CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As we work our way through this unprecedented time together, I wanted to again assure you that the health and safety of you and your loved ones, is priority number one here at the District Council. Since my cease work order was given nearly three weeks ago, we have developed a procedure for our contractors to re-open work opportunities within our region. We have developed a system of approving jobs for resumption, ONLY if it is determined that the jobsite is safe. Each and every one of our contractors is cooperating with our system, including the submission of a work request as well as providing copies of all COVID-19 Policies that are in effect at the project.

We review the policies, conduct site visits and have spoken with many of you to get your feedback on how you feel about going to a particular project. Please be assured that if we determine that a site is unsafe, we are not allowing the contractors to put DC 35 members on those sites. This detailed approach to the resumption of work will continue until WE determine that it is no longer necessary. We remain in constant contact with contractors, project owners and city officials throughout the area and are letting them know that we will be on jobsites when they are safe, and not one day sooner.

I want to thank all the members who have been in contact with our District Council 35 Staff, and remember: If you do not feel safe at a jobsite please be immediately in touch with your Business Representative. We are available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer any question you have.

Given the current information from public health officials, I can confidently say that the construction industry is confronting a “new normal” with regards to workers’ health and safety. District Council 35 will lead the effort to make sure our members return home to their families each night safe and healthy.