



# Utility & Transportation Contractors Association



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## UTCA NEWSLETTER

### Convention Awards Will Go To Harry Chowansky & Carl Bloomfield

Harry Chowansky, past President, current Board Member and Labor Committee Chairman with the association, will receive the annual Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Award during this year's convention program in Atlantic City. The award recognizes Harry's leadership to UTCA as past President and his service on multiple association committees. The presentation of the award is scheduled during the Saturday night dinner at the convention.

This year's Larry Gardner Memorial Award will go to Carl Bloomfield of the Graham Company where he serves as Managing Director. Carl is being recognized for his years of support to the association as an advertiser, sponsor as well as for serving on association committees.

### Steve Brawer To Be Inducted Into The NJ Construction Industry Hall Of Fame

Steve Brawer, formerly of Lowenstein Sandler, and long serving Counsel to UTCA, will be inducted into the New Jersey Construction Industry Hall of Fame at the Saturday night dinner during the convention.

Steve spent 40 years practicing law in New Jersey until his retirement at the end of 2014. Much of Steve's practice involved representing New Jersey-based heavy/highway/utility contractors and in that capacity he served as Legal Counsel to the UTCA for more than 30 years, from 1984 through 2014.



**Kris "Tanto" Paronto**  
Hero of the 2012 Benghazi Attack  
Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker

### Fall Golf Outing September 28, 2017

This year's Fall Golf Outing is scheduled for September 28th at Atlantic City Country Club. The first notice for this event was recently emailed to all association members. If you are interested in playing golf, please contact the association office.

### PAC Auction Party Set For Annual Convention

UTCA's Annual PAC Auction Party is scheduled for September 29th which is the Friday evening of the convention. We expect to have approximately 100 items at the auction. There is still time to contribute items for the event. To do so, please contact Dan Neville at the UTCA office. Your generous contributions help to strengthen the association's legislative program. This year's PAC Auction Party will feature guest auctioneers from Ritchie Brothers.

### Limited Rooms For 52nd Anniversary Convention Available

Rooms for this year's convention at the Borgata under UTCA's reduced rate room block are sold out. Borgata has offered Water Club rooms at reduced rates, but they are limited. Members are urged to make their room reservations as soon as possible in order to guarantee accommodations at the event. If you need assistance with booking a room, please contact the UTCA office.



# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## UTCA Successfully Convinces NJDOT To Amend DBE Pilot Program

UTCA representatives recently met with New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Rick Hammer and his senior staff to discuss the Department's proposed changes to its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program.

The industry had major concerns with the Department's requirement to implement the DBE Pilot Program on July 1st, which would have left Form CR-266 (listing of all DBE subcontractors) due at the time of bid. UTCA secured a postponement of the July 1st implementation date and ultimately was successful in securing Commissioner Hammer's agreement to not require the CR-266 at time of bid. For more details please [CLICK HERE](#).

## October Magazine To Feature Harry Chowansky, Carl Bloomfield, Steve Brawer, Tom Hardell & Zone Striping

The October issue of **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature Harry Chowansky, recipient of the Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Award, Carl Bloomfield, recipient of the Larry Gardner Memorial Award and Steve Brawer, on his induction into the NJ Construction Industry Hall of Fame. The October issue will also acknowledge the induction of Tom Hardell as UTCA President. October will also feature Zone Striping, which is celebrating 35 years in business. Anyone interested in placing a congratulatory message or advertisement in the October issue of the magazine should contact Helene Nasdeo at the UTCA office. **The advertising deadline for the October issue is September 15, 2017.**

## UTCA Executive Director Participates On Transportation Funding Panel At ARTBA's National Workshop

UTCA Executive Director Anthony Attanasio, along with industry advocates from California, Indiana and South Carolina discussed successful transportation funding initiatives in their states at the 4th Annual National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates. Attanasio highlighted NJ's successful Transportation Trust Fund renewal efforts and UTCA's role in securing critical funding for the State's transportation network. A link to the panel presentation can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hj1b5i7y35c&feature=youtu.be>

### New Member Applicants

<b>Esposito Construction</b> Matawan Contractor	<b>HD Supply Waterworks</b> Berlin Subcontractor
<b>E-J Electric Installation</b> Long Island City, NY Subcontractor	<b>Shamrock Construction</b> Keyport Subcontractor
<b>Ontrak Solutions</b> Howell Associate	<b>Metal Partners Int.</b> New Castle, DE Associate
<b>Alp Rail Industries</b> Quebec, Canada Associate	<b>Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying &amp; Landscape Architecture, PC</b> Florham Park Associate



UTCA Executive Director, Anthony Attanasio, speaks at ARTBA's 4th Annual National Workshop for State & Local Transportation Advocates.

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# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## Construction Industry Loses Two Longtime Friends: Dutch Vanderhoof & Jose Nogueiras Pass Away

We are sad to inform you that long-time friend of the industry Dutch (Thomas) Vanderhoof died unexpectedly in his home on August 16th at the age of 67. Always an entrepreneur, Dutch bought/operated a hot dog truck to pay for college. After graduation from Montclair (Kimberley) Academy, he achieved a B.S. and the Dean's Award in Business Administration from Ithaca College in 1973, then earned his MBA-Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1983. Dutch crafted a stellar career in the health insurance industry, ultimately founding the Van Palmer Group. For more than two decades, he served continuously on the Small Employer Health Coverage Program Board. In 1994, a new Board seat was created and Dutch was appointed for that seat in January 1995. He served under six New Jersey governors until his death on August 16th. A Celebration of Life for Dutch Vanderhoof will be held at The Russian Hall, 4 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls on Tuesday, September 12th from 6-9 P.M.

The construction industry also lost Jose Nogueiras who passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family on September 4th. Jose was born on April 1st, 1948, in Celanova-Ourense, Spain and at 17, he came to the United States with his parents and three sisters to pursue the American dream. Jose started and owned several businesses in Newark, New Jersey, including Newark Motor and Export Corp and Newark Equipment Sales Corp. He took pride in being a member and supporter of his community. He was actively involved in many organizations committed to rebuilding and improving the Newark community. Visitation will take place between 3-8PM at Galante Funeral Home, 2800 Morris Ave. Union, NJ on Thursday, September 7th. Funeral services will be held at the Church of Christ the King in New Vernon, NJ at 11 AM on Friday September 8th at 11 AM. Entombment will follow at St. Teresa Cemetery in Summit.

## 2017 Eagle Awards Dinner To Honor Industry Allies Raymond Pocino & Senator Steve Oroho

The 2017 Alliance for Action Eagle Awards Dinner will honor two close allies of the construction industry. Ray Pocino, VP & Eastern Regional Manager of LIUNA will receive the Ellis S. Vieser Lifetime Achievement Award. Senator Steve Oroho will receive a special recognition award for his work as the Prime Sponsor of the Transportation Trust Fund renewal legislation. The event will take place on Thursday, October 5th at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. For more information, please contact the Alliance for Action at: <http://www.allianceforaction.com/>

## UTCA Meets With Congressman Tom MacArthur (NJ-3) To Discuss Industry Issues

UTCA representatives met with Congressman Tom MacArthur in August to discuss critical issues facing the industry. Congressman MacArthur has been a true friend to the industry since going to Washington and the discussion covered permanent funding of the Highway Trust Fund, water/sewer investment and the Trump Administration.

## UTCA 2018 Executive Seminar At The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

Get out your calendars and your cowboy boots, because UTCA is heading to Arizona for the 2018 Executive Seminar.

We hope you will join us April 7 -14, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass for relaxation, networking, and gorgeous desert scenery. In the heart of the Sonoran Desert with the vibrant city of Phoenix just minutes away, this five star, four diamond resort has something for everyone. Please contact Helene Nasdeo for more information and registration - [helene@utcanj.org](mailto:helene@utcanj.org) or (732) 292-4300.



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# UTCA: Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>UTCA Fall Golf Outing</b>	September 28, 2017	Atlantic City CC
<b>UTCA Annual Convention</b>	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2017	Borgata
<b>Sporting Clay Shoot</b>	October 24, 2017	Coplay, PA
<b>Southern Membership Meeting</b>	October 26, 2017	Woodcrest Country Club

## OSHA News!

The new rules on silica in construction will go into effect on Sept 23, 2017. The new rule was delayed three months from the original June 23rd date.

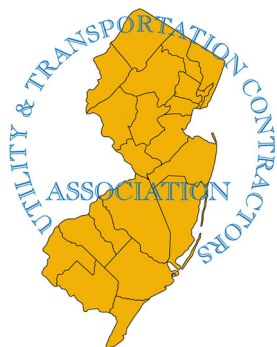
Please see the UTCA Information Sheet on the new rule on our website:

<http://www.utcanj.org/pdf/silicaflyer.pdf>.

OSHA Issues Proposed Rule to extend compliance for crane operator certification requirements to November 10, 2018.

Click here for details:

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/08302017>



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