



SUMMER

OUR 58TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

JUNE 2021

Getting Back to “Normal”

On June 15th, we anticipate that the world will slowly begin to start feeling like it did before the pandemic began more than a year ago. With that, the Chapter will be resuming its regular schedule of meetings and events, beginning with the next Chapter meeting on Thursday, July 15th at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. That will give you more than a month to acclimate to the “new normal” ([*whatever that turns out to be*](#)).

We will not require masks or proof of vaccination at Chapter events, although we believe that most of our members that attend our functions have been vaccinated. We will utilize facilities that have larger meeting rooms to allow a little more room between campers.

Please Consider Hiring an Apprentice

The Inside Joint Apprenticeship Committee will be putting out new first-year apprentices over the next several weeks. The exact number will be determined by the needs of the industry. We are seeing a general uptick in work and we anticipate that will continue through the summer. If you anticipate the need for apprentices, we recommend you put in a call to the dispatch office at Local 302 sooner rather than later, as our overall numbers have declined in the past several years.

NECA Convention Comes to Nashville

For the first time ever, our Annual Convention and Exposition (the NECA SHOW) will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 9-13th. This is the premier electrical industry convention and trade show that features outstanding educational programs and the ability to interact one-on-one with your peers as well as the suppliers that your business relies on. If that alone is not enough to draw you to Nashville, we can think of several additional reasons you might consider going this year:

- ⇒ Great Music
- ⇒ To do Your Debt-Free Scream
- ⇒ To Visit your Friends from California that already decided to move there
- ⇒ The Trip is Tax-Deductible as an Ordinary and Necessary Business Expense



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DLSE Issues Model Notice and Guidance on SB 95 - COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave

The California Labor Commissioner's enforcement office, within the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) has issued a model notice and FAQs regarding California's SB 95 2021 COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (CPSL) law.

The CPSL model notice can be accessed [here](#).

The CPSL notice must be posted in a "conspicuous place" in the workplace, and should generally be posted in the same location at which other required workplace notices are posted.

The California Labor Commissioner also updated the FAQs on CPSL compliance. Those FAQs can be found [here](#). Please take a moment to review these FAQs as they provide clarity on the new leave law.

California Issues FAQs Regarding Registration Requirements for Commercial EV Installations

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), Division of Measurement Standards has released revised [FAQs](#) that clarify new Registered Service Agency (RSA) and Service Agent (SA) requirements for contractors who will be installing commercial AC electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) that will be placed into service to provide for profit commercial electric vehicle (EV) charging services.

The FAQs clarify the Department's EVSE regulations that became effective January 1, 2020, and that removed the tentative status from the federal [NIST Handbook 44, Section 3.40 Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems](#), making the requirements in that section enforceable in California. As of January 1, 2021, EV fueling systems, aka EVSE or electric charging stations, used to sell charging electricity to consumers, are subject to regulation and oversight by the Department.

As a result, newly installed commercial AC EVSE can only be placed into service by the state or a county Sealer of Weights and Measures or a Registered Service Agency.

What does this mean for NECA Contractors?

If a contractor or their company installs, repairs, calibrates or adjusts EVSE that will be placed into service to provide for sale commercial EV charging services, they must register with the Department as a Registered Service Agency (RSA). Any employee of the contractor who installs, repairs, calibrates and then places into service a for profit EVSE on behalf of the contractor (RSA) must be registered with the Department as a Service Agent (SA). Otherwise, the EVSE will have to be placed into service by the state or a county Sealer of Weights and Measures.

From the FAQs:

What is an RSA?

All entities and/or individuals who install, repair, calibrate or adjust commercial EVSE and then place the devices into service must be registered as an RSA.

What is a Service Agent?

Any individual or company who installs, repairs, calibrates and then places into service commercial EVSE must be registered with the Department as a Service Agent (SA). A device which has not been “placed in service” by a Sealer or an RSA cannot be used commercially.

What is “Commercial Purpose?”

Commercial purposes include “the determination of the weight, measure, or count of any commodity or thing that is sold on the basis of weight, measure, or count; or the determination of the weight, measure, or count of any commodity or thing upon which determination a charge for service is based.” (BPC Div. 5, Chapter 5, Section 12500 (e)).

These regulation sets phase-in implementation dates for commercial alternating current (AC) EVSE and direct current fast charger (DCFC) EVSE, as follows:

- January 1, 2021. All commercial AC EVSE installed on or after January 1, 2021 will be fully subject to the regulation.
- January 1, 2023. All commercial DCFC EVSE installed on or after January 1, 2023 will be fully subject to the regulation.
- January 1, 2031. All commercial AC EVSE installed prior to January 1, 2021 shall comply with the regulation by January 1, 2031.
- January 1, 2033. All commercial DCFC EVSE installed prior to January 1, 2023 shall comply with the regulation by January 1, 2033.

Any additional information regarding the EVSE requirements can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/pdfs/EVSE_RSA_FAQ.pdf .

NECA STORE NEW RELEASES

2021 NFPA 70E Publications

To Order either of these two publications, contact the [Chapter office](#) or visit the [NECA store](#).



NFPA 70E Guide to Employer (Contractor) Responsibilities

The guide will form a basis for the contractor's compliance with NFPA 70E. It details planning and documentation requirements a contractor must comply with to effectively communicate the risks to customers as well as employees. The guide also includes a letter template that can be used to send to owners/host employers expressing the contractor's commitment for following these requirements.

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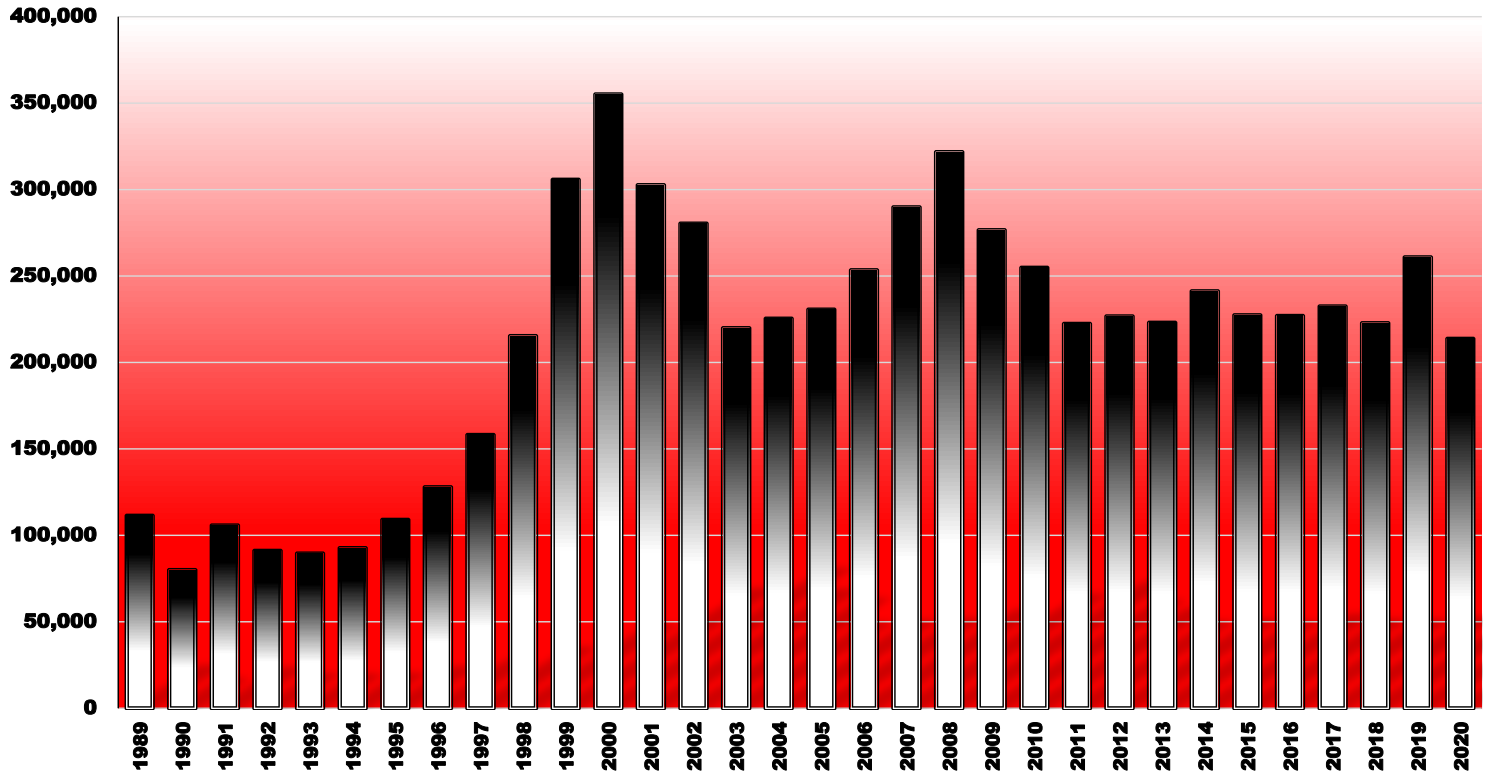
NFPA 70E Guide to Decision Making Energized vs. De-Energized Work

This guide, now based on the 2021 Edition of NFPA 70E, The Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace uses a simplified approach to determine whether energized work is justified according to the regulations or if it should be performed only while circuits are de-energized. Information includes hazard identification and risk assessment, host/contractor responsibilities and qualified vs. unqualified personnel. It also includes information on energized work permit requirements and a decision making flow chart.

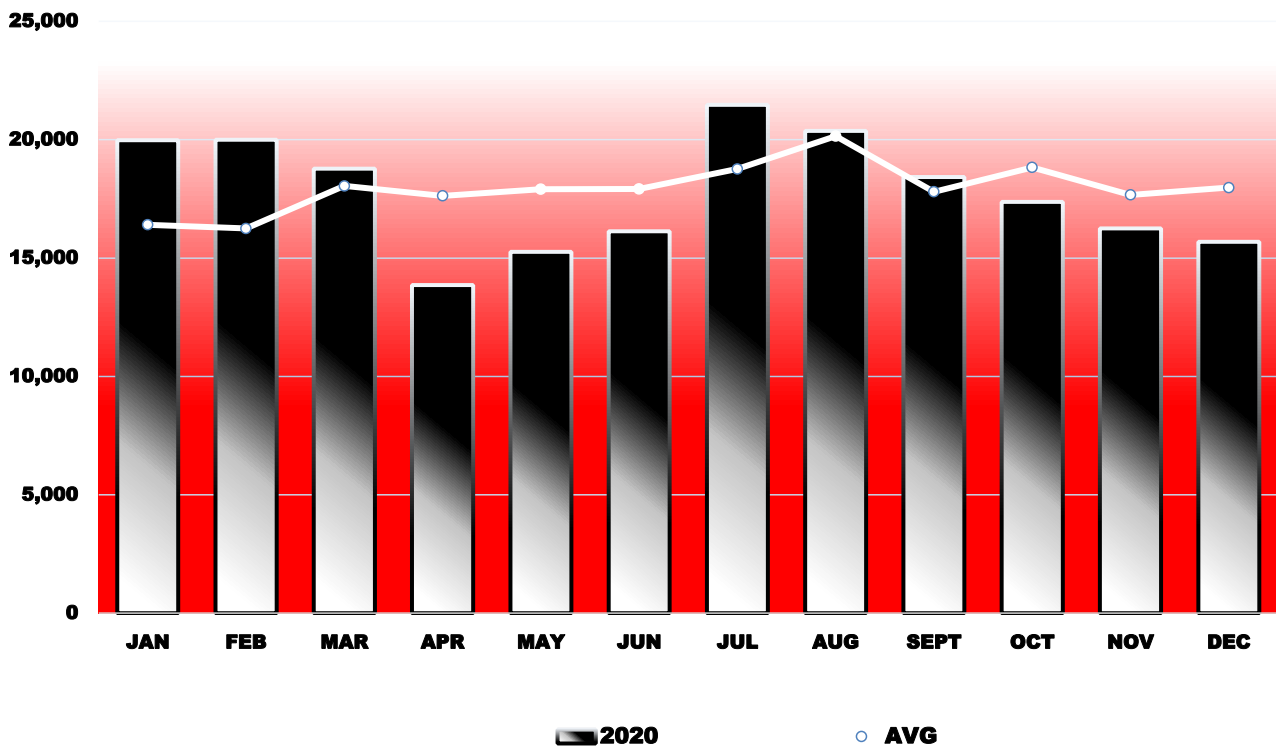
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