

Rita Neiderheiser

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - March 2024



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 30 years

Union: UA

Local: 66g

City: Golden, CO

Bio

Rita is a second-generation sprinkler fitter who served her apprenticeship and opened her own company. She then became the first female instructor in the 66g JATC program. Business Manager John Bodine saw her potential and made her technical advisor for 66g.

Rita then began serving the UA in many capacities and became a master instructor. She taught all around the US and played a large part in the UA Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, which she also graduated from with an associate's degree.

Rita is the chairperson on ASSE 15010 which is the IT and maintenance of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems which she also helped create. She also sits on numerous NFPA committees.

Why Rita Was Nominated

Rita has worked in the industry for over 30 years. From apprentice to journeyman to company owner to UA Master Instructor, she has never lost her passion for improvement of codes to educating anyone and everyone in the industry.