

PLUMBERS, PIPEFITTERS & STEAMFITTERS

HISTORY/FACTS

The United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290 is the largest pipetrades organization west of the Mississippi, serving nearly 4,500 skilled craftsmen. Local 290's jurisdiction spans Oregon, Southwestern Washington and Northwestern California.

RECENT CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Members of U.A. 290 have recently contributed their time and skills to the Oregon Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Christmas in April.

DESCRIPTION

U.A. Local 290's plumbers are responsible for the installation of potable water systems, drain, waste, and vents, backflow devices and medical gas systems as well as residential fire sprinkler systems. Union fitters work predominantly in Oregon's once thriving shipyard industry, as well as in specialty fabrication shops.

With 3,000 steamfitters, Local 290 can handle any piping installation imaginable, from nuclear plants to the high tech industry. Heating, cooling and system controls are all part of the steamfitting trade. Heavy emphasis is placed on welding of components for extremely strong and dependable pipe systems. Only U.A. 290 fitters have the skills necessary to keep Oregon's high tech industry a viable worldwide contender.

APPRENTICESHIP PROCESS

Apprentices are required to attend 216 hours of classroom training annually, along with a full 40 hour per week work schedule. U.A. apprentices serve in a five year program. The variety offered by union apprenticeships develops journeymen with wide ranging experience and skills, making them the most valuable, best trained plumbers and steamfitters in the world.

JOURNEYMAN PROCESS

Journeyman upgrading classes include Soldering/Brazing, First Aid, Seismic Restraints, Confined Space, UPC Code Review and Tube Bending.

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