

## UA Road Local Union 669 Sprinkler Fitters take training to the next level

The work of a sprinkler fitter is over your head. No, that's not an insult. The pipefitting specialists install, repair and maintain everything that's literally above your head, including all types of sprinkler systems, fire protection systems and even underground piping – connected to overhead piping systems for fire suppression.

Safety is a sprinkler fitter's first priority. They are highly skilled and trained in proper use of tools for the job including the correct handling of pipe wrenches, pipe treading machines, welding equipment and manlifts.

"Students not only get on-the-job and classroom training, they also learn about the products and regulations that impact the industry today," says UA Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 Business Manager Les Andree.

Apprentices take a total of 19 classes ranging from the history of the fire sprinkler industry and CPR/First Aid to proper installation practices and even leadership courses to communicate and effectively lead while on the job.



UA Local Union 669 at Marshall's Distribution Center project.  
Goodyear, Arizona.

"We know it's crucial to keep apprentices and journeymen informed of new technology that affects their job directly. This is the only way they can be the best of the best and make buildings safe for everyone," Andree adds.

Once apprentices complete the probationary six-month period, they become UA Local 669 journey people. Even while they are apprentices, they are eligible to participate in health, welfare and pension programs for themselves and their families.

"There are many opportunities for advancement in this industry," Andree says. "You can make this a lifelong career and support yourself and your family."

### Qualifications

- Must be 18 years old
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must have other than dishonorable discharge from the military (if applicable)
- Must pass appropriate drug test and medical exam



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