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*Message from
President*

Bill Krestakos



Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



MIACCA Meets with MPSC

On October 22, 2019 MIACCA sat down with Mike Byrn, COO of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and his staff to follow up with his presentation at our Annual Meeting regarding the VAPS program. We discussed what future MPSC staff goals are to handle the annual VAPS and the review process. They had learned a lot going through this first process and appreciated our input on how to streamline things in the future. They will be putting procedures in place to discuss with the commission about implementing. Although there is nothing that says a company cannot file their annual reports confidential, those filed confidential are going to raise a red flag with staff and prompt scrutiny moving forward.

We discussed the change in the postage allocation going from 10.4 cents per envelope to having no allocation method with the new code of conduct change. As the MPSC works through the discovery process, they will determine if an allocation method is needed and are open to suggestions on said methods.

We brought up our concerns about database sharing. For example, utilities have the ability to know what type of wattage is used and what age a home is, thus gaining an unfair advantage to contractors and marketing. We are hoping that any such database would be provided to the public and not deemed private.

The MPSC was very open into answering our questions and are taking steps to integrate our

Fall is finally here and with the changing season our attention turns to heating our homes.

It is important to make sure that our customers understand the importance of a Preventative Maintenance even on newer equipment. As you know proper maintenance keeps the system running at its peak efficiency, helps to prevent break downs and most importantly helps to identify carbon monoxide leaks and breached heat exchangers.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that approximately 200 people per year are killed by accidental CO poisoning with an additional 5000 people injured. These deaths and injuries are typically caused by improperly used or malfunctioning equipment aggravated by improvements in building construction which limit the amount of fresh air flowing in to homes and other structures.

Inform your customer that Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas produced as a by-product of combustion. Any fuel burning appliance, vehicle, tool or other device has the potential to produce dangerous levels of CO gas.

suggestions to propose to the commission for approval. We look forward to a continued working relationship with the MPSC.

MIACCA files comments on Case No U-18361

The Michigan Air Conditioning Contractors Association (MIACCA) on behalf its mechanical contractor members, whom for decades have competed against utility appliance service plans (ASP), submitted the following comments as requested by the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) in its September 26, 2019 Order in Case No. U-18361. [READ COMMENTS HERE](#)

MIACCA continues to push for the filling of the Energy Ombudsman vacancy - Update

As you know MIACCA has been advocating for the Energy Ombudsman position to be filled. We have stressed the importance of this to LARA and the MPSC. Last month after verifying where position landed in the Governor's reorganization, we sent [this letter](#) to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Director Liesl Eichler Clark in the hopes of reiterating the importance of having this position filled as it is the voice for our contractors and small businesses.

We have since heard that they are now starting the process to fill this position. We will keep you posted.

HVAC NEWS

New White Paper – Reducing Costs and Achieving Value with VRF Systems

[Variable Refrigerant Flow \(VRF\) systems](#) solve many challenges associated with commercial construction and facility management. Electric-run, VRF technology helps buildings become more sustainable and energy efficient. This benefits cities, states and

Examples of CO producing devices commonly in use around the home include:

- Automobiles
- Charcoal grills
- Fireplaces and woodstoves
- Fuel fired furnaces
- Gas dryers
- Gas stoves
- Gas water heaters

If you come across a home that you service that doesn't have a carbon monoxide alarm, let them know the important safety factors of buying one from you. This is a great safety add on to any tune up.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



How to save energy at home and stay cozy this fall season

With Michigan's summer season behind us and autumn in full swing, it's officially that time of year when the days become noticeably shorter and the temperatures begin to steadily drop. As you embrace your finest flannel, snuggly scarf and pumpkin-spiced latte to get ready for the brisk fall air outside, you'll likely need to prep your house to make sure

building owners looking to reduce carbon emissions and deal with rising energy costs. These heat pump systems are more compact, more flexible in design and generate less noise than their traditional HVAC counterparts, making them ideal for both new construction and retrofit projects.

While these benefits drive the growing popularity of VRF technology, less known are the opportunities to avoid or reduce costs with VRF systems. This White Paper helps HVAC specifiers counter the misconception of VRF technology as “expensive” and explains how building owners and developers can realize financial savings and competitive advantages throughout the system’s life cycle.

To read the full white paper, [click here](#).

MIACCA Hosts FSU Picnic & Tech Training



On October 17th, MIACCA hosted its annual picnic and technical training at Ferris State University. Over 40 students were afforded the hands on opportunity to participate in crane ringing and boom lifting activities.

We appreciate Michigan Engineered Comfort Control's owner, Michael Cain, who is also a MIACCA board member for providing the equipment and to Allendale Heating Company's owner and MIACCA Board Member, Phil Forner, for grilling up the great food!

MIACCA continues to work on student outreach with a variety of schools to share with them the benefits of entering into the HVACR industry. We also encourage our members to involve themselves with

you stay warm and cozy inside, too.

But before you crank up the heat — wait! Michigan Saves has some energy saving tips to help you fight off that cold air, improve energy efficiency and keep your energy bills from creeping up now and throughout the winter.

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Winter Driving Safety

With the changing of the seasons, our driving risk also changes. Winter brings shorter days and treacherous weather. We'll discuss the risks of driving in rain, sleet, snow, ice, fog and wind. In addition, we'll discuss how the lack of daylight can contribute to increased fatigue and other risks.

[Register for Webinar](#)

15 Safe Hunting Tips from the DNR

student outreach by sharing their experiences and the benefits of their careers with them. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to become more involved with student outreach and industry advocacy.



The November 15 firearm deer season opener is here, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encourage hunters to brush up on safety tips and hunting regulations to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience.

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