



Safety & Training

In 2009 the Welding program of Ironworkers Local 44 was recognized by the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers as a National Welding Certification Program. What this means for us is that the International had challenged us to establish a program that would meet AWS and AISC standards in a testing facility.

After a year or two of work, the Auditors of the International have reviewed our procedures, equipment, processes and paperwork. Over the early part of this year we were notified that we were successful. Now we are one of a small, but growing, number of Local Unions in the International Ironworkers that have a Nationally Certified Welding Laboratory.

What this means for you, the member, is that whenever weld testing within the program you can be sure that your certifications come with the full backing of **Certified AWS Welding Inspectors**, the **Ironworkers Local 44 Safety and Training Department** and the **International Ironworkers Welding Certification Program**.

This new program will continue to offer weld certifications accepted by the **Ohio Department of Transportation**. These certifications can be viewed by you personally or by your employer online at <http://www.odotonline.org/cmsportal/> (click on **Materials and Testing** on the left and then from the drop down box with **select from list** choose **Welders** and search by **first initial of last name**). Remember these are DOT certifications and expire within a set time period. It is the welders responsibility to maintain his/her own update paperwork. [Click here for a copy of the current Ohio D.O.T. update paperwork.](#)

Beyond the regular Weld Certification paper copy, the International will also issue you a nationally accepted Photo ID card. This card will be recognized by local Unions affiliated with the International and many Contractors. Each local may view any Welders Certifications online through the Internationals database as well. You can update your paperwork and access your information also by going to <http://www.welderscertification.org/>. A communication will be sent to the local contractors in Cincinnati to remind or introduce them to the new system.

Thanks to a lot of hard work and your sweat we will have a complete Journeyman Upgrade Facility with a new shop open to all members. All current members, retirees and honorary members are invited to use and view the shop on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any work eligible member that would like to take a Weld Certification test is asked to notify Jason Mullins in advance but be aware testing will only be available on **Wednesdays** if scheduled.

Please keep in mind when testing that all persons attempting to certify will receive a [Welding Procedure Specification](#) and [Welder Qualification Rules](#) and a copy of the [Local 44 Shop Rules](#) paper that explains what is to be done by the welder when testing.

*****Please note, failure to follow these guidelines will result in failing the test. This is the Policy of the American Welding Society and must be adhered to in order for us to maintain this program.*****



Welding Shop Rules

When using the Journeyman training facility, please read and understand the following rules. These rules have been established for the purpose of maintaining a clean, safe and orderly training environment. The Journeyman Upgrade Program is designed for the Journeyman Union Ironworker to be afforded the opportunity to update and maintain his or her skills with regard to fabrication, layout, new welding processes and procedures, as well as, use the nationally recognized Weld Certification Laboratory. It is important that each of us help to keep **YOUR** new shop and **YOUR** new equipment in very good condition.

1. When using the shop please bring all of the proper Safety Equipment that you will need. (safety glasses, gloves, hood, goggles and welding jacket.)
2. There will be No Smoking in the Shop. Please Smoke outside and dispose of your butts in the proper place.
3. Please Do Not use Tobacco products of any kind within the Shop.
4. Please Do Not bring Alcohol or Drugs into the shop.
5. Please Do Not drink Alcohol and use the shop facilities.
6. Please do not take Prescription Drugs that prohibit the operation of machinery and use the shop facilities.
7. Please Clean up after your work is completed.
8. Put Away all tools and extra materials when finished.
9. Throw all trash in the proper bins.
10. Please turn off all equipment when not in use.

If you have any questions please call:
Jason Mullins at (859) 586-2100 ext 13.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board
Ironworkers Local 44
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Hebron KY 41048



Welding Shop Hours

The Welding shop is open to any member (past or present) of Local 44. So feel free to stop in during the day between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You can bring in your small projects from around the house, all we ask is that when you leave don't save us the mess and **follow the rules!** That and let's avoid working on that old Buick here too.

You fellows with scrap Iron rusting out back the Apprentices here sure would love to work on shapes and scrap material so, bring them by or give us a call and we will try to get it somehow. Thanks for everything!