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Mine Safety Classes Starts Feb. 16 at New River’s Beckley Campus

[BECKLEY, WV] New River Community and Technical College will offer Apprentice Miner Pre-Employment Safety Training classes at the Beckley Campus starting in February. New River CTC has had this program in place at the Nicholas County Campus for the last four years. In 2008, New River enrolled 260 students in the apprenticeship safety training for both surface and underground mining.

The first class at the Beckley Campus will be a 40-hour Surface Mine Safety Class. The instructor, Alan VanHorne, has 45 years of experience in the mining industry, including five years as a federal mine inspector and 25 years with the West Virginia Office of Miner’s Health Safety and Training from which he recently retired. A native of Southern West Virginia, Van Horne is committed to training new miners to be safety conscious above all else.

The 40-hour surface mine class will start on Monday, Feb. 16. This evening course will meet from 5-9 p.m. for two weeks. Tuition is $150.00. Call Mary Igo at New River CTC, 304-872-4520, for further information on how to get the necessary skills and know-how to pursue a new career. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

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