

## **Mark Simmons**

Years as a Local 9 Member: 33 years

**Years Teaching at Local 9 Training Center:** 15 + years

**Related Training/Education:** OSHA 500 and 502, Fall Protection, Confines Spaces, Arc Flash Awareness, NFPA 70E, Excavation, Crane Signaling, Rigging.

**Teaching Philosophy:** The aim of education is not just the statistics of safety, but also the values of safety.

What you like most about teaching: The interaction with students. Not just the new hires coming into our union but also those members. The members have been around and seen the changes in our industry. As well as changes in safety.

What else would the student want to know about you: In a lot of respects, it would be great to be able to hit "restart" and go through the education that our members will receive at these new facilities.