Rita Neiderheiser
Tradeswomen Heroes Award Winner - March 2024

Level of Experience: Journeyworker
Years in Trade: 30 years
Union: UA
Local: 669
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 669 JATC program. Business Manager John Bodine saw her potential and made her technical advisor for 669.

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 journeyperson 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.