

Central Chapter

Central Chapter Awards Employee of the Year

BRAND SLACK

Mid-Illinois Companies

Brand has been employed with MIC for the past 25 years. He has worked his way up through the company; first, as an apprentice then a journeyman, to Foreman and now, Superintendent.

He keeps his eye on target; with safety, productivity, and efficiency always front and foremost in his mind. Over his 25 years, Brand has led with sternness and fairness, knowing when to pat you on the back or push you in a direction that will motivate you to be your



Jami Taylor, Brand Slack, and Brian Wright at the Central Chapter Annual Meeting

best. Over the years, Brand has mentored many apprentices that have followed his upward path, leaving his legacy as he molds the future of young leaders in our industry.

This year, Brand has overseen some of MIC's largest projects with complicated finishes both exterior and interior. Brand's team was actively a part of the company's milestone of reaching over 1 million hours logged without a lost-time injury. Brand also leads the company's work force in the direct sales division with projects ranging from as small as \$100 to projects over a million dollars. He takes the lead from paper to pen making sure he establishes a repeat customer from start to finish.

Over the years, MIC has adopted construction wishes for the MAKE A WISH Illinois Foundation. Brand has always made these wish projects go seamlessly and effortlessly. He applies his leadership skills with a compassionate heart ensuring that the wish goes beyond what is asked by the recipient.



Central Chapter Council 2024 (L to R)

Chris Vespa-Federated Insurance, Bobby Taylor - Mid-Illinois Companies, Kurt Hand - Vogue Painting, Ken Ober - Elite Painting, President Jami Taylor - Mid-Illinois Companies, Ken Ober II - Elite Painting, Denny Dragoo - Dragoo Painting, and Vice-President Brian Wright - Bedrock Painting



EVENTS

Tuesday, April 23
Central Chapter Trade Show
@ Holiday Inn Grand Prairie

Tuesday, May 21
Central Chapter Meeting
@ Black Band Distillery

Thursday, June 20
Scholarship Awards Night
@ Two Brothers, Aurora

Friday, July 19
Central Chapter Golf Outing
@ Weaver Ridge

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Peoria Area Safety and Risk Management Seminar Recap



Question and answer session at the Safety and Risk Management Seminar

On March 22, FCA of Illinois in partnership with the Greater Peoria Suppliers and Contractors Association (GPCSA) hosted the Peoria Safety & Risk Management Seminar at the Holiday Inn. We were very pleased with the turn out!

Updated for current safety issues, we worked hard to bring our members needed information on OSHA logs, insurance needs, mental health issues, drugs and alcohol testing, and what elements contribute to a good safety and risk management program.

Our FCAI Safety Committee consists of Charlie Vasconez - MSM Solutions, Tyler Stark - International Decorators, Brittany Selin - formerly of All-Tech Decorating, and Kevin Lefko - Lankford Painting Division.

Opening our Peoria Area seminar was Labor Associate Dan Birnbaum from Seyfarth Shaw, LLP who spoke to the participants about types of OSHA citations, how to manage an OSHA visit and how to reduce the risk of OSHA citations.

Our Safety Committee then took the audience through the seven core elements of a complete safety program. Their years of experience and knowledge was well illustrated through the specific information and examples they shared with the audience. We are fortunate to have them speak about how their companies -large and small- deal with specific hazards and safety concerns to properly and safely manage workers.

Our next presenter was Roger Mohn from NAMI-Illinois who spoke to the group about mental health concerns and gave good information on what to do when someone is in crisis and where to get help.

Our next presentation was about what contractors should know about drugs, marijuana, and alcohol by Admunsen Davis labor attorney, Jeff Risch. Jeff told our audience the intricacies of drug testing - when to test, how often to test, and what to test for. He also addressed the basics of reasonable suspicion and how supervisors and leaders can legally manage suspicion.

Finally, Devin Moore from Federated Insurance took the participants through current factors that affect contractor insurance rates and gave examples of how mod rates affect premiums. He also spoke about workman's compensation claims and took audience questions.

FCA of Illinois and the GPCSA would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all the presenters and participants! We would also like to give a shout-out to Jason Green from Hilti, Chris Vespa from Federated Insurance, and Nick Guilfoyle of Allied Safety Group who had tables of safety gear, tools, and information for our attendees.



Devin Moore presents at the Holiday Inn