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## Unity, and Accomplishments

Dear Members,

As we welcome the warm embrace of summer, it's a perfect time to reflect on the values that hold us together and the bright future that lies ahead. Similarly, it represents an opportunity for us as a Union to strengthen our bonds and foster growth within our community.

This summer, let's commit to unity and togetherness. Whether on the job or during our personal time, the relationships we cultivate are fundamental to our strength as a Union. Each interaction is a building block in the foundation of mutual respect and cooperation that supports our collective goals.

Moreover, let's use this season to recharge and connect. I encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming events, including the Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic at Toro Park. It's a great opportunity for families to come together in a spirit of fellowship and fun, celebrating the ties that bind us.

I am continually inspired by your dedication and solidarity. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and it is the driving force that propels our Union forward. Let us continue to support one another, share our successes, and face challenges together.

Here's to a summer filled with unity, accomplishment, and collective well-being. Let us embrace the season with enthusiasm and let it remind us of our shared commitment to each other and to the ideals we uphold.

Stay safe, enjoy the sunshine, and let's make this summer a testament to our strength and unity.

In Solidarity,

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## The Health Corner

It is Tick Season- Be aware and prevent Tick bites.

Tick exposure can occur year-round, but ticks are most active during warmer months (April-September)

Tick bites can cause Lymes Disease.

Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, and on animals. Spending time outside walking your dog, camping, gardening, working, or hiking may bring you in contact with ticks.

### To Prevent Tick bites:

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with tall grass and leaf litter.

Walk in the center of trails.

Check your body for ticks after being outdoors: In and around the hair, ears, under arms, waist/belly button, back of knees, and between legs.

Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. You can also buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

Check your clothing for ticks. Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing.

Check gear and pets for ticks. Ticks can be carried into the home on pets and gear, then attached to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and daypacks.

Shower soon after being outdoors.

### What to do if you get a Tick bite:

Remove the tick as soon as possible.

Follow the guidelines for tick removal listed on the link below.

[Fact Sheet \( Online link \)](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me.

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## Stay Ahead with Your Electrician State Certification

We would like to bring to your immediate attention an important matter regarding the renewal and initial requests for Electrician State Certification in California. The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is currently experiencing a significant backlog in processing these requests. We understand the potential impact this may have on your professional status and are actively addressing the issue with the DIR.

In response to our communications, the DIR has acknowledged the delays and informed us that they are increasing their staffing levels in an effort to expedite the process. While we are hopeful that these measures will resolve the backlog soon, it is crucial for each of you to take proactive steps to avoid any disruption in your certification status.

**Plan Ahead:** Do not wait until the last minute. Check the expiration date of your current certification and start the renewal process well in advance.

**Prepare Your Documents:** Ensure that all required documents are complete and ready for submission. This preparation can significantly reduce the chance of delays.

**Submit Early:** Given the current backlog, we strongly advise submitting your renewal or application as early as possible.

**Stay Updated:** Keep an eye on communications from the DIR for any updates regarding the processing times and any further instructions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to maintaining the high standards of our profession.



## Join Us for a Day of Fun: Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic!

Get ready for a day of family fun and community spirit! Our Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st, at the lovely Toro Park, Buckeye area. It's a fantastic opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy the company of fellow Union members and their families.

Details:

Date: Saturday, September 21

Location: Toro Park, Buckeye area

Activities: Games, food, and fun for all ages!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information. We look forward to celebrating with each of you and making this year's picnic a memorable one!

## Join Hands, Make a Difference: Volunteer with IBEW Local 234

Dear Members,

As we continue to strive for excellence and solidarity within our IBEW community, the strength of our Local lies in the active participation and dedication of our members. Today, we are reaching out to invite each of you to deepen your engagement with our Union by volunteering for Local initiatives.

Volunteering is a powerful way to build stronger bonds within our community, enhance our collective capabilities, and uphold the values we cherish as a Union. Whether it's participating in community outreach, helping organize Local events, or supporting ongoing projects, your involvement is crucial.

We need your skills, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to help us drive positive change and continue building a strong foundation for current and future members of IBEW Local 234.

To find out more about how you can get involved, please contact our Organizer, Henry Cortez. You can reach him at 831-731-0927 or via email at [henry@ibew234.org](mailto:henry@ibew234.org). Henry will provide you with information on the various initiatives that need your support and guide you on how you can contribute.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. Together, let's build a legacy of strength, unity, and solidarity.

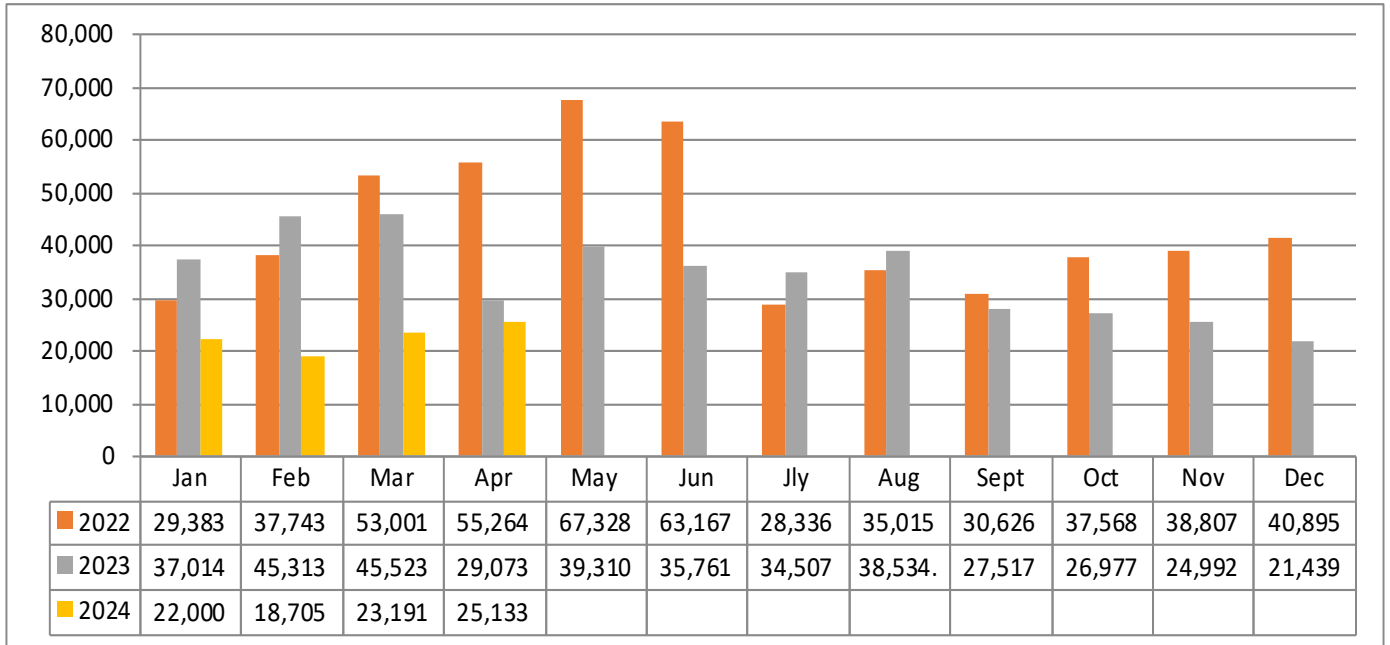


Rancho Cielo Graduate now turned Journeyman Wireman Electrician: Edgar Velasquez speaking to next generation of future Local 234 Electricians!

## Happy June Birthdays!

John Aguilar  
Noe J Arana  
Randal J Armas  
John Balducci  
Jeremy Bigman  
Bryon Borchard  
Michael T Brown  
Tony G Colvin  
Alex A Costes, Jr.  
Bryan N Craddock  
Tyler J Daly  
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Javier D Martinez  
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Aladdin C Preston  
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William Rust  
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Chris A Swim  
Juan Torres  
Lance Van Der Linden  
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Michael T Zrodlo

# Monthly Hours Report



< JUNE 2024 >						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <small>First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month</small>
2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b> <small>JATC Interviews</small>
9	10	11	<b>12</b> <small>General Body Meeting</small>	13	<b>14</b> <small>Flag Day</small>	15
<b>16</b> <small>Father's Day</small>	17	<b>18</b> <small>JATC Meeting</small>	<b>19</b> <small>Juneteenth</small>	20	21	22
<b>23</b> <small>End of Pay Period</small>	24	25	<b>26</b> <small>Executive Board Meeting</small>	27	28	29
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## Celebrating the Class of 2024

This past month marked a momentous occasion for our Tri-County JATC as we celebrated the transition of our 2024 apprentices to skilled journeyman electricians. The graduation ceremony was not only a testament to the hard work and dedication of our apprentices but also highlighted our enduring commitment to excellence in training.

We had the privilege of hosting Congressman Jimmy Panetta of the 19th District as our guest speaker. His presence underscored the significant role skilled labor plays in strengthening our community and economy. Congressman Panetta's words of encouragement celebrated the graduates' achievements and the vital skills they bring to the electrical industry.

The ceremony was a vibrant celebration of achievement and potential, reminding us all of the power of dedication and the importance of skilled trades in our society. It was an evening of reflection on the journey these apprentices have taken and anticipation of the impact they will undoubtedly make as they enter the workforce.

As we look forward, let us carry the spirit of this celebration in our continued efforts to support each other and advance our field. Congratulations once again to all our graduates – your journey has been remarkable, and your future is undoubtedly bright.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event successful. Let's keep pushing boundaries and building a stronger, more skilled IBEW community.



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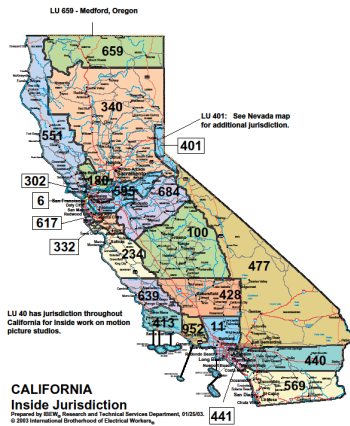
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**IBEW OBJECTIVES**

The objects of the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are:

- ◆ To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions
- ◆ To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry
- ◆ To settle all disputes between employer and employees by arbitration ( if possible )
- ◆ To assist each other in sickness and distress
- ◆ To secure employment
- ◆ To reduce the hours of daily labor
- ◆ To secure adequate pay for our work
- ◆ To seek a higher and higher standard o of living
- ◆ And by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship.



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