TLPCA PROMOTES EIFS INDUSTRY TO TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association (TLPCA) was contacted by its member, Carter Lyon, about doing an EIFS presentation at the Texas State Technical College (TSTC), Waco Campus. Carter was contacted by Instructor Jerome Mendias about TSTC’s carpentry program. Mr. Mendias was covering exterior claddings, and wanted to include EIFS in his curriculum. After getting more information from Mr. Mendias, the TLPCA scheduled an on-site EIFS presentation and hands on lab.

TLPCA Executive Director, Eddie McCormick, presented an hour and a half generic educational EIFS PowerPoint presentation to over twenty students. This presentation covered the basic PB and PM systems, mechanical fastening, fluid applied membranes and building paper. There were lots of questions from the students as well as instructor Michael Hubbard. Just the interest alone from the class was refreshing in the fact that another generation of contractors will have a better understanding of the correct way to install EIFS.

After the classroom presentation was over we went out to the lab area where the students had built an 8’ x 8’ mock up wall with sheathing for our EIFS installation. TLPCA member, AC Star Construction Services, Inc., donated their labor and member Leon Wilson of WCS Contractors, Ltd. donated the materials. This half of the presentation was done by Danny Vallejo. Danny’s years of experience worked well with the students. Danny had students participate in rasping, cutting reveals, as well as applying the finish coat.

All in all the day was a success. The students came away with a better understanding of the wet trades and the TLPCA’s name has been exposed to a whole other generation. We have also been asked to come back next semester to present a Stucco and Synthetic Stone presentation!

ANNUAL TLPCA CAST & DRIVE FALL WEEKEND

Mark your calendar for the 14th Annual TLPCA Cast & Drive Fall Weekend, October 2—3, 2009 at the Lake Fork Resort, Yantis, Texas. The Fall Weekend includes the Annual Fall Golf Tournament at The Links at Land’s End and the Larry Trusty Memorial Fishing Tournament. Lake Fork is located approximately 80 miles east of Dallas, Texas.

Information on Sponsorship opportunities and Registration forms will be available later this month and placed on the web site under Fall Weekend.

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