

MIIA Welding & Hot Works Certified Training

Thursday, November 15, 2018
8:00 am-12:30 pm
Reading Public Library
Conference Room A & B
64 Middlesex Ave. | Reading, MA 01867

Registration/Continental breakfast 7:30 am

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ABOUT THIS TRAINING SESSION

Effective July 1st 2018 per order of the MA State Fire Marshal and MA State Fire Code, any individual doing welding, cutting & hot works must have a hot works permit from the local fire department anywhere in the state and must show they have completed an approved Hot Works training program.

Hot Works include: welding, cutting, heat treating, grinding, thawing pipe, powder-driven fasteners, hot riveting, torch-applied roofing, or similar applications producing or using a spark, flame or heat.

NFPA's Hot Work Safety Certificate Program was created to help those in the construction industry develop awareness and understanding of dangers and safety procedures to promote safety on the work site where hot work occurs. Whether you are verifying compliance with local mandates, or are looking to demonstrate that your Municipality is in compliance with the MA Welding & Hot Works Regulations and that your Employees are committed to the highest level of safety standards, this NFPA Hot Work Safety Certificate Training Program will be invaluable.

"Due to training capacity limitations this MIIA training session's attendance is limited to 100 attendees. At this time, **MIIA encourages its Communities to limit attendees to five (5) personnel per Community.** MIIA strongly recommends that those attendees be individuals who are at the forefront of the Hot Works being done in their Municipality and those responsible for their Community Hot Work Program Implementations. This MIIA Hot Works Training Session is designed to educate and certify Hot Works Permit Authorizing Individuals (PIA) for both actively doing the Welding & Hot Work and for those moving forward into NFPA Regulation Compliance. Participants of this MIIA Hot Works Training Session will be given the seeds necessary to return into their Communities to then cast, root and develop further implementations of Community based Municipal Hot Works Programs that follow National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Regulations and Compliance.

Due to the welcomed assistance of the Reading Fire Department, potentially a few members of neighboring Non-MIIA Member Fire Departments may be interested in attendance. MIIA will honor and appreciate Non-MIIA Member Fire Departments member attendance, but will ask that those attendees to pay the \$25 fee to the trainer for their NFPA Hot Works Safety Certificate."

Participating MIIA Community attendees will receive their NFPA Hot Works Training Certificate upon passing their certification exam following the completion of the training program session.

AGENDA

- 7.30am Registration/Coffee & Pastries
- 8.00am Erik Mysliwy; Town of Reading DPW Safety Coordinator
"Putting into effect a Practical DPW Hot Works Training Program"
- 8.15am Captain Richard Nelson; Town of Reading Fire Dept.
"Implementing a Town Hot Works Program"
- 8.30am Lieutenant Chris Towski; City of Cambridge Fire Dept.
"Hot Works Safety Program & Certification Training" followed by
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Certificate Exam
Questions & Answers on Hot Works Program from Presenters
- 12.30pm Program Concludes

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Chris Towski is a Fire Lieutenant for the City of Cambridge Massachusetts Fire Department with over twenty three years of service. His current position for over eleven years has been in the Fire Prevention Office where the primary duties are to enforce State laws and codes related to Fire Prevention and Protection. He is also a Massachusetts Licensed Electrician and Construction Supervisor. He is certified in the fields of Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter Levels I and II, Fire Officer Levels I and II, Fire Instructor Levels I and II, and Fire Incident Safety Officer. He has been his department's Electrical Safety Officer for almost eleven years. He is a Technical Committee Member representing the International Association of Fire Fighters on the National Fire Protection Association standard number 241 for Safeguarding Buildings under Construction and Demolition. Other NFPA documents served on are 18 for Wetting Agents, 18A for Water Additives for Fire Control and Vapor Mitigation, 1150 for Foam Chemicals for Class A Fires and 855 for Stationary Energy Storage Systems. He is a Standards Technical Panel Member for UL 9540. In addition he is currently the First Vice President of the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts, a partner with the Construction Fire Safety Coalition, an AHJ member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers New England Chapter and the Automatic Fire Alarm Association of New England. He is also a member of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts. He has presented at the NFPA Conference in Boston in June 2017 and in Las Vegas in 2018. He has been published in Firehouse Magazine in June 2017 with an article on fire safeguarding construction.

Attendance at this seminar qualifies the MIIA member for .5% credit under
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