A recent report on construction injuries and fatalities shows how costly accidents can be, not only to individuals and companies but to the public as well.

The report focused on Washington State and concluded occupational injuries and fatalities in the construction industry cost state residents $762 million between 2008 and 2010.


From 2008 to 2010, Washington recorded 34,700 construction industry injuries and illnesses, of which 16,600 required days away from work or job transfer.

Additionally, 39 construction-related fatalities were reported in these years.

Public Citizen determined that such incidents cost the state’s economy $762 million during the three-year period.

The total was arrived at by totalling three broad categories of consequences from such incidents: direct costs, indirect costs and quality of life costs.

Direct costs include payments for hospital, physician and allied services. Indirect costs refer to victim productivity losses, employer productivity losses and adminis-

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WAYNE COUNTY BOND VOTE SET

The bond was first discussed last fall after sinkholes were discovered on the property of Kenova Elementary and the school had to move into portable classrooms on ballfields at the former Ceredo-Kenova High School. “The Trades support the bond not only because of the jobs it will create but because we know our kids will have a great place to learn and get an education,” said Steve Burton of the Tri-State Building Trades.

The bonds will be paid off in 15 years.

APPRENTICESHIP OPEN FOR BRICKLAYERS

The program teaches brick and block laying, as well as all aspects of the trade. Starting wages range from $13.00 to $14.54 plus fringe benefits and increase as the apprentice progresses through the program.

It takes 6,000 hours of on-the-job training plus related classroom training to complete the program.

Apprentices begin with an eight week training session at the WV Job Service or the Western Maryland One Stop Job Center.

During the training session apprentices from out-of-the area are provided local housing.

For the remainder of their apprenticeship they attend monthly meetings closer to their home area.

The program provides opportunities for those who reside in any West Virginia County as well as the Counties of Allegheny, Garrett and Washington, MD.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be physically able to perform the work of the trade.

All applicants will take a standard written aptitude test at the WV Job Service or the Western Maryland One Stop Job Center.

In order to be accepted you must provide copies of your birth certificate, high school diploma or G.E.D.

A copy of your driver’s license will be required at a later date.

Only copies will be accepted please do not bring originals.

A drug test will be required at a later date.

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex.

The Bricklayers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

For more information contact Apprenticeship Coordinator Brian Greynolds at 304-363-9250 or bricklayerwv@gmail.com.
IBEW member Phil Diserio (D-Brooke), Dan Poling (D-Wood) a member of the Painters, and Operating Engineer Dave Walker (D-Clay) all won election to the House. However IBEW member Jimmie Wood Jr. (D-Mason), and Millwright Denzil ‘Buddy’ Malone (D-Wood) were unable to capture their House seats.

In all, 74 of 102 labor endorsed candidates were successful.

As predicted by many, the election cycle was perhaps the costliest ever with candidates, PACs and undisclosed corporations and individuals spending millions in West Virginia.

For example a longtime friend of working families, Attorney General Darrell McGraw, was defeated by overwhelming spending from his opponent and many well-funded groups like the Chamber of Commerce who ran attack ads.

McGraw raised around $220,000 as compared to Patrick Morrisey’s $1.4 million (of which $940,000 he loaned to himself). But the real difference came from looking at independent expenditures. Groups in support of McGraw raised about $750,000 (including $20,000 from the State Building Trades and $40,000 from the WV AFL-CIO). Groups opposed to him spent $2.2 million including $1.6 million from the Center.

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- Darrell McGraw
- Secretary of State
- Natalie Tennant
- Auditor
- Glen Gainer
- State Treasurer
- John Perdue
- State Senate
- Jack Yost
- Jeff Kessler
- Mike Bright
- Bob Plymale
- Mark Wilke
- Art Kirkendoll
- Joshua Martin
- Daniel Hall
- Bill Laird
- Doug Facemire
- Roman Prezioso
- Herb Snyder

**House of Delegates**
- Ronnie Jones
- Randy Swartzmiller
- Phil Diserio
- Shawn Fluharty
- Erikka Storch
- Michael Ferro
- David Sidiropolis
- Dave Pethel
- Buddy Malone
- Jim Marion
- John Ellem
- Dan Poling
- Jo Boggess-Phillips
- Helen Martin
- Brady Paxton
- Jimmie Wood Jr
- Sean Hornbuckle
- Jim Morgan
- Doug Reynolds
- Billy-Chafin
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- Justin Marcum
- Harry Keith White
- Jeff Eldridge
- Josh Stowers
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- Linda Goode Phillips
- Clif Moore
- Greg Ball
- Ryan Flanigan
- Al-Martine
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- Clyde-McKnight Jr
- David Perry
- John Pino
- Margaret Staggers
- David Walker
- Brent Boggs
- Bonnie Brown
- Bebbie Hatfield
- Doug Skaff Jr
- Nancy Guthrie
- Mark Hunt
- Danny Wells
- Meshea Poore
- Virginia (Ginny) Miles
- Adam Young
- Ray Canterbury
- Glenn-Singer
- Denise Campbell
- Bill Hamilton
- Peggy Donaldson
- Smith
- Mary Poling
- Ron-Fragale
- Richard Iaquinta
- Tim Miley
- Michael Manyenny
- Mike Caputo
- Linda Longstreth
- Tim Manchin
- Anthony Barill
- Barbara Fleischauer
- Nancy Jamison
- Charlene Marshall
- Billy Smerka
- Larry Williams
- Stan Shaver
- Jim Maybury
- Ruth Rowan
- Michael Jason Barrett
- Donn E. Marshall
- Tiffany Lawrence
- John Reese Maxey
- Stephen Skinner

**ELECTRICIAN CLASS OF 2012**

IBEW Local 466 of Charleston held a dinner for 2012 graduating apprentices on October 12 at the Ramada Inn Charleston Downtown. Pictured (from left) are apprentice committee member and 466 President Terry Turley; committee member and Business Manager Joe Samples; and graduating apprentices Bob Hodges, Dustin Vaughn, Adam Tabor, Vincent Davis, Owen Bradley, Jeff Fazio, David Nary, and Instructor Craig Burdette. Not shown are graduates Eric Bailey, James Compton, Justin Huffman, Matt Kendall and Mick George.
GOVERNOR TOURS IBEW TRAINING FACILITY

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin visited the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 317’s training center on Friday, October 26 in Huntington.

The purpose was to give Tomblin firsthand knowledge about craft apprenticeship and training.

Already a supporter of education Tomblin expressed interest in learning more about the partnership between labor and management that produces the best craft workers in the world.

Jim Gillette, Business Manager of IBEW Local 317, volunteered his training facility for the tour.

“We had some instructors and apprentices on hand so Governor Tomblin could get a full understanding of our program,” said Gillette.

“And we also invited representatives of Jordan Smith Electric, Dixon Electrical Systems and Pritchard Electric along with Tom Householder of America Electric Power to talk about the coordination we have with our contractors and customers.”

Local 317 completed a 10,000 square foot addition, doubling their training space, in 2010 and now has approximately 70 apprentices in their 8,000 hour/five year program.

The tour of the electricians’ facility was arranged by Steve Burton, Business Manager of the Tri-State Building Trades Council.

“The Governor was impressed with the facility and the partnership we have with our contractors and owners,” said Burton. “We explained that all of the crafts have similar programs and that is how we get the best workers in the industry.”

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Most industrial sites already have such a requirement.

But the measure has been blocked by some legislators and one contractor group saying it is too costly.

“This report shows that safety is the right way to go,” said Scott Brewer, Service Representative for Carpenter Locals 302 and 1207.

“Not only is it the right thing for workers, but a safe workplace saves money for taxpayers as well.”


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for Individual Freedom and $542,000 from the American Future Fund.

“You cannot learn who is funding these groups because they won’t tell you and apparently they don’t have to,” said Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the WV State Building Trades.

“But it’s not hard to guess it’s the same corporations who got caught cheating and had to pay back billions of dollars to our citizens because of Attorney General McGraw.”

“We lost some good friends because they were out spent by wide margins, two and three to one and perhaps more,” said Efaw.

The 2012 election ends a long series of elections triggered by the death of Senator Robert C. Byrd. After Byrd’s Senate seat was filled by then Governor Joe Manchin another special primary and general election was held to fill the remainder of his term.

Another factor in the election was some redrawn districts triggered by the ten year census.