

Happy New Year and All the Best for 2017!!!

2016 saw some significant changes in the Education and Training department. I came on board as the Education Coordinator in July and shortly after Brent Morgan took on the role of Training Coordinator to complement a dedicated group of people that make up the Education and Training department.

By now I'm sure you've learned that Bradley Watt, former Director of Education and Training, made the decision in mid-December to resign his position to move on to other endeavours. Having known Bradley for over 30 years I am personally sad to see him go and I speak on behalf of the education and training department in saying that he will be missed. Best of luck Bradley!

As we move in to 2017 I am very honoured to have been asked to take on the position of Director of Education and Training and look forward to meeting the challenges ahead. With Brent Morgan moving into the position of Education Coordinator, and the solid team we have in place, we will continue to grow and deliver programs that meet the needs of our ever evolving industry.

Building the Oshawa training centre continues to move forward and our expectations are to have courses available at this location in 2017 – stay tuned for updates.

Spring 2017 course offerings include the usual in addition to a few new certificate courses such as the **Grounding and Bonding – Burndy** course. The Grounding and Bonding course will provide an in-depth training experience on grounding and bonding, utilizing mechanical, compression, and exothermic product lines.



We thank *Burndy* and *Independent Electrical* for their additional support in providing generous donations to the education department to tool up and equip this exciting new course. In addition, a team of instructors attended a Train-the-Trainer program provided by Burndy in order to deliver the program to the membership.

Another new certificate course is the **CSTT Installer** which will cover cut, strip, terminate and test structured wiring cables with a focus on correct preparation, termination and installation guidelines of audio/video, telecom/voice, and network/data cables. Everything you need to know for basic testing and troubleshooting of coax and twisted pair cables is covered in the test portion of the program. Our thanks to *Ideal* for also providing a Train-the-Trainer program for our instructors to deliver the program to the membership. Although it was previously mentioned, Ideal has donated all of the tool kits that will be used for this course.



The department is actively working on the development of more programs – from lighting to residential – that should be ready for the Fall 2017 course catalogue. With the combined training centres it is our goal to increase our course offerings from 52 to 70 by the end of 2017.

In addition to the new courses being offered we are currently developing a series of one night seminars to provide information on new and emerging technologies and product lines being used in the field. Look for upcoming details in future newsletters.

As we have done in the past, the education and training department is looking forward to serving you as we continue to grow the diversity of courses and seminars. With the addition of the Oshawa training centre we hope to see many more of you enjoying the benefits of a rich and engaging line up of courses.

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Again, on behalf of everyone here in the education and training department we want to wish you and your families a happy new year.

Yours in Training,

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