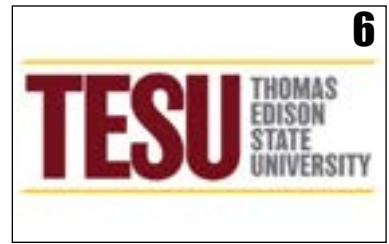


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Ciattarelli joins members at Semiannual Meeting 825 rallies around union values and candidates



Local 825 remains active and engaged on all fronts, including political action. In June, Jack Ciattarelli addressed the membership at the Semiannual Meeting and voiced his continued support for union priorities.

Members returned that support with a strong turnout and a proud show of solidarity.

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Members running for office across NJ & NY – P 7

EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. If changes are made they will be posted to the IUOE825.ORG website.

Note, all district meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

September

1 - Labor Day - UNION HOLIDAY

2 - District 1 Meeting

The Forum
109 North Black Horse Pike Blackwood

3 - District 2 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 160 Frontage Road, Newark

7 - Grandparent's Day

15 - District 3 Meeting

Lake Hopatcong Elks #782
201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington

16 - District 1 Retiree Luncheon

210 Delsea Dr. S., Glassboro - 11:30 am

17 - District 4 Retiree Brunch

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

17 - District 4 Meeting

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

18 - District 2 & 3 Retirees Brunch

DoubleTree by Hilton
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset - 10:00 am

21 - 21st Annual IUOE Local 825

Motorcycle Poker Run - NJ Training Center

22 - Rosh Hashanah/Fall Begins

23 - Health Fair

NY Training Center, 96 Bates Gates Rd, Suite 70
New Hampton, NY - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

24 - PAC meeting - Virtual

October

1 - Yom Kippur

6 - District 1 Meeting

Hammonton Fire Company Station 2
51 North White Horse Pike, Hammonton

8 - District 2 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 2870 Hwy. 35, Hazlet

13 - Columbus Day

14 - District 3 Meeting

Parsippany PAL, 33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany

5 - District 4, NY Training Center

96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

16 - National Boss's Day

23 - Health Fair - South Jersey Office

3242 Route 206, Building A, Unit 6,
Bordentown - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

31 - Halloween

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Energy policy must match energy needs

New Jersey is on the brink of an energy crisis, and it didn't happen overnight. Policy decisions over the past several years have reduced in-state generation while demand continues to rise. As a result, our state is now a net importer of power. That means higher prices for residents and businesses, and fewer incentives for new industries to call New Jersey home.

Earlier this summer, capacity shortfalls triggered a hefty rate increase for electricity statewide. Generation assets were retired or blocked without adequate replacement. Meanwhile, we're demanding more from the grid than ever before.

New Jersey has ambitious clean energy goals. Local 825 supports that direction. But a realistic energy strategy must include both renewables and reliable baseload generation. Solar and offshore wind remain part of the long-term solution, but they are not yet ready to replace what we've taken offline. If the goal is to electrify everything, we must first ensure that there is enough electricity to go around.

What's at stake is more than reliability. It's jobs. It is economic growth. Energy costs are often a deciding factor for companies choosing where to invest. If we don't solve this capacity problem, we won't just lose jobs; we'll never

see them come here in the first place.

It's not about politics. It's about common sense. New Jersey needs to prioritize building infrastructure that delivers affordable, reliable energy. Local 825 members stand ready to do the work. The question now is whether the state will let them.

Election season is here

Gubernatorial and Assembly races are heating up across the state. Local 825 has endorsed Jack Ciattarelli for governor. Additional endorsements will be announced at the PAC meeting on 9/24.

As always, endorsements are based on candidates' records, not party lines. We look for candidates who support infrastructure investment and pro-union policies. These are the issues that directly impact our work. Members are encouraged to keep that in mind when they head to the polls.

Happy Labor Day

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer, but its roots run much deeper. Born from the labor movement, it honors those who built this country with sweat and skill. Wishing our members and their families a safe and well-deserved Labor Day.

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Semiannual meeting features surprise guest, highlights union success

At the latest semiannual meeting, members were in for a surprise when gubernatorial candidate Jack Ciattarelli took the stage. “Jack Ciattarelli has the experience to fix the problems that face this state. If we want to fix New Jersey’s energy crisis, add power to the grid, ensure New Jersey’s economic future, and ensure that operating engineers have good job opportunities, it is clear that we need Jack Ciattarelli to be our next governor,” said Greg.

Jack Ciattarelli addressed the crowd, sharing his respect for the union’s hardworking members. He spoke about his family’s union roots, with parents and grandparents having been union members. He emphasized the need to prioritize infrastructure and energy. With strong union support, Jack will work to build a better future for the state.

Unanimous approval, continued leadership

All members of the executive board were unanimously re-elected for another three-year term. This reflects the strong support and trust the members have in the board’s leadership. The new term begins September 1, and the swearing-in meeting will be held later this month.

Strength in every direction

Greg reported strong performance across all areas. The funds remain in solid condi-

tion, with continued growth in the pension and SUB, and careful management of rising medical costs.

The Market Recovery Program is also thriving, helping the union win work in previously nonunion areas. More than \$47 million in grants have now been paid, generating

thousands of work hours. Over \$8 million has been paid since July 1, with another \$13 million committed to upcoming jobs.

Organizing remains a top priority. Since January, 14 new contractors have signed on and seven shop agreements have been negotiated, bringing in 77 new members.



Clay shoot and fishing trip bring members together

Members came out in full force this summer for two of Local 825's most anticipated events: the Clay Shoot at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays and the annual Fishing Trip aboard the Miss Belmar Princess. Both outings offered a chance to relax and reconnect.

At this year's Clay Shoot, organized by John Rocco, members and friends took aim in a friendly competition. For the first time in the event's history, lightning cut the shooting short, but the fun didn't stop. Everyone stuck around for a hot lunch, rounds of corn hole and plenty of great prizes, including tickets to MLB games.

The Fishing Trip, now in its seventh year and hosted by Joe Graham, was once again a sold-out event. Members set off from Belmar for a full day on the water. The fish were biting and members had a great day on the deck.

These summer traditions continue to bring members and families together year after year. Thank you to all who attended and helped make these events a success.





Union training opens doors for students and members

Local 825 training earns college credit through TESU

Members who have completed apprentice training may now earn up to 52 college credits at Thomas Edison State University (TESU). Through TESU's Professional Learning Review (PLR) program, eligible members can receive credit for the skills and knowledge gained through on-the-job experience and classroom hours.

These credits apply toward a degree at TESU and reflect course equivalencies in areas such as safety, equipment operation, and construction practices. No additional testing is required, credit is granted based on completed Local 825 coursework.

This partnership gives members a head start on higher education by recognizing the strength of union training.

NJ Teachers visit the training center

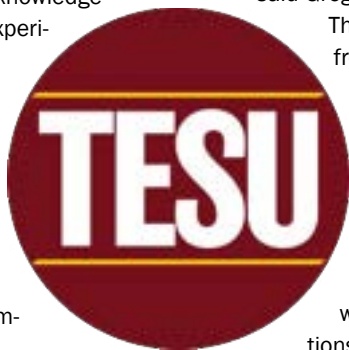
Local 825 welcomed thirteen high school teachers from the South Jersey Summer Institute for a day of hands-on learning and

workforce exploration at the Training Center. The annual program introduces educators to real-world career paths, so they can turnkey this information to their students. "Preparing the next generation of operating engineers starts with strong partnerships in education, and Local 825 is proud to support that effort" said Greg.

The visit began with a welcome from Greg, followed by rotations through three hands-on sessions: welding with Vic Grigoriew, simulators with Matt Walker and Greg Lavee, and a field tour led by Willie Vaccaro. The day wrapped with a Q&A where teachers asked questions and gained insight into the value of union apprenticeship.

Training Center Growth

Training continues to grow stronger, logging more hours each year. From January 1, 2025, to May 15, 2025, the center recorded 485 students and 71,048 hours of training. The apprenticeship program is flourishing, with more than 150 apprentices currently enrolled.



Greg joins South Jersey teachers for a day of learning.

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

www.facebook.com/iuoe825Training

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

(732) 798-2170 (All classes start at 7 a.m. unless noted otherwise)

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 673-3154

(Classes are scheduled on request and start at 7 a.m. unless otherwise noted.)

Please contact the New York Training Center to put your name on the list for a class or certification you need. Once we have enough names for a class, members will be notified.

8-HOUR HAZMAT REFRESHER

Sat., Sept. 20

Sat., Oct. 18

CRANE STANDARDS & LOAD CHART REVIEW

Sat., Sept. 6

Sat., Sept. 13

Sat., Sept. 20

Sat., Oct. 4

Sat., Oct. 11

Sat., Oct. 18

CPR

Sat., Sept. 6

Sat., Oct. 11

TEMPORARY HEAT

Sat., Oct. 4

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Sat., Sept. 13



For more information on the PLR program, scan here

Members step up in local elections

Political involvement is an essential part of protecting and advancing Local 825's interests. Members continue to stay active, both at the ballot box and on the ballot.

In New York, Mike Ham is running unopposed for a seat on the Kingston Council. Gregory Sheehan is seeking a seat on the Clarkstown Council. In New Jersey, Gina Sullivan of ELEC825 is running for Florence Town Council. Nick Civitan is running for re-election in Frankford. Sean Noonan is seeking re-election in Ringwood.

Though Latham Tiver is not up for re-election this year, his district will be home to a competitive Assembly race, and Local 825 will remain highly involved.

Kate Gibbs, Deputy Director of ELEC825 and former Burlington County Commissioner, has been named Executive Director of the New Jersey Republican State Committee.

Local 825 wishes each of these candidates the best of luck and thanks them for stepping up to serve their communities.



This fall, ballots will include Operating Engineers on both sides of the aisle.

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Promoting a safe and reliable workforce

The drug testing program continues to meet its goals of maintaining a safe, drug-free workplace. The program remains an important part of the union's broader efforts to support members, protect contractors, and strengthen market share.

Since the last semi-annual meeting, there have been two failed tests and five refusals to test. A refusal is treated as a failure. Five members have completed the return-to-work protocol and returned to job sites.

Over the past year, there have been 13 test failures out of 10,700 Operating Engineers dispatched. The program is also in place

at the Training Center, where 57 apprentices have been tested since January 1. All results were negative. These results continue to serve as a reliable point of reference when speaking with contractors and prospective members.

ELEC backs qualified operators

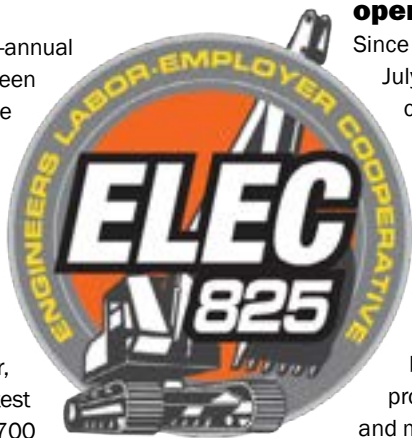
Since the start of the fiscal year on July 1, ELEC has reimbursed 856 credentials, totaling \$159,394. Since the program's inception, reimbursements to members have totaled more than \$1.8 million.

Thirteen industry-recognized credentials are currently eligible for reimbursement. By supporting this program, alongside drug testing and market recovery, ELEC reinforces the value of a skilled, certified workforce that contractors can count on. These

combined efforts ensure that Operating Engineers remain the safest, most qualified choice on any jobsite.

Three ways to stay informed

Three media initiatives help ELEC share important updates with the public. Visit tristateinfrastructurenewsnetwork.com for updates on infrastructure projects and industry news. Learn more about energy issues at njaffordableenergy.com. And don't miss award winning TV show *Our Infrastructure Matters*. New segments are released each month on YouTube. Like and subscribe to follow the work that keeps our region moving.





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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

825 answers the call after flash floods

Flash flooding this summer left Route 22 in rough shape, with cars perched on barriers, debris scattered across lanes and sections of asphalt buckled or washed away. Clogged storm drains raised additional concerns as more rain loomed.

825 operating engineers responded immediately, working alongside Sanzari to stabilize the area. More than 200 feet of concrete barrier was installed and debris cleared in under two days. Roman Asphalt followed close behind, restoring the road's surface.

Crews returned shortly after to jet and inspect underground infrastructure, helping to prevent future hazards before they arise. The response was a clear example of how trained Operating Engineers keep New Jersey safe and moving.

