

# NSCB Horizons

## Message from NSCB Chairman Kevin Burke

For most, July represents the middle of the year, everlasting heat, and a time to enjoy backyard BBQs with friends and family. For NSCB, July embodies the beginning of a new fiscal year and the opportunity to reflect on last year's challenges, celebrate accomplishments made, and embark on new goals.

I am excited to announce that our 2011-2012 Strategic Plan has been approved by the Board. We have an ambitious agenda set for this year, and we look forward to reporting on our successes along the way.

One of our most important objectives is enhancing our partnering opportunities. NSCB's role in the industry is not solely to license and enforce contractor laws.



We want to be educators to our consumers and empower them to make good decisions.

We want to be a reliable and valuable resource to contractors and industry associations by highlighting tips, trainings, and trends.

We want to engage lawmakers and community opinion leaders to join us in our efforts to combat unlicensed contracting.

We may all have different business goals and varying priorities, but the safety of the consumer and contractor is paramount to us all. Through collaborative partnerships, ongoing communication, and enhanced outreach programs, we can make Nevada's construction industry a resilient trade for future generations.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to become more engaged and active with industry partners, and encourage you to keep us apprised of ways we may better serve you in the process.

Together, we *will* achieve great things.

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# New Laws Impact Contractors

*Recently signed legislation makes new changes to the laws governing licensed contractors and NSCB*



**AB 32 (Commerce & Labor)** – Requires a licensed contractor to submit an application for a single-project limit increase to the Board at least five working days before submitting the bid. The contractor is then required to obtain approval of his/her request before bidding the project.

*Effective October 1, 2011.*

**AB 144 (Kirkpatrick, Ocegüera, Smith, Conklin, & Atkinson)** – Changes the provisions concerning preference on public works projects and adds additional contract and reporting requirements between the awarding authority and the contractor, including:

1. At least 50 percent of the workers on the public works have a Nevada driver's license or ID card;
2. All of the non-apportioned vehicles primarily used for the public work are registered in Nevada;
3. At least 50 percent of the design professionals who work on the public work have a Nevada driver's license or ID card;
4. At least 25 percent of the suppliers of the materials used in the public work are located in Nevada; and
5. Certain payroll records related to the public work are maintained and available within the State of Nevada.

*Effective April 27, 2011.*

**AB 203 (Carrillo, Kirkpatrick, Brooks, & Manendo)** – Authorizes the Board to issue a written administrative citation to any person who is believed to be acting as a contractor without an active license of the proper classification. *Effective October 1, 2011.*

**AB 574 (Ways & Means)** – Adds language to the statute outlined in AB 144 providing that a public body is entitled to liquidated damages in the amount of one percent of the contract or sub-contract for the public work entered into by the party that caused a failure to comply with any of the five conditions, and that the public body may recover the damages directly from the party that caused the failure to comply with any of the five conditions. The statute also clarifies that condition number four (under AB 144) does not apply when the public body requires the acquisition of materials or equipment that cannot be obtained from a supplier located in the State of Nevada. *Effective June 15, 2011.*

**SB 18 (Commerce, Labor, & Energy)** – Authorizes the Board to discipline licensed contractors for failure or refusal to comply with an order of the Board. The Board is required to impose an administrative fine of \$1,000 against a licensee who fails or refuses to comply with an order of the Board in addition to certain actions, which may be taken by the Board against the licensee. *Effective October 1, 2011.*

**SB 19 (Commerce, Labor, & Energy)** – Requires an applicant for a contractor's license or a licensed contractor to notify NSCB in writing within 30 days after the licensee is convicted of, or enters a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere, in Nevada or any other jurisdiction, to:

1. A crime against a child;
2. A sexual offense;
3. Murder;
4. Voluntary manslaughter; or
5. A felony crime involving moral turpitude if the conviction occurred or the plea was entered in the immediately preceding 15 years.

If not adhered to, the Board may assess grounds for disciplinary action or refuse issuing the license. *Effective July 1, 2011.*

# CONTRACTORS' CORNER

You Ask, We Answer...  
You Advise, We Publish...



Do you have questions about NSCB, the construction industry, or other topics relative to your field that we can help answer?

Do you have information that other contractors may find useful, such as industry tips, lessons learned or upcoming trainings/events?

Have you lived through a situation or experience in the industry you think others can relate to and learn from?

***WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!***

**E-mail your questions and tips to our  
Public Information Office:**

JTurner@nscb.state.nv.us

—or—

RBotros@nscb.state.nv.us

If you're thinking about it, others probably are too. Tell us what's on your mind, and your question or tip could be featured in our next issue!

# **ATTENTION ALL CONTRACTORS!**

## **Reminder of *YOUR* Responsibilities**

**RENEW  
YOUR  
LICENSE  
ONLINE!**

The Contractors Board is making the license renewal process easier for contractors by automating forms **ONLINE!**



That's right! Gone are the days where you have to drive to our office. Now, in the comfort of your own home or business, you will be able to complete the application and receive ongoing, up-to-date statuses at your convenience.

If you're ready to renew your license, follow the [step-by-step instructions](#), which are now posted to our website under "Online Services."

NSCB is more than just a licensing and enforcement agency. It is our mission to protect consumers and also be a valuable resource to you as contractors. Far too often, we see licensed contractors making mistakes that could be avoided, which end up costing the contractor fines and citations in the end.

Your business and image are important to us, the industry, and consumers. **Don't be your own worst enemy; remember these helpful tips:**

- ◆ Make sure your contractor's license number is displayed on *all* advertisements, contracts, and bids.
- ◆ Don't forget to provide *every* homeowner with information on the Residential Recovery Fund.
- ◆ Be sure to provide homeowners with lien releases.
- ◆ Documentation is key! Make sure change orders are prepared and accepted before the work is performed.
- ◆ Communicate frequently with the homeowner to avoid confusion about the project.

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS**

**Citations may be issued for violations of NRS 624 in lieu of a formal Board Hearing.** The fines for these violations are established in NAC 624.7251.

The *minimum* fine for failure to obtain a permit is \$1,000.00 for the first offense and \$3,000.00 for the second offense.

The fine for knowingly entering into a contract with another contractor for work in excess of his/her limit or beyond the scope of his/her license is \$1,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

The fine for knowingly entering into a contract with a contractor who is not licensed is \$1,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

The *maximum* fine is typically used when:

- ⇒ The citation specifies more than one violation;
- ⇒ The contractor has a history of similar violations;
- ⇒ The violations have caused harm to other persons;
- ⇒ The homeowner is a senior citizen or disabled; or
- ⇒ The construction project is costing more than \$500,000.00.

# A Contractor's Role in Helping Senior Customers

Business deals of today are not the same as those of our parents' or grandparents' generations. Back then, your word was your bond, and a handshake was of great value. However, today, trust alone isn't enough to ensure adequate protections for both the contractor and consumer. One can't simply rely on handshakes or promises anymore; when work needs to be done, we now have expectations of written contracts, step-by-step deliverables, and financial security.

Unfortunately, senior citizens living in our community still tend to be too trusting, not realizing the protections they forego when they don't ask the right questions. So, what can you do as contractors to help educate our seniors and make your business relationship with them as easy-going as possible? Below are only a few tips to follow, but they could make the difference in whether your business gets referred to their family and friends:

- ◆ Walk seniors through each phase of the project. They will appreciate that you are putting forth an effort to assist them by thoroughly explaining all the details.
- ◆ Help them understand the contracts and what the terms mean.
- ◆ Make sure every document is legible—you may consider increasing the font size.
- ◆ Explain that they should get three or more bids on a project before making a final decision.
- ◆ Inform seniors to verify that all contractors they interact with are licensed by NSCB. They can do this online, or by contacting one of NSCB's offices.

No one likes to be taken advantage of, but when seniors find themselves in this type of situation, there are laws in place to help them seek justice. In addition to criminal laws, NSCB has a statute that goes after licensed contractors for committing fraud against seniors. If you are found in violation of NRS 624.3016 for "Fraudulent or deceitful acts," NSCB will pursue criminal action with the District Attorney.

Seniors are targets mainly because they have disposable income, are trusting of others, and are among the most vulnerable in our population. Detective Pete Dustin of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Fraud Division said that telephonic and computer schemes are most prevalent among the senior population. Most of these scams revolve around personal identifiers, such as one's date of birth, social security number, bank account information, etc. "The biggest way to eliminate being brought into a scheme is if the deal sounds too good to be true, (it probably is)," Detective Dustin said.

Detective Dustin recommends the following tips to help seniors avoid scams, which you may find valuable in sharing during your interactions with senior customers:

- ◆ Seniors should never give out their personal information over the phone or via the computer, unless they initiated it.
- ◆ Encourage seniors to verify who they are doing business with by contacting the Police Department or NSCB.
- ◆ Alert seniors to scams committed by travelers. These individuals travel from one city to another claiming they are qualified to do work in trades they are not licensed in.

By being proactive, you can simultaneously help seniors and your business.

Always remember that your actions have an impact on others, but it's ultimately up to you if the impact will be positive or negative. Many of our parents or grandparents taught us the value of helping others, so now it's our turn to return the favor.

# New Requirements Effective June 16, 2011

*OSHA now requiring all residential contractors to adhere to Fall Prevention Regulations*



As of June 16, 2011, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is requiring all residential contractors to adhere to fall prevention regulations to ensure the safety of workers. Residential contractors will need to comply with 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1926 Subpart M, Fall Protection Regulations, as OSHA rescinded the interim fall protection exemption.

The key changes for those engaged in residential construction include:

- ◆ Employers will be required to demonstrate the infeasibility of the required conventional fall protection systems **or** that such systems create a greater hazard if using alternative fall protection measures and a fall protection plan.
- ◆ The employer has the burden of establishing that it is appropriate to implement a fall protection plan.
- ◆ A qualified person, i.e., person with a degree or extensive experience and who has the ability to solve fall protection problems at the jobsite, must develop a site-specific, written fall protection plan when alternative fall protection methods are used.
- ◆ A single, written fall protection plan can be developed for repetitive use, e.g., for a particular style or model of home, so long as the plan fully addresses all issues related to fall protection at each site.
- ◆ The use of alternative fall protection measures is limited to "residential construction," meaning (1) the end-use of the structure being built is a home, i.e., a dwelling), and (2) the structure being built is constructed using traditional wood frame construction materials and methods, which also includes cold-formed sheet metal stud framing and masonry brick or block construction.
- ◆ Slide guards will no longer be permitted to be used in lieu of conventional fall protection methods during roofing work (removal, repair, or installation of weatherproofing roofing materials, such as shingles, tile, and tar paper). However, slide guards may be used as part of a written, site-specific fall protection plan that meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.502(k) if the employer can demonstrate that the use of conventional fall protection would be infeasible **or** create greater hazards.
- ◆ When roofing work is performed on low-slope roofs, i.e., 4 in 12 pitch or less, safety monitoring systems can still be used in conjunction with a warning line system to protect workers on the roof. When such a roof is 50 feet or less in width, a safety monitoring system can be used alone and without a warning line system. Safety monitoring systems must meet the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1926.502(h).

**For more information, please contact  
OSHA at:  
(702) 486-9020 or (775) 824-4600**

You may also find out more information about this regulation on [OSHA's website](#).

*Sources: National Association of Home Builders, "Residential Fall Protection" and Arizona Construction Training Alliance, Inc. (ACTA), "OSHA Rescinds Residential Fall Protection Exemption."*

# How to Effectively Communicate with Homeowners

There's no doubt that all of our patience is tested at one point in our careers. But how we deal with that situation is what differentiates us. We know dealing with unreasonable homeowners can be a challenge, which is why we want to equip you with the skills to manage those situations.

Many misunderstandings arise due to lack of communication. Be proactive by opening the lines of communication early on. Help the homeowner understand why you are making certain recommendations, what the terms within their contract mean, and what you plan to do each phase of the way. You also want to make sure your contracts are as detailed as possible; include information such as colors and brands of materials to be used to ensure there is no confusion or speculation about what is being done.

Your ultimate goal is to have a successful project and a satisfied customer at the end of the day. In most cases, spending a little time explaining things to homeowners on the front end will save you a lot of time and hassle having to deal with issues once the project is complete.

There will always be customers who are never completely satisfied with the project, regardless of the proactive steps you've taken. In those cases, remember to remain professional; getting aggravated will only unsettle the homeowner further. If you find the homeowner simply isn't understanding the information you are explaining to them, take a deep breath and try to find another way to state it. When all else fails, repeat what you think the customer is saying back to them to make sure you have a clear understanding of the information they are after. Once you clearly understand the question being asked, provide your explanation and ask them to repeat what they think you said to ensure they are understanding you correctly, too. This may seem like more effort than it's worth, but in communications, hearing and listening are two different things. You want to make sure the homeowner *listens* and *digests* what you say; not simply *hear* the words coming out of your mouth.

Another tool at your disposal is the ever powerful word—compromise. Finding the middle ground

with a homeowner may be your best bet to resolution. As long as you are not compromising the integrity of your business or your professional judgment, a give-and-take approach can be valuable in mending a customer relationship. Contractors who tend to be successful are the ones who utilize all means available to them in order to solve problems and maintain a positive customer service experience for the homeowner.

Some circumstances simply can't be resolved through communication alone. It's important to remember that you have options, too. For instance, if you haven't been paid by a homeowner, you have lien rights under NRS 108. In situations where you are not able to complete a project, you have the option to enter into a monetary settlement with a homeowner. Always keep in mind that you may contact NSCB for advice regarding your issue, but know that NSCB cannot get involved in a particular case until a formal complaint is filed. Should you feel NSCB's involvement is necessary, have the homeowner file a complaint, so NSCB may assist in mediating the problem.

## Communication Tool Box

- ◆ Remain cool, calm, and collected
- ◆ Speak clearly and understandably
- ◆ Walk homeowners through project details, provide reasons for your recommendations and address all questions
- ◆ Be patient
- ◆ Be aware of non-verbal cues; facial expressions can say much more than you think, especially when you don't realize your doing it (rolling eyes, not making eye-contact, etc.)
- ◆ If there is a communication breakdown, try repeating in your own words what you think the homeowner is asking/saying and have them do the same.

# QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

*Life doesn't always leave time to read the morning paper or watch the evening news, so we're doing it for you!  
Here are some of the headlines you may have missed recently...*

## **Reno's New Era of Construction Education** (KTVN, Channel 2 News, 6/23/11)

How do you prepare students for a career that has dramatically changed, namely construction? It seems like an odd time to consider a career in the building trades. The jackhammers are mainly silent in Reno...Nevada's construction industry remains mostly inactive. Bob Farthing of West Coast Contractors calls it "Slow, from what I've heard. Very, very few projects breaking in town."

Bob is lucky enough to work at one of the few building sites in Reno, a new dorm and classroom combination project on the UNR campus. There will be a time when the industry comes back, and when it does, it won't be the same. Besides math and science, you now need to know computers... lots of computers. [Read More](#)

## **Nevada board to rebid court road project** (KTVN, Channel 2 News; Associated Press)

A board is postponing a northeast Nevada court road reconstruction project to allow for another round of bidding.

The Spring Creek Association board of directors unanimously voted to postpone the Spring Valley Court project after the lowest bid came in at \$220,000.

A firm hired to plan the reconstruction design had estimated the cost would be about \$135,000. [Read More](#)

## **UNLV transit facility to open in 2013** (Fox 5 Vegas, 6/21/11)

Officials with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada have targeted a 2013 opening for a new transit facility at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Construction on the \$3.3 million project will begin next year at Maryland Parkway and University Road on the east side of campus.

The facility, which will include an area for bicycle storage and up to six bus bays, is partly funded by a \$2.7 million federal grant.

The commission will pay for the remaining \$690,000 needed for construction. [Read More](#)

## **Commissioners approve \$3 million to help build new Legal Aid Center** (Las Vegas Review-Journal, 6/21/11)

Clark County commissioners approved a \$3 million grant Tuesday for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada to help build a new 35,000-square-foot office complex.

The \$13 million building will replace Legal Aid's 11,000-square-foot office at 721 Charleston Blvd. and will be built nearby. Work is set to start by September and will create about 120 construction jobs. [Read More](#)



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we want our newsletter to continue  
meeting your needs!



# GREEN TECHNOLOGY

## ...the next industry wave?

*New technologies seem to pop up every time we turn around. Here are some "green" articles about Nevada you may find interesting...*

### **Pattern begins construction on Nevada's first wind farm**

(Bright Energy, 6/16/11)

Pattern Energy Group LP has begun construction on Nevada's first wind farm, the Spring Valley Wind project in northern Spring Valley, approximately 30 miles east of Ely.

The 150 megawatt (MW) Spring Valley Wind project will take approximately one year to build and will create approximately 225 jobs during construction, with a preference given to qualified local workers and contractors. [Read More](#)

### **Solar project could be start of diversified economy**

(Las Vegas Sun, 6/30/11)

Laughlin might soon find itself at the center of Nevada's economic recovery, as a Chinese power company is seeking approval to build a solar panel manufacturing plant, industrial park and solar array there.

Clark County commissioners will be asked Tuesday to initiate negotiations with [ENN Mojave Energy Corp.](#) to purchase 5,400 acres of county land near Laughlin, which is about 90 miles south of Las Vegas.

When completed, the factory and an area for an industrial park would sit on 300 to 400 acres about 12 miles south of Laughlin, east of Needles Highway and west of the Colorado River. The factory would create about 2,000 skilled manufacturing jobs, according to county documents. [Read More](#)

### **Solar a Bright Spot in Construction Jobs Picture**

(KOLO-TV, 6/17/11)

For years we've heard renewable energy had the potential to help power the state's economy in the

21st century. Now when we need it the most, it seems to be filling some of that promise.

The latest unemployment numbers released today shows a jobless rate of 12.1 percent. That's an improvement of four tenths of a percent from the previous month and that's largely fueled by a natural gas pipeline being built across northern Nevada, but renewable energy projects are also putting Nevadans to work.

While the state's construction industry is mostly idled by the economy, crews from Hamilton Solar of Reno are busy.

"We're incredibly busy," says Reid Hamilton. "Our pipeline is actually full for a few more months. There is no end in sight for us."

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### **Green trend taking root in local housing market**

(Las Vegas Review-Journal, 6/25/11)

Q: I know some of the new homes in Las Vegas come with all kinds of energy-saving features. I'm more interested in a resale, and I'm wondering what my options are. Are you seeing more of these homes on the market? -- John P., Houston

A: I'm glad you asked. The short answer is yes. As part of the green trend sweeping the real estate, construction and other industries, we're seeing more homes here in Southern Nevada with a wide range of features that save energy and are easier on the environment.

As you suggested, leading national home builders have been making great strides in this area. Here in Southern Nevada, some are offering and aggressively marketing solar energy systems, innovative construction techniques and many other high-tech and energy-saving features.

[Read More](#)

# NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

RONALD L. LYNN  
Director/Building Official

## Department of Development Services Clark County, Nevada

**TO: Industry**  
**FROM: Neil Burning, PAC/Plans Examination Manager**  
**SUBJECT: Implementation Dates for the 2009 Construction Codes**  
**DATE: May 23, 2011**

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Clark County Development Services, by means of adoption by the Clark County Commission, shall make effective the following national codes and local amendments thereto:

- 2009 International Building Code®
- 2009 International Residential Code®
- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code®
- 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code®
- 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code®
- 2008 National Electrical Code®
- 2009 Southern Nevada Pool Code

With the exception of the 2009 Southern Nevada Pool Code, which was made effective at time of adoption in March 2011, all other above listed codes will have a July 5, 2011 effective date. Amendments to the codes are available at: [http://snbo.snicc.org/code\\_amendments.html](http://snbo.snicc.org/code_amendments.html)

In order for projects to be reviewed under the current codes, the building permit application must be submitted to Clark County Development Services, Building Division, on or before July 1, 2011.

This application deadline also applies to Standard Residential Plans, Standard Block Wall Designs and Standard Signs.

Building permit applications for all projects, including Standard Plans, submitted on or after July 5, 2011, must be designed in accordance with the above listed codes.

For all building permit applications submitted on or before July 1, 2011, under the current codes, the required building permit must be obtained on or before January 3, 2012. If the required building permit is not obtained on or before January 3, 2012, the building permit application shall expire and a new building permit application will be required and the building/structure design will be re-reviewed for compliance with the codes listed above. Furthermore, additional plan review fees may be required for this re-review.

Prior to July 5, 2011, at the option of the applicant, new building permit applications designed to the currently adopted 2006 series of codes or the 2009 series of codes listed above shall be accepted (note exception of Southern Nevada Pool Code listed above).

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 455-8020 or [nburning@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:nburning@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

# Unlicensed Contractor Tips Lead to Criminal Convictions

By State law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts.

The **Unlicensed Contractor Hotline** continues to be an instrumental source for NSCB to identify and prosecute unlicensed contractors. All licensed contractors and members of the public are encouraged to contact NSCB with *any* concern of an unlicensed contractor performing work.

**CS = Community Service      IC = Investigative Costs**  
**F = Fine                              R = Restitution                      PB = Plea Bargain**

\*Visit the [website](#) to view licensed contractors who have been disciplined by the Board.

## Northern Nevada Criminal Convictions

February 1, 2011—June 30, 2011

Brownwell, Gary Michael	\$197 F; Conviction	Bloxtton, Peyton Andrew	\$305 F; Conviction; IC
Buchner, Ernest Ronald	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Bravo, Ricardo Javier	Conviction; IC
Carlson, Brian Joseph	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Buchholz, Carl Heinz Richard	\$572 F; Conviction
Casey, Timothy John	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Byrns, Todd Micahel	\$665 F; Conviction; IC
Corcoran, James Robert	Conviction	Carter, Dale Martin Jr.	\$1,000 F; Conviction; IC
Cruz-Castillo, Javier	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Fixel, Lonnie Eugene	\$195 F; Conviction; IC
Darval, Phillip Raphael	Conviction; CS; IC	Freetly, Robert Glen	\$305 F; Conviction; IC
Demetriou, John Stephen	Conviction	Gandara, Javier	Conviction; CS; IC
Flint, Donald Douglas	\$203 F; Conviction; IC	Green, John David	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Gasbarri, Walter	\$305 F; Conviction; IC	Hinsen, Thomas William	\$415 F; Conviction; IC
Golberg, Daniel Luke	\$622 F; Conviction; IC	Levash, Jason Phillip	\$352 F; Conviction; IC
Kimes, Sean Lamont	Conviction; IC	Marsh, John Calvin	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Maczko, Janos	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Overly, David Lee	\$1,000 F; Conviction; IC
Moatter, Masoud Mark	\$192 F; Conviction	Perez, Ernesto	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Paszek, Michael John	Conviction; IC	Perez-Alejo, Gerardo	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Reyes, Roberto	\$640 F; Conviction; IC	Quinn, Stephen Roy	\$305 F; Conviction; IC
Salkeld, Steven James	\$195 F; Conviction; IC	Sanchez-Chacon, Gonzalo	Conviction; CS; IC
Stenerson, Michael Wayne	\$637 F; Conviction; IC	Sandoval, Tony Edward	\$325 F; Conviction; IC
Trent, Donald W.	Conviction; CS; IC	Shryack, Ronald Eugene	\$640 F; Conviction; IC
Varela, Thomas Jr.	Conviction; CS	Smith, Gerald Paul	\$305 F; Conviction; IC
Wehrli, Mark David	\$540 F; Conviction	Upton, Ronald Todd	\$6,482 R; Jail
Williams, Rachel Lynn	\$305 F; Conviction; IC	Yelland, Edward Virgil	\$637 F; Conviction; IC

# Southern Nevada Criminal Convictions

February 1, 2011—June 30, 2011

Andrews, Marc E.	PB; IC	Alexander, Joseph H.	PB; IC
Battisti, Romeo O., dba Romeo Concrete	\$500 F; \$1,304 R; Conviction; IC	Alvarado, Leon Jose	PB; IC
Biron, Kim, dba Green Turf Landscaping & Pool Svc.	\$2,000 R; Conviction	Anything and Everything Plumbing	\$100 R; PB; IC
Biscamp, Jennifer, dba C C Design Center	\$250 F; Conviction	Border Construction	PB; IC
Buschini, Tony	\$1,428.30 R; PB; IC	Bravo, Jose Ascencion	\$115 F; Conviction
Canyon Pool Service	\$250 F; Conviction; IC	Castro, Carlos Rubin	PB; IC
Construction Services, Ltd.	\$350 F; Conviction; IC	Cortez-Miranda, Dibaldo	\$250 F; \$300.57 R; Conviction; IC
Cullison, Jerry	\$2,800 R; PB; IC	Delacruz, Hector	PB; IC
Fajardo, Martin Benitez	\$450 R; PB	Exquisite City Home Theater and Audio	\$4,038 R; Conviction; IC
Finster Flooring	\$605 R; Conviction; IC	Figueiredo, Joaquim	PB; IC
Framing Solutions	PB; IC	Frago, Jimmy, dba J B L Marble & Granite	\$219 F; \$5,000 R; Conviction
Fuentes, Jose M.	\$2,500 R; Conviction; IC	Gallego, Charles Edward	PB; IC
Gonzales, Gary, dba HIS Custom Flooring	\$4,000 R; Conviction; IC	Garcia, Vincent, dba Blue Pacific Landscape	Conviction; IC
Gutierrez, Juan Carlos	\$500 F; Conviction; IC	GCE Landscape Service	\$250 F; PB; IC
Hebbe, Steven Thomas	\$250 F; Conviction; IC	Gomez, Josh	PB; IC
Irwin, Dennis	\$750 F; PB; IC	Gonzalez, Gasper	PB; IC
JJ's Rooter Service, Inc.	\$700 R; PB	Green Turf Landscaping and Pool Svc.	\$1,000 R; Conviction
Landreville, Cordell	\$2,263.49 R; Conviction; IC	Hanneken, Thomas	\$75 F; \$760 R; Conviction
Liu, Lewis	\$1,509.77 R; Conviction;	Hoatson, Jason	\$6,345 R; Conviction
Martinez, Frank M.	\$1,000 R; Conviction	Ibarra, Abeodato G.	Conviction; IC
Moreno, David	\$250 F; Conviction; IC	Martin, Joseph	PB; IC
Murphy, Terrence	PB; IC	Medsker, Gary	\$40,000 R; PB
Murray, Neco Lamon	\$280 F; PB	Mendoza Landscaping	PB; IC
Murrin, Joseph	PB; IC	Midwest Landscape Design, Inc.	Conviction; IC
National Wall Design	Conviction; IC	Mike Cayton Tile	PB; IC
Ochoa-Bocanegra, Jose F.	\$300 F; PB; IC	Murray, Neco Lamon	\$929 R; PB; IC
Ortega, Rafael	PB; IC	Newkirk, Jon	Conviction; IC
Porres Lawn Care	\$280 F; Conviction; IC	Pennewell, Edward	\$2,216 R; PB; IC
Reid, Eric	\$1,250 R; PB	Perez, Rolando Fernandez	\$1,960 R; Conviction
Reynolds, Michael David	PB; IC	Pina, Miguel	\$1,750 R; Conviction; IC
Rubio, Rogelio Orozco	\$250 F; Conviction; IC	Precision Pools	\$47,747.84 R;
Schaum, Eric	PB; IC	Rose, Steven M., dba Rose Painting & Drywall	\$250 F; Conviction; IC
Sipriano, Gamboa Contreras	Conviction; IC	Rupsch, John	PB; IC
Supergrass Landscaping Co.	\$4,000 R; PB	Trejo, Sean	\$700 R; Conviction; IC
Talley, Jeffrey Robert	Conviction; IC	Valentine, Robert P., dba Bob's Landscapes	PB; IC
Thompson, Richard L.	PB; IC	Van De Creek, Randell	\$660 R; PB; IC
Todd (Tiger), Terrence, dba Tiger Technologies, Inc.	Conviction; IC	Velazquez, Albaro	\$500 F; Conviction; IC
Trevino, Benny	PB; IC	Vitousek, Rudolf	PB; IC
Ventures, Wright	PB; IC	Warweg, Greg Scott	Conviction; IC
Yoo, Suk Jong	PB; IC	Weed, Bruce	\$475 F; \$650 R; Conviction; IC
Zagby, Robert William	\$280 F; PB; IC	Wilson, William Guy	PB; IC

# ACROSS THE BOARD

April 1—June 30, 2011

## **Compliance Investigations**

<i>Investigations opened</i>	477
<i>Investigations closed</i>	517
<i>Licenses revoked</i>	37
<i>Fines assessed</i>	\$57,250
<i>Investigative costs assessed</i>	\$57,053
<i>Recovery Fund Claims Awarded</i>	\$109,280

## **Criminal Investigations**

<i>Investigations opened</i>	364
<i>Investigations closed</i>	462
<i>Felony cases filed</i>	10
<i>Criminal complaints filed with DA</i>	31
<i>Citations issued</i>	100
<i>Convictions</i>	124
<i>Restitution ordered by Court</i>	\$135,446
<i>Fines assessed by Court</i>	\$5,149

## **Licensing Division**

<i>New license applications received</i>	407
<i>New licenses issued</i>	300
<i>License change applications received</i>	940
<i>Licensed Nevada contractors</i>	15,907

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

*Set yourself apart from the rest by staying up-to-date on current trends, sciences, and industry techniques*

## JULY

### **10-Hour Construction Industry Course**

**What:** 1.0 Unit of Continuing Education  
**When:** July 21 & 22; 8:00 am—2:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC Mod 1 (room)  
**Cost:** \$99  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

### **8-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations Refresher**

**When:** July 22, 2011; 8:00 am—5:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$195.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

## AUGUST

### **Excel Essentials I**

**When:** August 1 & 3; 8:30 am—12:30 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
Meadowood Center  
**Cost:** \$129.00  
**Contact:** (775) 829-9010 or [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu)

### **Computer Basics en Español**

**When:** August 6–27 (four Saturday sessions)  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
West Center, Room A114  
**Cost:** \$129.00  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4747 or [dwed@csn.edu](mailto:dwed@csn.edu)

### **Microsoft Word 2007**

**When:** August 8–17 (four sessions; Mon/Wed)  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Sahara West Center, Room A118  
**Cost:** \$139.00  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4747 or [dwed@csn.edu](mailto:dwed@csn.edu)

### **QuickBooks Pro**

**When:** August 8–24 (six sessions; Mon/Wed)  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Sahara West Center, Room A119  
**Cost:** \$194.00  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4747 or [dwed@csn.edu](mailto:dwed@csn.edu)

# *What skills would you like to improve?*

## **AUGUST CONTINUED**

### **40-Hour HAZWOPER Certification**

**What:** 4.0 Units of Continuing Education  
**When:** August 15–18; 8:00 am–4:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC Mod 1 (room)  
**Cost:** \$725  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

### **40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response**

**When:** August 15–19; 8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$525.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Microsoft Excel 2007**

**When:** August 22–31; (four sessions; Mon/Wed)  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
West Center, Room A118  
**Cost:** \$139.00  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4747 or [dwed@csn.edu](mailto:dwed@csn.edu)

### **Forklift Safety Training**

**When:** August 6–OR–27; 9:00 am–3:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$79.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **OSHA 510: Occupational Safety & Health Standards for Construction (30 hours)**

**What:** 3.0 BCSP Credits; 3.0 ABIH Credits;  
4.34 CM Pts  
**When:** August 29–Sept. 1; 8:00 am–4:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC M103 (room)  
**Cost:** \$695  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)



# Challenge yourself to learn something new

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Microsoft Word Basics: Just Enough to Survive**

**When:** September 7; 6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
Meadowood Center  
**Cost:** \$49.00  
**Contact:** (775) 829-9010 or [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu)

### **OSHA Lead Action Level Training**

**When:** September 10; 8:00 am—12:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$40.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **8-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations Refresher**

**When:** September 12; 8:00 am—5:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$195.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Basic Computer Skills Certification**

**When:** September 12; (10 sessions)  
Mon/Wed 5:30 pm—9:30 pm  
Tue/Thurs 5:30 pm—7:30 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
Meadowood Center  
**Cost:** \$375.00  
**Contact:** (775) 829-9010 or [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu)

### **Lead Training for Renovators, Repair & Painters**

**When:** September 16; 8:00 am—5:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$195.00  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Forklift Safety Training**

**When:** September 17; 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$79.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

*In these competitive times, how will you rise above the rest?*

## **SEPTEMBER CONTINUED**

### **EPA Lead Dust Sampling Technician**

**When:** September 24; 8:00 am—5:00 pm;  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$125.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **OSHA 3095: Electrical Standards (30 hours)**

**What:** 3.0 of Continuing Education; BCSP Credit: 3.0; ABIH Credit: 3.01 CM Pts  
**When:** September 26—29; 8:00 am—4:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC Mod 1 (Room)  
**Cost:** \$695  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

## **OCTOBER**

### **40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response**

**When:** October 3—7; 8:00 am—5:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$525.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Excel Essentials I**

**When:** October 3 & 5; 5:30 pm—9:30 pm (Mon/Wed)  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
Meadowood Center  
**Cost:** \$129.00  
**Contact:** (775) 829-9010 or [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu)

### **OSHA 3010: Excavation, Trenching & Soil Mechanics (24 hours)**

**What:** 2.2 Units of Continuing Education; BCSP Credit: 2.2; ABIH Credit: 3.34 CM Pts  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC M 103 (room)  
**Cost:** \$625  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

# *Become an expert on new trends in the industry*

## **OCTOBER CONTINUED**

### **Forklift Safety Training**

**When:** October 8; 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$79.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Lead Training for Renovators, Repair and Painters**

**When:** October 10; 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
IGT Applied Technology Center  
**Cost:** \$195.00  
**Contact:** (775) 857-4958 or [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu)

### **Excel Essentials II**

**When:** October 10 & 12 (two sessions; Mon/Wed)  
**Where:** Truckee Meadows Community College  
Meadowood Center  
**Cost:** \$129.00  
**Contact:** (775) 829-9010 or [wdce@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdce@tmcc.edu)

### **10-Hour Construction Industry Course**

**What:** 1.0 Unit of Continuing Education  
**When:** October 13—14; 8:00 am—2:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC Mod 1 (room)  
**Cost:** \$99  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

### **30-Hour Construction Industry Course**

**What:** 3.0 Units of Continuing Education  
**When:** October 24—27; 8:00 am—4:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC Mod 1 (room)  
**Cost:** \$199  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

### **OSHA 510: Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction (30 hours)**

**What:** 3.0 Units of Continuing Education; BCSP  
Credit: 3.0; ABIH Credit: 4.34 CM Pts  
**When:** October 31—November 3; 8:00 am—4:30 pm  
**Where:** College of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, WC M103 (room)  
**Cost:** \$695  
**Contact:** (702) 651-4551 or [oshaotiec@csn.edu](mailto:oshaotiec@csn.edu)

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# MEET THE BOARD



## **KEVIN E. BURKE, Chairman**

President and Chief Executive Officer of Burke Construction Group Inc., was appointed to the Board by the Governor of Nevada in November 2008. He is a licensed general engineering and general building contractor with more than 20 years experience, responsible for overseeing all company construction activities at Burke Construction Group Inc. He is a board member of the Associated General Contractors and board member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees.



## **WILLIAM "BRUCE" KING, Treasurer**

President of Pete King Nevada Corp. and Vice President of Pete King Corp., was appointed to the Board by the Governor of Nevada in November 2005. He is a licensed painting and drywall contractor and has been in the construction business in Southern Nevada for 15 years. King has been an active member and officer in various construction industry associations, including the Associated General Contractors, Association of Builders and Contractors and the Nevada Subcontractors Association.



## **GUY M. WELLS**

President and Chief Executive Officer of Wells Cargo Inc., was appointed to the Board by the Governor of Nevada in May 2010. Wells is a licensed General Engineering and General Building contractor with more than 30 years of construction experience. He is an active member and officer of the Nevada Contractors Association.



## **NATHANIEL W. "NAT" HODGSON, III**

Member and Qualified Individual of Green Serenity LLC, was appointed to the Board by the Governor in November 2008. He is the past President of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association.



## **STEPHEN P. QUINN**

President of Precision Construction Inc., was appointed to the Board by the Governor of Nevada in November 2009. He has been a licensed general building contractor for 27 years with 42 years experience in the trade. He is chairman of the City of Las Vegas Building and Safety Enterprise Fund Advisory Committee and served as vice chairman of the City of Las Vegas Planning Commission.



## **DONALD L. DRAKE**

A resident of Sparks, NV, was appointed to the Board by the Governor of Nevada in January 2010. He serves as the public member of the Board. Drake was owner and general manager of Baker & Drake, Inc., a Reno taxicab company. He is past president and a 25-year member of the board of directors of the Nevada Association of Employers and a member of the RTC 2040 Committee and the Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee.



## **THOMAS "JIM" ALEXANDER**

President of Renaissance Pools & Spas Inc., was appointed to the Board by Governor Gibbons effective November 1, 2010. He is a licensed commercial and residential pool contractor with more than 39 years experience and has been licensed in Nevada since 1991. Alexander is an active member of the Associated General Contractors, a retired police officer, a Master Mason and Shriner and a licensed pilot.



## **MARGI GREIN**

Executive Officer

## **Our Mission**

*The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada.*

*The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public.*



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