology.

The facility spares no expense when it comes to training. Each year, Steamfitters Local 353 members contribute \$800,000 annually to train their workforce. The training facility is completely funded privately, with no government dollars and is overseen by a council made

up of three management and three labor representatives. The cooperation brings together the experience of the contractors and the membership to serve the needs of its many customers. "We make sure that our training is up to industry standards and procedures," says Apprenticeship Coordinator Mike Howard.

When an apprentice is accepted into the program, they are required to train for five years, with 8,500 hours of on the job training and 1,200 hours of classroom training. All Local 353 apprentices undergo a standard curriculum which includes classes in math, science, drafting, hydronic heating, basic air conditioning, welding, safety and a number of certification classes. The rigorous and demanding schedule creates many opportunities for the apprentice. Also, journey-persons have the opportunity for on-going education throughout their career. "First and foremost, we want our workers to be well trained and we want them to be safe on the job. All apprentices complete the OSHA 10-hour class and the members who serve as a foreman or superintendent must complete the OSHA 30-hour class," adds Howard. "We are a Department of Labor – Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training certified program. I am also a certified official for Veterans for the GI Bill."

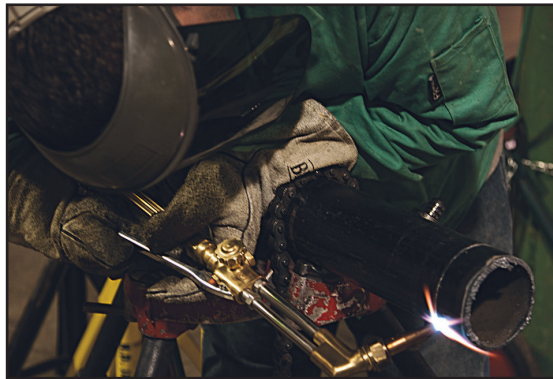


Howard is proud of the hard work Local 353 puts into training for the future. "We are committed to training the best in the industry," he says. "We are constantly upgrading our curriculum and training to serve the needs of our customers." Howard's office is lined with training certificates that shows he has the training necessary to train the future generation of Steamfitters. "Our international (U.A.) spends over \$200 million each year on training and class planning." Howard is also required to upgrade his skills annually at the national training site in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Howard also adds that all the instructors with Local 353 are required to be trained and certified in their respective discipline. Howard adds, "Most of the classes we offer require the instructor to have attended the training required to be certified to teach the

class."

The United Association (U.A.), the umbrella organization for Steamfitters and other pipe trades in both the United States and Canada, has recognized Local 353 and awarded the school the honor of serving as a UA certification center. This distinction allows members of Local 353 and other Locals to complete their testing carry the specialized card which puts them into the realm of highly-qualified workers. "We have the capability of offering certification in heavy rigging, welding procedures, HVACR, valve technology and more," says Howard.

Local 353 also prides itself on responding to both the end user and signatory contractor's needs. As an example, a nuclear power plant requires specialized welders so every worker must be certified. "We can offer almost 60 different types of welding certification," Howard says, "so the member will be qualified to work on the project." The welder certified at Local 353 has demonstrated the skills and help form an elite group of specialized professional construction employees.



Bottom Line: Steamfitters Local 353 enjoys success in the industry because they represent a concerted effort to maintain outstanding interaction with its signatory contractors and customers. "We have always worked in concert with the signatory contractors and the end users in a tri-partite effort to provide the best possible outcome," Howard concludes. "and we will continue to do so."