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Message from President Phil Forner

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Working in the HVACR industry, and having employees using company vehicles, this is the time to review your distracted driving policy. If you do not have a policy, please take a look at [these sample policy templates here](#). Be sure that your employees have signed the policy and hold regular team meetings to discuss the seriousness of distracted driving. Please review the information located in this newsletter, providing you with distracted driving awareness resources and information.

MIACCA continues to look for members who are interested in joining the various board committees, such as Legislative and Workforce Development. Please contact our Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org.

The Board of Mechanical Rules has openings for:

- Professional mechanical engineers
- Limited service heating and refrigeration
- Refrigeration Service
- Organized labor representing mechanical trades
- Unlimited service heating & refrigeration
- Fire suppression

The Board of Rules for:

- Owners & users of boilers operation at 1,000 p.s.i.g or more
- Organized labor in the state and engaged in the design, erection, fabrication, installation, operation, repair, or inspection of boilers
- Antique steam boiler owners and operators

You can view all of the Bureau of Construction Codes board vacancies [here](#).

Please continue to utilize these COVID-19 resources from our industry experts:

ACCA resources [here](#), Federated Insurance [here](#), NATE resources [here](#), ASHRAE resources [here](#)

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



MIACCA's Initiative on the Statewide Permit Result in CCC's Agenda Item - Next Meeting April 14th.

At the January 27th Construction Code Commission (CCC) meeting, MIACCA's request for a statewide permit was on the agenda. They are now seeking input for building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permit applications. MCL 125.1510(1) requires these applications to be on a form prescribed by the commission. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) highly encourages the CCC to prescribe these forms, and the CCC acknowledges assistance from the Bureau of Construction Codes and input from interested stakeholders such as yourselves is necessary in accomplishing this task.

For your reference, this was the [MIACCA proposed form](#), that we will submitted.

All submissions will be presented to the CCC at their next regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM. [You can check this link for updates.](#)

Board of Boiler Rules Meeting April 6th

The board of boiler rules will be meeting on April 6th at 10:00 a.m. MIACCA will be providing public comment in regards to how the board thinks the appeals process should be handled, as they currently have none. If you have any comments you would like us to present, please send them to Executive Director M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org by April 4, 2021. You can [check this link for updates.](#)

Skilled Trades Roundtable with Director Hawks - May 13th

On February 3rd, Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith was in attendance. Highlights of our discussion included:

- Communication with LARA, including what we are doing well and where we need to improve.
- Working with LARA such as improving our stakeholder engagement and the Accela program.
- Reducing barriers to licensure by working with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) for returning citizens, and with the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) for military and veteran personnel and their families.
- Expanding opportunities in Skilled Trades garnered many thoughts and ideas, including pursuing a partnership with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to encourage middle school and high school students into Skilled Trades. A portion of the discussion was spent on how to promote Skilled Trades to job seekers of any age.
- Communicate MIACCA and share advocacy issues with the group including the Statewide Permit, the Michigan Safer Dining Program and the importance of advocating the trades industry to students for future workforce development.

Director Hawks asked if there were specific topics of interest that we could discuss at our next meeting. Suggestions included:

- Have the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) talk about their team and the inner-workings of the bureau.
- Invite someone from MDOC to talk about returning citizens.
- Invite someone from the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) to come talk about workforce, or job training and retention.

If you have any ideas or thoughts you'd like to share, please reach out to M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org by **April 20th** in order for her to provide them at the meeting.

Bureau of Construction Codes Trades Connection

[Click here](#) for the latest edition.

MIACCA Bill SB 827 is Reintroduced as SB 60 and Passes through Senate!

On February 25th, SB 60, which was SB 827, the bill that MIACCA introduced last year, was reintroduced and has passed the Senate. Our bill will be heading to the House shortly. This bill is important to the HVAC industry as it will continue the long standing safety practice of having employers attest to an applicant's mechanical work experience; and provide for a reasonable work experience credit for those who go to school to learn a skilled trade and successfully completes a recognized HVAC trade school, community college, or university program.

MIACCA will continue to keep you posted on the bills progress.

Annual Utility VAPS reports due April 30th

The annual utility VAPS reports are due April 30th, MIACCA will be providing those annual reports, to our members, once they become available.

CSD-1 Residential Boiler Installation/Replacement Documentation Form

MIACCA wants to remind our members that Sec. M2001.1.1 and G2451.1 of the 2015 Michigan Residential Code and Sec. 1004.1 and 1006.7 of the 2015 Michigan Mechanical Code, brings in the requirements of CSD-1 for boilers; which includes written documentation to be left on site showing that the controls and safety devices have been set and tested. Additionally according to the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, individuals performing the CSD-1 inspection must have the appropriate Heating Service category on their mechanical license; either limited for up to 400,000 Btu or unlimited for all others. Those installing boilers in a residence must have the Hydronic Heating and Cooling and Process Piping category on their mechanical license and those installing boilers in commercial or dwellings with six or more units must have a Boiler Installer's license.

To help you stay in compliance, feel free to [utilize this form](#) that we have created for you.

For your reference here are the [Boiler Rules](#).



DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. While drivers texting behind the wheel tops what seems like an endless list of distractions, other risky actions include talking — whether it be on the phone or to others in the car, setting your navigation, adjusting what you're listening to, drinking coffee, applying makeup, and more. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

In 2019, [distracted driving](#) killed 3,142 people – a 10% increase from 2018. Young drivers seem more prone to using their phones while driving. According to NHTSA research from 2017, drivers 16 to 24 years old have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers have since 2007. But make no mistake: It isn't just young people who are driving distracted, since drivers in other age groups don't lag far behind.

Drive Responsibly

April, which is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride every time:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location. Only then is it safe to send or read a text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps, including social media, while driving. Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

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Service Nation 101: Tankless Water Heaters: What You Know is Already Ancient History

Technology is constant, and if you learned something five years ago, it's likely what you know is already ancient history.

On April 8th, Craig Williams of Rinnai joins Service Nation 101 to share the newest updates on tankless water heaters that improve installation, operation, and cost less than ever before!

This webinar discusses:

- Simpler and cost-effective installation options
- Operational reliability when it's time for replacement
- Quick change components and the newest design to improve performance

Craig Williams is the R&R Corporate Accounts Manager for Rinnai America Corporation. Craig has been with Rinnai for over five years and formerly managed Rinnai's Upper Midwest Region as a Regional Sales Manager. Before joining Rinnai, Craig owned a Custom Home Building Business and was a Rinnai customer. Craig has 20+ years of experience in the industry with various Corporate and Private Ownership positions.

Learn the newest improvements in tankless water heaters. Save time and money with Service Nation 101 and Rinnai!

Time

Apr 8, 2021 01:00 PM in [Central Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

[Register Here](#)



Our valued MIACCA Members should start seeing membership renewals coming your way. Please feel free to pay conveniently online or mail in a check. MIACCA works hard for our members and is committed to protect, advocate and educate our industry. We are Michigan's only HVACR experts. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

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2,440,000 injured and 35,092 dead¹. Those are the statistics from our nation's highways in 2015 as a result of motor vehicle traffic crashes. These are family members, friends, and neighbors.

Distracted driving continues to be an epidemic, but it is not the only factor in vehicle crashes. There are three other major causes: speed, fatigue, and emotion, which are equally as important to address.

At Federated Insurance, we are making a concerted effort to help our clients avoid preventable losses caused by vehicle crashes. Our new program, titled Drive S.A.F.E., was created to raise awareness of factors leading to car crashes, and specifically provide risk management techniques to address these alarming trends.

As a valued business partner, we want to help YOU protect your employees and loved ones from injuries and death from vehicle crashes. Please Drive S.A.F.E.

[VIEW VIDEO HERE](#)



Product Spotlight - Truce Distracted Driving Software

TRUCE Software's Distracted Driving Prevention Software helps your business reduce accidents, increase efficiency and improve worker safety by Limiting Cell Phone Apps & Actions that should be restricted. Find out how. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to schedule a free demo today.

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