

CARHARTT

Carhartt is building a 392,000 sq. ft. facility expansion at their distribution center located in Hanson, KY.

From Highway 41, you can see the construction site in progress. PPMI is working for H+M Construction, a construction manager out of Jackson, TN.

PPMI is doing all of the mechanical work including the building plumbing and HVAC. We are also retrofitting HVAC and controls with the existing building. Part of the

job also required us to use a helicopter to set approximately 32 large HVAC roof top units. Trades involved are Pipefitters, Plumbers, Operators, and Laborers.

PPMI completed a similar expansion for H+M Construction at this same facility in 2002.

We are happy that our good working relationship gave us the opportunity to work on this project as well.



Carhartt construction site in Hanson, KY.

The work at Carhartt started in February 2008 and is slated to be complete January 2009.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

Lou Jane Miller joined PPMI on July 14, 2008 as Director – Environmental, Health, and Safety. This new position will coordinate our environmental compliance, health, security, and safety activities. Lou Jane has a BS Occupational Safety & Health and a MS Industrial Hygiene, both from Murray State University. Prior to

joining PPMI, she was the Safety Manager at Electrolux in Springfield, TN, an appliance manufacturer with more than 3000 employees on site. She will be working closely with Kevin Selby, Safety Manager, who will be reporting directly to her to enhance our environmental, health, and safety programs. Lou Jane will

be reporting directly to Scott Jones, President.

Lou Jane, husband Byron, and Cocker Spaniel Barkley, will be moving to Owensboro, KY. They are coming “home” after being away for 20 years. Please join us in welcoming Lou Jane to the PPMI family.

JOSEPH WARREN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Currently under construction, this combined Middle School and High School in Bowling Green, KY will

total 339,000 square feet when completed in August 2010. This \$55 million project is one of the largest

to be built in the State of Kentucky. PPMI's scope of work includes all plumbing for the above and below ground waste and storm water

systems, domestic water, and roof drains and the compressed air and natural gas lines. PPMI will also work on sheet metal and geothermal HVAC systems.

Mark Bellucci, Project Manager / Estimator from our Louisville office, will manage this two year project.



Artist's rendering of the completed Joseph Warren Middle/High School in Bowling Green, KY.

Have a story, picture, or other information to share? Please submit to the Evansville office.

HEAT EXHAUSTION & HEAT CRAMPS

Now that summer is upon us heat exhaustion and heat cramps occur frequently in mechanical construction workers performing work in hot environments. Although it is not initially life-threatening, it can lead to more serious problems.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include pale and moist skin, heavy sweating, dilated pupils, headache, nausea, dizziness, and vomiting.

When you are working hard in a hot environment and your body is working properly, you are sweating heavily to cool your body. The loss of fluid in your body causes blood flow to slow which could result in a form of shock.

Protect yourself from heat exhaustion by keeping fluids in your body. Drink water frequently throughout the day. Take breaks to cool down and replace

body fluids.

Heat cramps are muscle spasms from heavy exertion. The cramps are usually in the stomach or legs. Protect yourself from heat cramps by keeping plenty of fluids in your body. Drink water frequently throughout the day.

*Article from:
Kevin Selby - Manager, Safety & Loss Control*

A GOOD DEED OF THE DAY

Jennifer Strickland is very happy that Terry Ubelhor, PPMI Electrician in Evansville, was driving on the same road as her recently. Her car experienced a flat tire and she just didn't know what to do, especially since she had four young children in the car.

Terry, seeing this car on the side of the road, stopped to find out how he could help. He then realized the mother had four small children in the car with her. Without hesitation, he fixed the flat tire.

Jennifer was so impressed with Terry's help, she called the Evansville PPMI office to tell someone how thankful she was. She wanted to make sure that someone within PPMI knew what Terry did to get her back on the road. So, Terry, thanks for



Terry Ubelhor, a PPMI electrician in Evansville.

being such a great person. It was a wonderful deed!

BUSINESS UPDATE

PPMI has experienced rapid growth during the last twelve months. We have worked 332,000 hours so far this year and are on target to exceed 500,000 hours worked by year end. PPMI has a solid backlog and we believe the remainder of the year will continue at a rapid pace. This is good news.

All this growth has not been without pain, however. Our sales have doubled over the last 18 months yet the amount of paperwork generated has more than tripled. Purchase orders, invoices, packing slips, bills of lading, and delivery tickets are accumulating at our job sites and creating havoc with our accounting and management systems. Our inability to get this information back to our offices on a timely basis distorts our job costing, eliminates our ability to take early payment discounts, and has a serious negative impact on billing. All of these issues affect cash flow, which is key to our continued growth.

It is imperative that job related paperwork be given to your supervisor on a daily basis whenever possible. These

documents must then be forwarded to the appropriate office no less than once weekly.

I've heard several comments that this will be "too difficult or time consuming", however, we have a similar process in place that has been working almost flawlessly for 22 years – time sheets/cards and paychecks. We must treat a packing slip with the same respect we give our time cards.

The discipline required to deliver, on a timely basis, job related paperwork to our Evansville, Louisville, and Nashville offices will have a very positive affect on PPMI's future.

Scott Jones - President

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