

**IBEW 7<sup>th</sup> District Staff**  
**To Reach any International Representative Please Contact the 7<sup>th</sup> District Office**

Fernando Huerta was appointed to staff November 1997. Brother Huerta services all 7<sup>th</sup> District railroad locals and utility locals. Brother Huerta is a member of Local 960.

Clayton White was appointed to staff on January 1, 2000. Brother White is from Local 602. Brother White services construction and utility locals.

Gary Buresh was appointed to staff March 19, 2001. Brother Buresh is from Local 271. Buresh works primarily in the district office. Brother Buresh also serves as District Political Coordinator, Construction Stewards Training Coordinator, Co-Chairman 7<sup>th</sup> District Inside Apprenticeship Contest and Foreman Development Series instructor.

Dan Hetzel came on staff November 1, 2001. Brother Hetzel is from Local 479. Brother Hetzel services construction locals.

Ralph Merriweather was appointed to staff May 1, 2002. Brother Merriweather works as an organizer on special projects.

George Crawford was appointed to staff June 1, 2002. Brother Crawford is from Local 2286. Brother Crawford services utility locals and has extensive knowledge in negotiations of existing and first contracts.

Todd Newkirk was appointed to staff in the Washington office June 1, 2004. Brother Newkirk came from Wolf Creek Nuclear plant represented by Local 304. Brother Newkirk was reassigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> District August, 2009. Brother Newkirk services construction locals as well as locals with utility and nuclear power plant jurisdictions. Brother Newkirk is also well versed in labor law matters.

Steve Speer was appointed to staff June 1, 2005. Brother Speer is from Local 640. Brother Speer services locals with construction and utility branches.

Laurence Chamberlain was appointed to staff May 1, 2007. Brother Chamberlain is from Local 681. Brother Chamberlain services construction and utility locals. Brother Chamberlain is current Southwestern Line Constructors JATC Advisor. Brother Chamberlain works on outside jurisdictional issues throughout the district.

Benny Sandoval was appointed to staff June 1, 2008. Brother Sandoval is from Local 611. Brother Sandoval services construction locals as well as construction organizing throughout the district.